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**KEARNEY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE WINS FAIRPOINT  
COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP**

**Kearney, Mo. (August 31, 2009)** – Kearney High School graduate Dane Kristopher Hagan of Kearney has been awarded a college scholarship from FairPoint Communications.

Hagan will receive \$1000 toward his college expenses. He will be attending University of Missouri and plans to major in journalism.

JoAnn Lawson, account executive and community relations representative for FairPoint said, "FairPoint's has a longstanding commitment to invest in the children of the communities we serve. We congratulate Dane and wish him success in the coming years."

FairPoint scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, community involvement, school activities such as music, sports or clubs, and leadership. Applicants must have an 85 or above average and a strong record in all of these areas.

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