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Dads Association Announces 2008 King Dad

Urbana – Keith Williams of Flossmoor, Ill., has been crowned King Dad 2008. The announcement was made at the Dads Association Annual Banquet on Friday, October 31, 2008, where he received an engraved plaque to commemorate the award. Lawrence Dahl of Lincoln, Nebraska and Christopher Kross of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania were also honored as finalists at the dinner.

Mr. Williams was nominated by his daughter, Ashley Williams, and was selected from a pool of 15 nominations. Nominations required an essay describing the reasons that best illustrate why their Dad should be King Dad, the best advice their dad ever gave them, local or community involvement and what their dad would say about being nominated. A committee of the Dads Association narrowed the pool of nominations to three finalists.

Ashley says of her father, “My dad would probably say that he isn’t deserving of being King dad because once he had children it was his obligation as a father to be the best that he could be and its not something he should be awarded for.” Ashley also describes her father’s tireless community work, outreach work with children in Ghana and West Africa and his commitment to his family and to education as inspirational to her and her brother.

The Dads Association carries on the King Dad tradition originally established by the Illini Union Board more than 30 years ago. The award recognizes one special Dad for his support, encouragement and inspiration.

For more information about Dads Association and the Moms Association, please visit our

website at www.uofiparentprograms.uiuc.edu or call the Parent Programs Office at 217.333.7063

The Dads and Moms Associations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, established in 1921 and 1923 respectively, and are believed to be the nation's longest-serving parent organizations. The Associations supports programs, services and activities that promote the health, safety and well-being of the University community and serves as the parent liaison to the campus.

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