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## **ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT DRIVER SAGE KARAM NOMINATED FOR AWARD HONORING UP-AND-COMING DRIVERS**

**INDIANAPOLIS (Dec. 2, 2010)** – Sage Karam, driver of the Team Comfort Revolution car for Andretti Autosport in the 2011 Star Mazda Championship series, was nominated for the John Blewett III Young Guns Award by the Eastern Motorsport Press Association.

The award is given to a driver who has shown the promise of being a superstar in the making. Its namesake belongs to John Blewett III, a successful modified racing driver who died following a racing accident in 2007. Past winners of the award include Lucas Wolfe, Bob Santos III, Cody Darrah and Ryan Truex.

The award will be presented during the EMPA's convention Jan. 9-11, 2011 in Valley Forge, Pa.

Karam, a 15-year old native of Nazareth, Pa., won the 2010 USF2000 driver championship with Andretti Autosport, scoring nine victories in 12 starts during the season. He also helped Andretti Autosport clinch the USF2000 team title, its first championship since re-branding in 2009.

With more than 250 members, EMPA is one of the largest motorsports media organizations in the nation. EMPA holds the only annual working convention featuring seminars, press conferences with outstanding competitors, sponsors, organizers and promoters.

For more information on EMPA and the Young Guns Award, please visit [www.empaonline.org](http://www.empaonline.org).

### **J-F THORMANN, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT:**

"For Sage to be nominated for this award is quite an honor and he is very deserving. We're very proud of what he accomplished in his first year with us and we can't wait to see what is capable of doing in 2011 and beyond."

### **SAGE KARAM, DRIVER, ANDRETTI AUTOSPORT:**

"I am honored that a respected organization like EMPA has recognized the success of my past season. I hope the Young Gun Award nomination draws more attention to open-wheel racing, INDYCAR and Andretti Autosport. It's an exciting time to be involved in INDYCAR and the ladder system."

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**About Sage Karam**

Sage Karam is a talented young American racing driver launching a career in competitive open wheel racing through INDYCAR's 'Road to Indy' development program. As the winner of the 2010 USF2000 National Championship with Andretti Autosport, he will move on to compete in the 2011 Star Mazda Championship series. He has previously competed in various karting series, eventually becoming a 35-time World Karting Association and IRL Stars of Karting National champion. At the age of 13, Karam was the youngest driver to win the annual Skip Barber Karting Scholarship Shoot-out. In addition, he was the only American driver to compete in both a national karting championship and an open-wheel professional series fulltime in 2009.

**About Andretti Autosport**

Based in Indianapolis and led by racing legend Michael Andretti, Andretti Autosport fields multiple entries in the IZOD IndyCar Series. Andretti Autosport also campaigns multiple cars in Firestone Indy Lights, the Star Mazda Championship and in the USF2000 National Championship. The company boasts three IZOD IndyCar Series championships (2004, 2005 and 2007), two Firestone Indy Lights titles (2008 and 2009), one USF2000 championship (2010) and has won the Indianapolis 500 twice (2005 and 2007). For more information, please visit [www.AndrettiAutosport.com](http://www.AndrettiAutosport.com).