

# NEWS from STUDIO ONE

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### SAINT PAUL MINN. NATIVE RECEIVES 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE FROM THE NORTH DAKOTA PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATORS FOR NEWS STORY

Laura Aldridge works as a news reporter for the award-winning television show, *Studio One*

**GRAND FORKS, N.D.** – Saint Paul, Minn. native Laura Aldridge, has been awarded first place for a news story covering struggles that elderly drivers face by the North Dakota Professional Communicators in the general news reporting college contest category. The NDPC is an organization that evaluates work from college students across the state in a variety of mediums. “This was the first contest I’ve entered and it actually took some ‘strong’ encouragement to get me to submit my work. But it was a good surprise when I was awarded,” says Aldridge.

Aldridge has been an intern at the award-winning television show for four semesters. She has held many positions on the project including news and feature reporter, technical director, video operator, production assistant and graphics designer. As a news reporter this semester, she conducts interviews, writes scripts, shoots footage and edits video. “[*Studio One*] has helped me learn how to be more professional and how to push myself,” she adds.

Aldridge is the daughter of Jeff Aldridge and Elizabeth Perry of Saint Paul, Minn. She is a 2006 graduate of Saint Paul Central High School and is currently a senior at UND majoring in Communications. She will graduate in December 2010 and plans pursue a journalism career. “[After commencement,] I would like to work on the production crew at a news station,” she explains.

*Studio One* is an award-winning news and information program produced at the University of North Dakota Television Center. The program airs at 11 a.m. Wednesday on Channel 6 in Minneapolis. The program can also be seen by viewers in Grand Forks, Fargo, Bismarck/Mandan and Minot, N.D.; Denver, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Winnipeg, Manitoba. Viewers can also watch the show at [www.studio1.und.edu](http://www.studio1.und.edu).