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KOMU 8 Earns Recognition from Missouri Broadcasters Association

COLUMBIA, MO – KOMU 8 was honored with nine awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association this week.

KOMU 8 received first-place honors in the following categories:

- Best Weathercast- Meteorologist Matt Beckwith
- Best Photojournalist- Ryan Takeo Morimura
- Documentary/Public Affairs- Community Under Fire: A Search for Solutions
- Feature Reporting- EmVP: Elmo's Smile
- Public Service Announcement or Campaign- KOMU 8 Cares: A Brighter Tomorrow

“Being recognized by the Missouri Broadcasters Association speaks to the commitment of our team to serve our community. Our goal is to be a trusted source of news and information for mid-Missouri,” said KOMU 8 General Manager Matt Garrett.

In addition, KOMU 8 was recognized with four certificates of merit.

- Best News Anchor- Emily Spain
- Best Weathercast- Chief Meteorologist Kenton Gewecke
- Breaking Weather Coverage Event- Jefferson City Tornado Coverage

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- News Series- Life Support: The Rural Health Care Crisis in Missouri

“Nine awards is an amazing tribute to the team effort at KOMU-TV8. From individual awards for our anchors to the big efforts to confront the major issues in our community, it is just amazing. I’m especially proud we were recognized for our coverage of the deadly violence in Columbia, the Jefferson City/Eldon tornado, and the rural healthcare crisis. These are the kinds of things to focus on: the things that truly matter to the public,” said Assistant Professor of Journalism Randy Reeves.

Each year, MBA recognizes broadcast professionals who exemplify excellence and achievement in the industry. The MBA has cancelled the annual convention and awards banquet in June due to the COVID-19 crisis.

KOMU 8 is an auxiliary enterprise of the University of Missouri and is expected to generate all revenues for station operations. Its operations and investments in broadcast technology are funded entirely by advertising and retransmission revenues. The station receives no funding from the university or state.