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KOMU 8 Earns Recognition from Missouri Broadcasters

COLUMBIA, MO – KOMU 8 was honored with four awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association on Saturday at the association's annual awards ceremony in Branson.

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

- Best Local Website for www.KOMU.com
- Best Weathercast for weathercaster Kenton Gewecke
- Best Documentary/Public Affairs for "Inside Infertility," a KOMU 8 News special produced by news anchor Brittany Pieper

KOMU 8 also received a second-place certificate of merit for Complete Newscast.

"We are honored for this recognition and so proud of our staff. These awards shine a light on their talents, dedication and achievements, which represent the level of excellence we continuously strive for at KOMU 8," said KOMU 8 General Manager Marty Siddall.

"It's outstanding to get the recognition of our peers," said KOMU 8 News Director Randy Reeves. "We focus so much attention on KOMU.com, making sure we get stories up quickly and correctly and making sure the site is easy for people to use. We're very proud of Brittany Pieper and Kenton Gewecke. Brittany told some incredible human stories of couples facing one of the toughest

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decisions of their lives and then turned that into a special documentary. Kenton works so hard, using all of our tools to tell the weather story every night. It's great to see them honored for their hard work."

Each year, MBA recognizes broadcast professionals who exemplify excellence and achievement in the industry.

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.