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KOMU 8 News Wins High Honors from Kansas City Press Club

COLUMBIA, MO – KOMU 8 News won four Gold Awards and one Bronze Award from the Kansas City Press Club at its annual awards banquet June 22.

KOMU 8 News anchor Jim Riek and former KOMU 8 meteorologist Michelle Bogowith won a Gold Award in public service for their coverage of the Joplin tornado.

KOMU 8 News anchor Emily Spain and videographer Scott Schaefer won a Gold Award in general reporting for covering the potential deportation of a Stephens College graduate and the community and political efforts to keep her in the country. Spain and Schaefer also won a Bronze Award in feature reporting for their story about the Nic Nac Cafe in California, Mo.

Schaefer and former KOMU 8 News anchor Sarah Hill won a Gold Award in feature reporting for “Pharm Dog,” about a therapy dog that helped an injured farmer get moving again.

Former KOMU 8 Sports anchor Eric Blumberg won a Gold Award in sports reporting for his story about a high school cheerleader who is deaf.

“The wide variety of categories in which we won awards this year shows the effort we make across a whole range of stories we feel are important for our viewers. I’m thrilled the judges could see what our efforts were,” said KOMU 8 News Director Stacey Woelfel.

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“These awards are a testament to the high level of talent we have at KOMU 8 News, and we’re incredibly proud of our award-winning staff and the high-quality work they continue to produce on a daily basis,” said KOMU 8 General Manager Marty Siddall.

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.