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KOMU 8 News Takes Home Four Emmys

COLUMBIA, MO – KOMU 8 News was honored with four Emmy awards at the 35th Annual Mid-America Emmy awards ceremony in St. Louis on Saturday night. Each year the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) hosts this prestigious award ceremony to recognize excellence in the television community.

“As a commercial television station that also serves as a teaching lab for student journalists, it is particularly rewarding to repeatedly lead in recognition for professional excellence among our peers throughout the region,” said KOMU 8 General Manager Marty Siddall.

KOMU 8 News Today Anchor Megan Murphy and photojournalist Scott Schaefer received an Emmy in the historical/cultural category for their feature on a local man’s quest to renovate the only flying World War II-era Seafire 15 airplane. It was Murphy’s first-ever Emmy award.

Schaefer received three additional Emmy awards on Saturday night in the categories of news photography, video editing and community service.

KOMU 8 News Anchor Sarah Hill and Siddall were also part of the team that won the Community Service Emmy for their work on Central Missouri Honor Flight. Central Missouri Honor Flight is a local hub of the national Honor Flight organization that flies aging and terminally ill veterans to see their memorials in Washington D.C. at no cost to them. KOMU 8 staff founded

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Central Missouri Honor Flight in October 2009.

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.