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## **WGUV TV Named Station of the Year by Michigan Association of Broadcasters**

**(Grand Rapids, MI, March 12, 2009)** WGUV TV & Radio have received eight awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. In addition, WGUV TV was named Station of the Year 2008 for Public Broadcasting Stations (Group 1), the first time that the station has received this honor.

Four WGUV TV programs earned Best on Category Awards. *Michigan Healthcare: Searching for Solutions* picked up a win in the Hard News & Current Events category and *Decision 2008: The U.S. Senatorial Debate* won the News or Public Affairs Special category. *Stefon Harris & Friends: African Tarantella – Dances with Duke* was named Best in the Cultural & Performing Arts category; all three productions were produced and edited by WGUV Production manager Philip A. Lane. Finally, *Battle Creek: Celebrating Flight 2008*, produced and edited by Producer/Director Deb Kirk, was honored in the Sports, Outdoors or Recreation category.

WGUV Radio picked up four Merit Awards at the ceremony. Producer/Host Shelley Irwin received an award in the Feature/Use of Medium category for her piece, “Horse Triathlon,” and Music Director Scott VanderWerf and Production Coordinator Rick Bierling collaborated on “Weeknight Jazz promo” for a win in the Marketing Materials & Promos category. Former Reporter Kurt Steiner was honored in the Newscast category, and for his Hard News/Current Events Story, “Urban.”

WGUV is proud to include these productions in its collection of award-winning programs. For more information on all WGUV productions, visit [wgvu.org](http://wgvu.org).

WGUV's continued mission is to provide educational, informative, and entertaining programs and events to the West Michigan community as a service of Grand Valley State University.

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