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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **KINNEY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

#### **MISSOULA--**

Don Kinney of **Denver** will be honored for his superb career performance and outstanding ambassadorship of The University of Montana during this year's Homecoming celebration.

Kinney is one of nine UM graduates to be honored with the Alumni Association's 1999 Distinguished Alumni Awards. The awards will be presented during the traditional Singing on the Steps of Main Hall ceremony, which begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8.

Kinney received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and broadcast journalism from UM in 1964. After five years at CBS News in New York, he began a 30-year radio and television journalism career in Denver, the last two decades of which have been devoted to public television.

Kinney now produces and anchors television broadcasts for Rocky Mountain PBS, parent company of KRMA-TV, where he is known for his weekly news review program, "The State of Colorado."

His work has earned three regional Emmy awards, a bronze award at the New York Film Festival and a Silver Gavel Award from the American Bar Association. In 1998 Kinney was among four honorees inducted into the Denver Press Club Hall of Fame.

He grew up west of Missoula.

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Other recipients of Distinguished Alumni Awards are John J. "Jack" Burke, Todd A. Damrow, John M. Dixon, Linda McDonald DuMoulin, Jerry Norskog, Albert L. Picchioni, Garvin F. Shallenberger and Nels E. Turnquist.

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