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**Nackey S. Loeb School seeks First Amendment protectors**

MANCHESTER, N.H. – The Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications seeks to honor New Hampshire residents who worked in the last year to protect free speech and free press.

Nominations are open for the school's annual First Amendment Award, honoring diligence in protecting free press and free speech liberties.

Nominees will be recognized November 15 at an awards dinner featuring columnist and ABC News commentator George Will.

The award and the Manchester-based school are legacies of the late Nackey S. Loeb, president and publisher of the New Hampshire Union Leader and Sunday News.

Past major award recipients include former New Hampshire Attorney General Philip McLaughlin, former longtime Keene Sentinel Executive Editor Thomas F. Kearney and The Laconia Citizen newspaper.

The recipients and other honorees are chosen from citizen nominations. They receive a limited edition bronze eagle sculpture, commissioned by Mrs. Loeb's daughters, Nackey Scagliotti and Edith Tomasko, and based on an original created by Mrs. Loeb.

The top First Amendment award winner also receives \$1500.

This year's recipients will be chosen by a panel of judges including Executive Editor Rod Doherty of Foster's Daily Democrat; Kathleen Gregg, wife of Sen. Judd Gregg; Executive Editor John Howe of The Laconia Citizen; Dean Kamen, founder of DEKA Research and Development; former Gov. Stephen Merrill; Vice President of New Media Charles Perkins of the Union Leader Corporation; and Attorney Gregory V. Sullivan.

The deadline for nominations is Aug. 31.

Award details and applications are available at [www.loeb.school.org](http://www.loeb.school.org) or by calling the school at 627-0005.

The non-profit Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications, Inc. was founded in 1999 to foster interest, integrity and excellence in journalism and other forms of communication. All programs uphold the principles of free speech and a free press, essential for an informed citizenry

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