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Storyteller, humorist and columnist Garrison Keillor will be the featured speaker at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications 15th annual First Amendment Awards event this fall.

The event honors First Amendment freedoms and those in New Hampshire who go above and beyond to uphold them.

The evening gala will be held on October 5 at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. Tickets go on sale July 31 at the Palace -- [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org) or 603-668-5588.

Garrison Keillor is best known as the creator and star of the long-running "A Prairie Home Companion" radio program. Also an author and columnist, he joins many nationally known figures from all sides of the political aisle who have donated appearances to support the Loeb School's free classes and low-cost workshops.



The school was founded in 1999 by Nackey S. Loeb, the late president and publisher of the New Hampshire Union Leader and Sunday News. Its mission is to promote understanding and appreciation of the First Amendment and to foster interest, integrity and excellence in journalism and communication.

Loeb School classes and workshops attract students of all ages, from middle-schoolers to retirees. Instructors from media outlets and businesses around the state teach topics such as the First Amendment, journalism, photography, broadcasting, social media and public speaking.

The First Amendment Event honors New Hampshire residents or organizations, nominated by the public, who work to protect free speech and free press.

Past recipients include former state Attorney General Philip McLaughlin, former Keene Sentinel Executive Editor Thomas Kearney, The Laconia Citizen, former legislator Daniel Hughes, former Dover City Councilor David Scott, Londonderry High School Journalism Adviser Mary DeWinkleer, First Amendment attorney William Chapman, ConVal School Board member Gail Pierson Cromwell, The Portsmouth Herald, David Lang and the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire, The Telegraph of Nashua, slain journalist James Foley, former Portsmouth Police officer John Connors, Timberlane Regional School Board member Donna Green and the late David Pearl, an open government activist.

Media partners are the New Hampshire Union Leader, WMUR-TV and WGIR radio.

For more information about the event, visit [www.loebschool.org](http://www.loebschool.org) or call 627-0005.

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