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Loeb School Seeks 1st Amendment Award Nominees

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MANCHESTER — The Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications seeks to honor New Hampshire residents or organizations who have worked to protect free speech and free press.

Nominations are open for the school's 12th annual First Amendment Award, honoring diligence in protecting free press and free speech liberties. The recipient will be recognized Nov. 12 at a gala at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester.

A committee of judges chooses the recipient from public nominations. First Amendment recipients receive a bronze eagle sculpture created by Mrs. Loeb and a \$1,500 award.

Nominations forms are available at loebschool.org or 627-0005. The deadline for nominations is Sept 8. Event tickets go on sale Sept. 12.

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

Past recipients include former New Hampshire Attorney General Philip McLaughlin, former Keene Sentinel Executive Editor Thomas F. Kearney, The Laconia Citizen, political activist and former legislator Daniel Hughes, former Dover City Councilor David Scott, Londonderry High School Journalism Advisor Mary Lukas, First Amendment attorney William Chapman, former ConVal School Board member Gail Pierson Cromwell, The Portsmouth Herald, David Lang and the Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire and The Telegraph of Nashua.

First Amendment judges are: Rod Doherty, Executive Editor of Foster's Daily Democrat; Retired N.H. Supreme Court Justice Richard Galway; Atty. Gregory Sullivan of Malloy & Sullivan, Lawyers Professional Corp.; and previous First Amendment recipients: John Howe, former Executive Editor of The Laconia Citizen; and Londonderry High School Journalism Adviser Mary Lukas.

The nonprofit Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications, Inc. was founded in 1999 to foster interest, integrity and excellence in journalism and other forms of communication. It offers free classes and low-cost workshops in communications and media-related topics, taught by professionals from various New Hampshire media outlets and businesses.