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For Immediate Release:

Donald Trump will be the featured speaker at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications 12th annual First Amendment Awards event this fall.

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

This year's event will be an evening gala on Nov. 12 at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Manchester. Tickets go on sale on Sept. 12 on the school's website, www.loebschool.org.

Trump, a real estate developer, reality TV host, author and political commentator, is a frequent visitor to New Hampshire. His visits to the earliest primary state typically prompt speculation about his political future. Trump has flirted with running for president and has said he is keeping his options open for the 2016 race.

He joins a list of nationally known figures who have donated their time at the First Amendment Event to support the school. They include the late Tim Russert of NBC, Fox's Bill O'Reilly, Vice President Joe Biden, U.S. Sen. John McCain, commentators Patrick Buchanan and George Will and ABC's George Stephanopoulos.

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 instructors are from media outlets and businesses around the state. Free classes and low-cost workshops for students of all ages cover topics such as the First Amendment, journalism, photography, broadcasting, social media and public speaking.

Past recipients include former state Attorney General Philip McLaughlin, former Keene Sentinel Executive Editor Thomas F. Kearney, The Laconia Citizen, former legislator Daniel Hughes, former Dover City Councilor David Scott, Londonderry High School Journalism Adviser Mary Lukas, 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 and The Telegraph of Nashua.

The First Amendment Event is supported by a wide range of New Hampshire businesses.

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