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## Kasich to speak at Loeb School's First Amendment Event

Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who is considering challenging President Trump in 2020, will be the featured speaker at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications 16th annual First Amendment Awards event this fall.

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

The evening gala will be held on November 15 at the Palace Theatre in Manchester.

Kasich has said he is keeping all options open for the 2020 primary. His appearance will come a week after the 2018 mid-term elections, which may help define options for many with their sights on 2020.



Kasich finished second in the 2016 New Hampshire Republican Presidential Primary, behind Trump. In many appearances around the country and in media interviews, he has criticized the president on issues from immigration, to Russia, to trade.

The non-profit, non-partisan Loeb 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.

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 DeWinkeleer, 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, open government activist David Pearl and the citizens' group Right to Know New Hampshire.

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

For more information about the event, or to nominate someone for the First Amendment Award, visit [www.loebsschool.org](http://www.loebsschool.org) or call 627-0005.

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