

A message from the Executive Director Fall 2011

Before talking about the exciting classes and workshops we're offering for 2012, I must say thank you to all who attended the 9th Annual First Amendment Awards Event at the Capitol Center for the Arts in November, featuring Vice President Joe Biden.

Mr. Biden spoke of the effects Social Media outlets are having on world events – good and bad. It's a topic we address in many of our classes and workshops, as the school continues evolving to keep pace with changes in communications.

And thank you so much to the event sponsors whose generosity allows us to continue to offer free classes and low-cost workshops. You can see a complete listing of the event sponsors by clicking on First Amendment Event on our homepage.

In 2011, the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications added classes, workshops and equipment and helped spread the word about the First Amendment and Social Media to foreign visitors, including officials from former Soviet republics.

Students found new classes on Cartooning and Public Relations and new workshops on Freelance Writing and a Communications Boot Camp.

They liked what they found.

"Educational, entertaining. Great instructor. Good participants," one student wrote about the new Communications Boot Camp workshop with NECN's Mike Nikitas.

"Geoff knows his stuff, gives great examples, inspires others," a student wrote about Geoff Forester's Photojournalism class.

"I liked the way Beth made all feel welcome," a student wrote of our new Freelance Writing Workshop led by Beth Lamontagne Hall. "It was very informative and I learned a lot. I will go write an article."

All three instructors will be back for 2012.

We'll also offer new workshops, including Cartooning for Kids and the Path to Children's Publishing.

Registration is open for 2012's classes and workshops, including the next class session, which begins Jan. 11. It includes News Writing, Photoshop Elements – The Basics, Advanced Social Media and First Amendment Law.

Details and registration are available at www.loebschool.org or 627-0005.

See you in class!

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