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## **SENATE PRESIDENT ALARIO HONORED AS CHAMPION OF LOUISIANA STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

The Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) has chosen Senate President John A. Alario, Jr. as the recipient of its *Murphy J. "Mike" Foster Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Community and Technical Colleges in Louisiana*.

The award is given to an individual who supports LCTCS and its mission and it is named after former Governor Foster for his leadership and vision in creating Louisiana's technical and community college system. President Alario is only the third recipient of the award, joining the ranks of former Governor Foster, who received the inaugural honor in 2015, and Governor John Bel Edwards, the 2016 recipient. LCTCS honored President Alario at its annual conference today, September 22, 2017.

"The need for workforce training and community college education continues to grow," said President Alario. "This system focuses on training our workforce with the technical skills necessary to boost our economy and adapt to enhanced technology. I am proud to support its efforts and I am honored to accept this award."

Earlier this week, President Alario was also commended for his support of Louisiana families. The Louisiana Family Forum named the Westwego lawmaker as a *2017 Louisiana Family Advocate*. This is President Alario's eighth time being honored by the organization, which rates legislators based on their votes on issues important to Louisiana families.

President Alario and other legislative award recipients were honored at the Louisiana Family Forum's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Awards gala held on September 21, 2017.

President Alario is currently serving his second term as president of the Louisiana Senate. He previously served two terms as speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives. He is the fifth in the nation to hold the top leadership post in both the House and the Senate, and the only Louisiana legislator to serve multiple terms as Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. He represents Senate District 8.

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