



National Lieutenant Governors Association

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Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser Recognized Nationally as 2025 Winner of the “STEM Spark Award” by the National Lieutenant Governors Association

July 17, 2025, Lake Tahoe, NV – Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser was recognized today as the 2025 winner of the “STEM Spark Award,” presented by the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) in partnership with Sapphire Gas Solutions. The award is presented annually to a lieutenant governor or second-in-command in state government who demonstrates a commitment to support, promote, and/or advance the opportunities for learning or engaging in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in education, skill training, and/or the workforce.

“Literacy and reading comprehension are vital for the critical thinking and problem-solving skills involved in STEM,” said Lt. Governor Nungesser, a former NLGA Chair. “It’s an honor to be recognized with the STEM Spark Award. I am grateful to both the NLGA and Sapphire Gas Solutions for recognizing the value of STEM opportunities. Through the NLGA STEM Scholarship Program, we have been able to provide modern STEM resources to Louisiana schools to promote reading, encourage interest in STEM concepts and principles, and assist students in learning assignments in science and mathematics classes.”

As Louisiana’s Commissioner of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Lt. Governor Nungesser oversees efforts to provide hands-on STEM opportunities for youth at state museums, state parks, and the state library. His support for Louisiana’s cultural arts as a critical part of STE(A)M education helps expand the reach of STEM to even more students. And Lt. Governor Nungesser’s tireless efforts to promote the *NLGA Lt. Governors’ STEM Scholarship Program* to the schools in his state have resulted in thousands of dollars to Louisiana schools over the past four years to advance STEM programming and projects.

“Sapphire Gas Solutions is proud to recognize Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser with the STEM Spark Award, celebrating not only his tireless efforts to support STEM opportunities for the youth in his state, but also his passion for Louisiana’s future,” said Sam Thigpen, CEO of Sapphire Gas Solutions. “By investing in STEM in the states, leaders like Lt. Governor Nungesser are helping to build a stronger, more adaptive workforce to thrive in the jobs of tomorrow.”

The NLGA STEM Spark Award was presented to Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser on July 17, 2025, at the Annual Meeting of the NLGA in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

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