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Awarded the Medal of Bravery in 1995; the National Flag Medal on December 8th, 2015, bestowed upon students and lecturers of LSSH (Albanian Student Movement) 1990-91; as well as the Nation's Honor Medal, a group award honoring 723 former students and lecturers who participated in the February 18-20th, 1991 Hunger Strike, bestowed by the former Presidents of the Republic of Albania.