



Claes Nobel, Nobel Prize Family, Presents Scholarship To Maryland Student William Colton Payne

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SALISBURY, Md./EWORLDWIRE/May 10, 2006 --- Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family and founder of The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), is awarding a \$5,000 Claes Nobel Academic Scholarship to Maryland high school student William Colton Payne. Nobel will present scholarships and address NSHSS members at a special recognition ceremony on May 13, 2006, in the U.S. Dirksen Senate Building in Washington, D.C. NSHSS will honor outstanding students and educators during the program. NSHSS scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of excellence in academics, leadership and community service.

Payne, a senior at The Salisbury School, was selected for the award from over 10,000 applicants. He will attend Washington and Lee University in the fall. Nobel stated, "I am deeply honored to recognize Colton as one of our most outstanding students. I am confident that this young scholar will someday have a major impact on our global landscape."

The Nobel family established the Nobel Prizes in 1901 in order to note outstanding contributions in the fields of peace, literature, medicine, chemistry and physics. More than a century later, these internationally renowned awards continue to distinguish scientists, authors and leaders in a world forum. Nobel wishes to continue his family legacy by encouraging young people to reach their full potential and make a real difference for mankind.

About The Society Of High School Scholars

The mission of The National Society of High School Scholars is to recognize and encourage academic excellence among the exceptional high school students. The Society selects students in the United States and internationally and awards this distinction on a limited basis. Since its founding in 2002 by Nobel, the Society has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to student members now attending such universities as Brown, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford and Yale, among others. NSHSS has over 200,000 members representing 15,000 high schools in 19 countries.

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