



Governor Perdue Declares December 6 National Society of High School Scholars Day

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ATLANTA/EWORLDWIRE/Dec. 4, 2008 --- Governor Sonny Perdue has declared December 6, 2008, The National Society of High School Scholars Day in honor of a special Scholar Event and college fair being held that day at The Carter Center in Atlanta. This occasion honors outstanding high school student members from across the United States and educators from Georgia.

The theme of the event is "Learn, Lead, Change the World," and the featured speaker is Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel family that established the Nobel Prizes, and Chair of the NSHSS Advisory Board.

Other notable speakers include top executives from Abercrombie & Fitch, NASDAQ, and Monster Worldwide Inc. Senator Isakson's office will offer remarks, and President Carter has sent a congratulatory letter to the NSHSS members.

NSHSS Student Council member Gary Crosby, Birmingham Southern College senior, will address the group. Crosby served as an intern in the Obama presidential campaign and as the State Coordinator for the Alabama Students for Barack Obama.

The program will include a panel discussion with college admissions representatives from Yale University, Stanford University, Cornell University, George Mason University, Princeton University, Washington University in St. Louis, Purdue University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Emory University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Southern Methodist University, Louisiana State University, The University of Georgia, Illinois Institute of Technology, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Linkoping University from Sweden.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Nancy Beane, college counselor at Atlanta's Westminster High School. After the program, students will can meet and speak with the college representatives.

During the program, "AHANA," Emory's acclaimed acapella singing group, will perform. The event will take place at 1:00 p.m. in the Cecil B. Day Chapel at The Carter Presidential Center.

Along with member recognition of the students attending, Mr. Nobel will present scholarships to the following members:

- . Carlos Bortoni, Monterrey, Mexico, Harvard University sophomore
- . Chelsea Hester, Monroe, Ga., high school senior
- . Juan Quintero, Duluth, Ga, Georgia Tech freshman

"These honor students have reached great heights by consistently demonstrating academic strength and community leadership, and we are pleased to show our pride and support," said Mr. Nobel. "What our members are doing in their schools and in their hometowns is truly admirable, and each of them highlights the hope and the confidence we all should have in our young people."

The National Society of High School Scholars was formed in 2002 to recognize academic excellence at the high school level and to encourage members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. Currently, the NSHSS has members in the United States and 180 countries representing 22,000 high schools and has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships.

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