



Local Student Nigar Shaikh Receives Claes Nobel Academic Scholarship

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Lawrence, N.Y./EWorldWire/December 18, 2002 --- Nigar Shaikh, Lawrence High School student of Lawrence, New York, has been selected to receive one of two \$5,000 Claes Nobel Academic Scholarships awarded by The National Society of High School Scholars.

The Society inducts outstanding high school students and honors them for superior academic achievement. Nigar was selected for the award from among 14,000 applicants.

The final scholarship selections are based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership, community involvement, and recommendations from school personnel. The Society awards four \$5,000 scholarships to members annually - two in the fall and two in the spring. There were also seven \$1,000 National Scholar Awards announced.

Claes Nobel, honorary chairman of the Society, telephoned Nigar to personally congratulate her from Oslo, Norway, where he was in attendance at the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony honoring President Jimmy Carter.

"I am deeply honored to recognize Nigar as one of the nation's most outstanding students."

As senior member of the Nobel Prize family, Claes Nobel extends his family's dedication to excellence to the youth of today. Claes' 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.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS

The mission of The National Society of High School Scholars is to recognize and encourage academic excellence among the most exceptional high school upperclassmen. The Society selects students nationally and awards this distinction on a very limited basis.

Membership is by invitation only, extended by Chair Claes Nobel.

Additional information is available at the Society's web page at www.nshss.org or at 866.343.1800.

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