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The National Society of High School Scholars

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**THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS (NSHSS) ANNOUNCES TOP 10
EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR**

Atlanta, GA, December 7, 2015 – Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prize and Chairman of [The National Society of High School Scholars](http://www.nshss.org) (NSHSS), announced the [Claes Nobel Educators of the Year](#) on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The top Educator of the Year, Jody Zepp, was awarded \$5,000 to further her professional and educational goals.

The Educators of the Year award recognizes ten exemplary educators who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to preparing students for success. These ten educators, who are all members of the [Claes Nobel Educators of Distinction](#) program, applied for the Educator of the Year Award to spotlight their accomplishments. Since the inception of the Educators of Distinction program in 2004, NSHSS has recognized more than 40,000 educators worldwide.

“I am very proud to honor these ten outstanding educators who have continuously encouraged students to strive for excellence,” Mr. Nobel said. “These educators serve as remarkable role models in their schools and communities, and uphold the NSHSS mission of helping to advance the goals and aspirations of their students.”

Jennifer Cullison, a Top Ten 2015 Claes Nobel Educators of the Year, is a Science Teacher at Woodland High School in Woodland, WA. Ms. Cullison has created a bilingual biology course for ELL students. She has also realigned her district’s biology curriculum with state and national standards. Ms. Cullison serves as the advisor for the National Honor Society, HOSA, and O Ambassadors. She created the honors and health science program at her high school, and she’s attended countless state and national science teacher conferences. Ms. Cullison is also the seven-year president of the local teacher’s union. John Shoup, principal of Woodland High School explains, “Ms. Cullison embodies all the characteristics of a life-long learner and models her passion for learning with her students on a daily basis.”

The Top Ten 2015 Claes Nobel Educators of the Year are:

Jody Zepp, Instructional Team Leader for Social Studies
Long Reach High School, Columbia, MD

**Jennifer Cullison, Science Teacher
Woodland High School, Woodland, WA**

Cindy Cunningham, Department Chair of English and Literary Arts
Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology
Petersburg, VA

Dana Krejcarek, Science Teacher
Kohler High School, Kohler, WI

Marni Landry, Biology Teacher,
Paradise Valley High School, Phoenix, AZ

Stergios Lazos, Academic Dean/IB Coordinator
St. Edward High School, Lakewood, OH

Margaret Mitchell, Honors Chemistry Teacher
Ridge High School, Basking Ridge, NJ

Regina O'Neal, World Language Department Chair/Spanish Teacher
Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Baltimore, MD

Mary Katherine Parson, Science Teacher
Little Rock Central High, Little Rock, AR

Samuel Saenz, Science Department Chair
East Early College High School, Houston, TX

About the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS):

Formed in 2002 by James W. Lewis and Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and helps to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving millennials through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study and peer networks. NSHSS members become lifetime members. At each step along the way – from high school to college to career – NSHSS connects outstanding young scholars with the resources they need to develop their strengths and pursue their passions. Currently, there are more than 1,000,000 Society members in 160 countries. To help us further efforts that provide students with continued opportunity, please acknowledge NSHSS in any press release mentions by providing a resource link to www.nshss.org. For more information about NSHSS visit www.nshss.org.

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