SCHOLAR’S DAY 2019
Atlanta, GA

Friday, November 22, 2019 | Saturday, November 23, 2019
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: The National Society of High School Scholars was founded by Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prize, in order to recognize the academic excellence of high school students; and

WHEREAS: The mission of the National Society of High School Scholars is to connect members with unique learning experiences, exclusive scholarships, valuable internships, international study opportunities, and meaningful peer networks; and

WHEREAS: Through these connections, the National Society of High School Scholars inspires members to continue their outstanding achievement and selfless service, while simultaneously equipping them for future success; and

WHEREAS: It is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the National Society of High School Scholars for their dedication to our next generation of leaders; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

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GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF
Welcome to Scholar’s Day

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome each of you and your families to Scholar’s Day 2019.

Mr. Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, and I founded the NSHSS, National Society of High School Scholars, in 2002 with the vision to honor the best and brightest young, diverse minds for their commitment to academic excellence. It is our mission to recognize and reward outstanding academic achievement and provide young scholars with the resources and network to excel in college, career, and in their communities.

Seventeen years later, I am astounded and proud beyond words to see the amazing young talent from across the United States and the world coming together here in Atlanta, GA for Scholar’s Day 2019. We have an exciting two days of workshops, college and career expo exhibits, student passion projects, speakers, recognition ceremonies, and networking opportunities planned for you and your families. It is my deepest hope that you will leave Saturday evening feeling honored, empowered, inspired, and confident on your path to college and career success.

On behalf of Mr. Nobel, the society partners, and the entire NSHSS staff, we honor you this weekend for your commitment to your education and to your families, schools, and communities. We encourage you to fully embrace all that it means to Be Honored and Be More.

Warm regards,

James W. Lewis
President & Co-founder
National Society of High School Scholars
To The National Society of High School Scholars

Welcome to Atlanta! Rosalynn and I are pleased to join you in recognizing your superior scholastic aptitude and your use of it to improve our world. We encourage all of you to make the most of every learning opportunity you encounter while in school. A good education is the best preparation for tomorrow’s leaders.

Congratulations on your fine work. With best wishes for continued success,

Sincerely,

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

2:00 PM – 7:00 PM  BADGE PICK-UP
M1 Lobby

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  COLLEGE & CAREER EXPO
M2 International Ballroom E + F
Meet and explore opportunities with corporate and educational leaders from renowned organizations and universities from around the globe.

2:00 PM – 9:00 PM  NSHSS STORE
M2 Prefunction Lobby 2

3:00 PM – 9:00 PM  PASSION PROJECT EXHIBITION
M2 Prefunction Lobby 1
Take a moment to explore the Passion Project Exhibition where members are presenting their passion projects and research in World Betterment and STEAM & Innovation. Official presentations to a panel of judges will take place Saturday morning. The exhibitions will open to attendees at 11:00 AM on Saturday.

5:30 PM – 7:15 PM  OPENING CEREMONY
M4 Grand Ballroom
The Opening Ceremony is the official start to Scholar’s Day 2019, beginning with a welcome message from James W. Lewis, President and Co-founder of NSHSS. We will continue with “Future Focused: Academic Achievement to Application,” a panel featuring St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (ALSAC), CIA, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Army, and Elizabeth Tipton. The ceremony will close with keynote speaker Sofia Gonzalez, NSHSS Educator of the Year 2019.

7:15 PM – 8:15 PM  NSHSS 101 (Parents & Educators Only)
M4 Grand Ballroom

7:15 PM – 9:00 PM  WELCOME PARTY (Student Members Only)
M2 International Ballroom A, B, C, & D
Welcome Scholars! Let your hair down, have fun, and get to know your fellow members. We’ll have a lip-sync battle, games, a selfie station, food, and more!
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SCHOLARSHIP PANEL (General Session)
M4 Grand Ballroom

BREAKOUT SESSIONS
What You Need to Know About the ACT and SAT, Grand Ballroom ABC Presented by Method Test Prep

Are You the Next College Student Athlete? “College Sports Recruiting Simplified”, International Ballroom D
Presented by Next College Student Athlete (NCSA)

What It Takes To Be A Leader, International Ballroom ABC
Presented by U.S. Army

St. Jude Leadership Society: Helping High School Students Change the World, Maple Room
Presented by ALSAC St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM  
Parents Need to Prep for College Tool What You Need to Know Now about Paying Less for College, International Ballroom ABC  
Presented by SMARTTRACK College Funding

Material Science 101, Maple Room  
Juan-Pablo Correa-Baena, Material Scientist, Georgia Institute of Technology

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM  
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM  
CIA STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP  
(General Session)  
M4 Grand Ballroom  
Presented by the Central Intelligence Agency

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPO  
M2 International Ballroom E&F  
Meet and explore opportunities with corporate and educational leaders from renowned organizations and universities from around the globe.

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM  
BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
College Admissions Panel, International Ballroom D  
Presented by AcceptU, Auburn University, Barnard College, UC Berkeley Summer Sessions, and Oglethorpe University

The College Admissions Essay: Make It Memorable, International Ballroom ABC  
Presented by Independent Educational Consultant Association (IECA)

Mentor Roundtable, Pine Room (Members Only)

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM  
MEMBER RECOGNITION CEREMONY  
M4 Grand Ballroom

Marcus Nobel, Nobel Prize Family  
Richard Ross, World Betterment Award Recipient  
Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Clifford Woodburn, U.S. Army  
Kathy Suber, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Intelligence Modernization and Readiness, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
Greg Goff, Executive Vice Chairman of Marathon Petroleum Corporation  
Morgan Vazquez, Global Head of Campus Recruiting & Emerging Talent Programs at BNY Mellon
Mr. Goff is executive vice chairman of Marathon Petroleum Corporation.

Prior to joining Marathon Petroleum in 2018, Mr. Goff was chairman, president and chief executive officer for Andeavor and chairman and chief executive officer of the general partner for Andeavor Logistics LP. Before joining Andeavor in 2010, Mr. Goff worked for ConocoPhillips where he held a number of senior leadership positions including senior vice president Commercial from 2008 to 2010; president Specialty Business and Business Development from 2006 to 2008; president Lower 48, Gulf of Mexico and South America for Exploration and Production from 2004 to 2006; president International Downstream from 2002 to 2004; chairman and managing director Conoco Limited 2000 to 2002; managing director and chief executive officer for Conoco JET Nordic (based in Stockholm, Sweden) from 1998 to 2000 and a number of positions in the company’s supply, trading and logistics operations. He has extensive international business experience across Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Mr. Goff earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1978 and a Master of Business Administration in 1981, both from the University of Utah. Mr. Goff served as chairman of the board for the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) and is a member of several other boards of directors, including Marathon Petroleum Corporation, Andeavor Logistics LP, PolyOne Corporation, the National Advisory Board for the University of Utah’s David Eccles School of Business and the National Society of High School Scholars. He is a member of the Business Council and the San Antonio Economic Development Forum.
Sofia Gonzalez is a high school English teacher, college professor, and published author. She has been in the field of education for more than 10 years and has a deep passion for students who are disadvantaged. She also educates and empowers future teachers in an online teacher preparation program where she believes teachers need as much empowerment as students do. She obtained a double master’s degree from the University of Phoenix and St. Xavier University in secondary education/licensure, and reading instruction.

Out of her commitment to education, she started a non-profit called Project 214. Inspired by her first classroom number, she began her career in a gang-infested, impoverished neighborhood in Chicago. Her first job consisted of students who were expelled or dropped out of the Chicago Public School System.

As a result, she saw great disparity and lack of resources for at-risk students. Many, unfortunately, died of gun violence. The organization promotes the power of education by providing basic resources and books to both teachers and students at a local and international level. Her organization has partnerships with schools and communities in Costa Rica, Panama, El Salvador, and Puerto Rico. She believes that ALL students matter, and that the world is a global classroom. She’s an advocate and social activist for fair and equitable access to education for all. She currently teaches in her home district, and is happily married with two children.
Hear from a variety of well respected professionals about what they are looking for from the next generation workforce and how to build important skills to be prepared to make the transition from academic success to career achievement.

**Kolby Keo - Panel Moderator**  
Senior Associate  
The Harbour Group  
NSHSS Fellows Executive Board Member

**Sheronda D.**  
Chief, Talent Acquisition Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency

**Amy Junge**  
Director, Field Engagement  
ALSAC St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

**Allen O. DuBose**  
Diplomat in Residence  
U.S. Department of State

**Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Clifford Woodburn**  
Professor of Military Science (PMS)  
Georgia Institute of Technology

**Elizabeth Tipton**  
Trial Attorney
Hear advice about how to find and earn scholarship dollars from various leaders in scholarship professions and NSHSS Scholarship recipients. The panel will be responding to questions from the audience.

**Robert C. Ballard - Panel Moderator**  
President and CEO  
Scholarship America

**Jamie Williams**  
Director of Scholarships  
Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation

**Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Clifford Woodburn**  
Professor of Military Science (PMS)  
Georgia Institute of Technology

**Mary Williams**  
Director of Outreach & Recruitment  
United Negro College Fund

**Eljin Malik Rhymes**  
Claes Nobel Academic Scholarship Recipient

**Sofia Vainikos**  
Claes Nobel Women of Tomorrow Leadership Award Recipient
SPECIAL GENERAL SESSION

Presented by the Central Intelligence Agency
M4 Grand Ballroom
1:00 PM to 1:45 PM

Sheronda D., Chief, Talent Acquisition Office, Central Intelligence Agency
Erica, Outreach Program Manager, Central Intelligence Agency

Can a student protect our nation? Join Sheronda and Erica to learn if you have the right stuff. CIA is looking for students who can answer the question affirmatively and believe they can “Be More.”

MENTOR ROUNDTABLE

Pine Room
2:00 PM to 2:45 PM

Learn, engage, and network with professionals in various careers like Communication Directors, Financial Analysts, Executive Directors, CIA Officers and many more!

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

GRAND BALLROOM A,B,C

What You Need to Know About the ACT and SAT

10:00 AM to 10:45 AM
Kyle Henrikson, Account Executive, Method Test Prep
Martin Valdez, Marketing Director, Method Test Prep

This presentation will discuss the format of the ACT and SAT, analyze their similarities and differences, and explain ways that students can effectively prepare for these important college admissions tests. There will be ample time for questions from the audience!
Building a Standout Extracurricular Profile
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM
Jamie Moynihan, College Counselor, AcceptU

College admissions officers seek applicants with the most compelling and interesting extracurricular profiles. Leadership is critical, too. In this workshop, you will learn:

- The importance of a student extracurricular profile in the college admissions process
- Activity recommendations: academic, competitions, pre-professional, travel, athletic
- Which activities have the most impact and when students should get started

INTERNATIONAL D

Are You the Next College Student Athlete? College Sports Recruiting Simplified
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM
Ron Sigler, Director of Regional Recruiting, Next College Student Athlete

Are you a current athlete? Do you want to compete in college sports? All current middle school and high school athletes and their parents are encouraged to attend this workshop. Former college coach, Ron Sigler, will explain how the recruiting process works and how to get sports opportunities and scholarships for college.

College Admissions Panel
2:00 PM to 2:45 PM
Panelists:
Aleschia Velasquez, Director of Pre-College Programs, Barnard College
Clayton Ann Halla, Admissions Advisor, Auburn University
Jamie Moynihan, College Counselor, AcceptU
Whitney Lewis, Director of Admission, Oglethorpe University
Justin Oliver, New Student & Pre-College Programs Administrator, UC Berkeley Summer Sessions & Study Abroad
Moderator:
Dr. Larry Schall, President, Oglethorpe University

The college admission process can be intimidating, there is so much to do, and so little time. Fear not! Admissions representatives from top institutions across the country have gathered to offer the inside scoop and prepare you for the journey ahead.

INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM A, B, C

What It Takes To Be A Leader
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM
Mr. Michael Ward, Recruiting Operations Officer, Georgia Institute of Technology
Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Clifford M. Woodburn, Professor of Military Science (PMS), Georgia Institute of Technology

The Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) is a way for young men and women to start
strong in life. It is the college elective for undergraduate and graduate students that provides unrivalled leadership training for success in any career field. If you have a passion, you can find a good fit in the Army as an officer and get the training you need to turn that passion into a career.

Parents Need to Prep for College Too! What You Need to Know Now About Paying Less for College

11:00 AM to 11:45 AM
Cyndi Menegaz, Program Director, SMARTTRACK College Funding

Most families are surprised to learn they can significantly lower out-of-pocket costs, maximize grants and scholarships, and better afford expensive colleges. Even if you don’t think you’ll qualify for financial aid, learning how to pay in the most advantageous way possible can make a tremendous difference. We’ll discuss crucial steps to lowering college costs at this important and entertaining workshop provided by SMARTTRACK® College Funding.

The College Admissions Essay: Make It Memorable

2:00 PM to 2:45 PM
Wesley Fondal, Jr., IECA Member, Principal E2 Educational Consulting, LLC

You’re more than your numbers -- your essay CAN make the difference! This panel presentation brings together four experienced educational consultants to discuss the nuts and bolts of a great admissions essay. Common dos and don’ts, along with tips for selecting your perfect topic will be discussed. Audience participation is encouraged!

MAPLE ROOM

St. Jude Leadership Society: Helping High School Students Change the World

10:00 AM to 10:45 AM
Amy Junge, Director, Field Engagement, ALSAC St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

The world today is in search of great, inspiring leaders. Learn how St. Jude Children's Research Hospital’s founder, Danny Thomas, inspired a movement that has saved millions of children all over the world. During this session, Amy Junge will share information about the St. Jude Leadership Society, a unique and impactful high school leadership development opportunity with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Material Science 101

11:00 AM to 11:45 AM
Juan-Pablo Correa-Baena, Material Scientist and Assistant Professor in School of Materials Science and Engineering, Georgia Tech

Join Material Scientist, Juan-Pablo Correa-Baena as he dives into the ins and outs of material science and engineering. If you have a knack for science and a passion to turn that into your career, you will not want to miss this session.
Richard Ross is an artist/activist, researcher, and distinguished professor of art based in Santa Barbara, California.

He is the Director of Juvenile-in-justice.com

Ross has been the recipient of grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Annie E. Casey and MacArthur Foundations. Ross was awarded both Fulbright and Guggenheim Fellowships. His most recent work, the — In Justice series, turns a lens on the placement and treatment of American juveniles housed by law in facilities that treat, confine, punish, assist and, occasionally, harm them. He has exhibited and spoken at major museums, universities, and law schools all over the globe. He is the author of more than a dozen books and countless articles. He has worked in 35 states and interviewed more than 1,000 kids. Rather than being defined by any single medium…Ross lives with the guidance that his conscience is his medium.
Take time for lunch!

There are plenty of great eateries in the venue and surrounding area.

- CNN Food Court Eateries
- Chick-fil-A, Arby’s, BurgerFi, China Breeze, Dunkin’ Donuts, Starbucks, Moe’s, Great Wraps, Subway
- Korean Kitchen (4 minute walk)
- Casual corner shop offering breakfast, deli, salads and Korean dishes
- Googie Burger (1 minute walk)
- Walk-up hamburger stand with futuristic design (outdoor seats only)
- STATS Brewpub (4 minute walk)
- Sports Pub with high-def TVs
- Prime Meridian (1 minute walk)
- Upscale American fare with an open kitchen
- Ruth’s Chris (4 minute walk)
- Steakhouse chain known for butter-topped beef
- Max’s Coal Oven Pizzeria (4 minute walk)
- Warehouse-type space where a coal-burning oven turns out crispy pies
- Der Biergarten (5 minute walk)
- Traditional German known for its massive pretzels and beer garden
Exhibiting Universities and Organizations

AcceptU
ALSAC - St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
American Physical Therapy Association
Auburn University
Barnard College
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
CET Academic Programs
Columbia University
Pre-college Programs
Duke Kunshan University
Emory University
Fisk University
Florida State University
Independent Educational Consultants Association (IECA)
Liberty University
Method Test Prep
Monash University
Nobel Week Summer Programs
Next College Student Athlete (NCSA)
Oglethorpe University
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)
SMARTTRACK College Funding
Study in New Zealand
University of Alabama
University of California, Berkeley
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
U.S. Army
U.S. Department of State
Virginia Commonwealth University
Member Recognition

Ceremony Protocol

The Grand Ballroom will open at 3:00 PM on Saturday, November 23.

The Member Recognition Ceremony will begin promptly at 3:30 PM.

Upon entry to the ceremony, scholars will report to the “Members Only” section. Parents and guests are welcome to sit anywhere outside of the reserved seating area. Scholars and guests will be reunited at the conclusion of the Member Recognition Ceremony.

We request that attendees respect all scholars by staying for the duration of the ceremony.
Please join us in congratulating these NSHSS Scholarship Recipients

CLAES NOBEL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Eljin Rhymes, Tallahassee, FL

CLAES NOBEL WOMEN OF TOMORROW LEADERSHIP Award

Sofia Vainikos, Orland Park, IL

Army Scholarship Presentation

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Clifford M. Woodburn

CDT Reed, Nicholas
CDT Biland, Alfred
CDT Valverde, Brianna

CDT Russell, William
CDT Ayers, Evelyn
CDT Reed, Thomas

Upcoming NSHSS Events:

Nobel Week
December 5-10, 2019
Stockholm, Sweden

NSHSS Member Event at Florida International University
April 18, 2020
Miami, FL

*NEW* Nobel Summer Program
June 15-19, 2020 & June 22-26, 2020
Stockholm, Sweden

NSHSS Scholar’s Day Washington D.C.
August 14-15, 2020
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
Washington, DC

NSHSS Member Event at Columbia University
September 19, 2020
New York, NY

NSHSS Scholar’s Day Atlanta
November, 2020
Atlanta, GA
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And thank you to the NSHSS Fellows Executive Board and all the NSHSS member and parent volunteers!
We are very excited to expand the benefits NSHSS offers to our members and their families with our new Career Center! Whether looking for an internship, a new job, or simply to get help preparing for a job search, the NSHSS Career Center provides you assistance.

Visit our career center today!
www.careers.nshss.org

NSHSS Academic Tours 2020

*NEW Nobel Summer Program*
Travel to Stockholm to explore Swedish culture, discuss current issues, and learn about inventor, Alfred Nobel!
Dates: June 15–19 or June 22–26

STEM Immersion: Boston
Gain hands-on STEM experience at MIT and more.
Dates: July 6–10

Ivy League & East Coast University Tour
Visit Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and other prestigious universities with fellow scholars!
Dates: July 19–24

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Member Induction Pledge

As a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, I pledge to strive for excellence in my academic endeavors. I will use my knowledge and wisdom to the best of my ability for the betterment of the global community.

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