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## SMITH NAMED CLAES NOBEL EDUCATOR OF DISTINCTION

Snoqualmie, WA - May 15, 2007 - Gayle Smith of Mt. Si High School has been selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). A role model to pupils, Smith was nominated by student Kirsten Mills for outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in teaching. The Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction award recognizes teachers who have made a lasting difference in their classrooms by encouraging students to strive for excellence.

Student members of NSHSS have the opportunity to nominate the one educator who has made the most significant contribution to their academic career. This award, bestowed by The Society upon the recommendation of a member, allows the students themselves to recognize the commitments, strengths, and gifts of their teachers, providing an opportunity for them to recognize and thank their academic mentors. What makes this award unique is that it is an honor bestowed upon an outstanding educator by a young scholar.

“Dedicated educators who exhibit a commitment to excellence deserve our highest praise and appreciation,” said NSHSS Chair Claes Nobel. “We’re excited to provide an ongoing means to do so, and we encourage our members to nominate teachers who have been pivotal to their academic success.”

*Formed in 2002 by Mr. Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family which established the Nobel Prizes, The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. Currently there are more than 300,000 Society members in over 50 countries. NSHSS also provides scholarship opportunities for deserving young people. For more information about NSHSS visit [www.nshss.org](http://www.nshss.org).*

