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Inscriptions Unveiled and Essay Winners Announced at Nobel Monument Ceremony

The names of the most recent American Nobel Laureates will be unveiled at a ceremony at the Nobel Monument in Theodore Roosevelt Park in New York City on June 13 at 11:00 am. The same event will include an announcement of the three NYC high school students who have won the first-ever Laureates of Tomorrow – Nobel Essay Contest.

The inscription ceremony will honor the addition onto the Monument of the names of the 2004 American Nobel Laureates – David J. Gross (Physics), H. David Politzer (Physics), Frank A. Wilczek (Physics), Irwin A. Rose (Chemistry), Richard Axel (Medicine), Linda B. Buck, (Medicine) and Edward C. Prescott (Economics).

The program will feature remarks by Dr. Richard Axel, a graduate of Stuyvesant High School and one of several graduates of New York City public schools who have been awarded Nobel prizes. Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe will participate, as well as Ambassador Kjell Anneling, Consul General of Sweden in New York, who will also present the three winners of the newly established Nobel Essay Contest. The winners will be awarded all-expenses paid trips to the Nobel Prize ceremonies in Stockholm in December, courtesy the Consulate General of Sweden, sponsor of the grand prize and initiator of the contest.

"The Nobel Monument inspired the Consulate General of Sweden to propose this contest, as we want to encourage local high school students to envision the possibility of one day having their own names engraved onto the monument. It is also our hope that this will lead to an increased knowledge about Sweden", says Ambassador Kjell Anneling, Consul General of Sweden in New York.

The competition, open to all juniors in New York City public, private, and parochial schools, required students to write essays examining the impact on science and society of major scientific achievements by Nobel Prize winners in physics, chemistry or physiology/ medicine. The 27 finalists (from 19 different city schools) also had to defend their essay before a panel of outstanding scientists and journalists.

The contest is a collaboration between the Consulate General of Sweden, New York Academy of Sciences, Nobelprize.org – the official website of the Nobel Foundation, the New York City Department of Education, and CUNY. It is also supported by Sony Ericsson, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill and Glencoe/McGraw-Hill.

The Nobel Monument was raised in 2003 in a joint project initiated and overseen by the Consulate General of Sweden and the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation with the purpose of honoring all American Nobel Laureates as well as the founder of the Nobel Prize, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel. The monument, now displaying the impressive total of 284 names, was designed by renowned Swedish sculptor Sivert Lindblom and financed through the generous support of the following sponsors: Merck Company Foundation (main sponsor); Skanska; Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation; Ambassador and Mrs. Lyndon L. Olson Jr. and NCR Corporation.

For information about the American Nobel Laureates of 2004:
Nobelprize.org

For more details regarding the Nobel Essay Contest:
www.nyas.org/nobel
www.swedennewyork.com/nobel

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www.nobelmonument.com

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