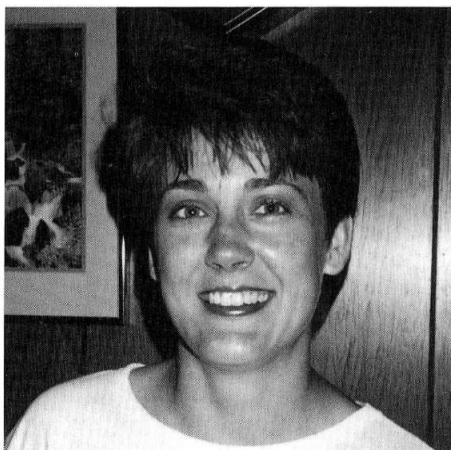


A Legacy of Excellence:

Following the Seaborg Nobel Travel Award Winners

In 1979, Swedish Council of America established the Glenn T. Seaborg Nobel Travel Award, which annually recognizes the outstanding academic work of a college student majoring in mathematics or science. It enables the student to travel to Sweden where, for one week, he or she attends the Nobel Prize festivities and meets the Nobel laureates assembled for the events.

The award, named in honor of Glenn T. Seaborg, Nobel laureate in chemistry, is shaped by rigorous selection criteria. Participation is limited to the six colleges in the United States founded by Swedish immigrants (see "Seaborg Winner" on page 4).



Janet Jessup

the six participating institutions has the opportunity to be nominated.

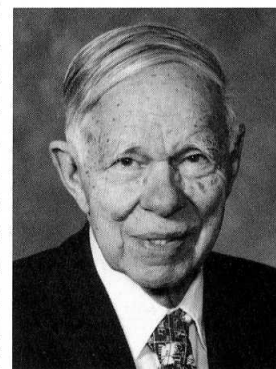
The student who wins the award is provided with round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, and some living expenses for a one-week stay in Stockholm. Throughout the week, the student is included in all of the main events, the culmination of which is attending the impressive award ceremony and banquet. It is a rare and awe-inspiring opportunity for the Seaborg winner, and for "students" from any age group, to share the table and interact with some of the best minds in the world. Those who have had such a pleasure describe it as the "opportunity of a lifetime."

While none of the past Seaborg winners meet or correspond with each other, their responses to a Council questionnaire exhibit three unifying features: a commitment to education, an interest in their Swedish heritage, and a relishing of their Nobel trip memories.

The Seaborg Award winners who responded to the questionnaire have continued their academic work beyond undergraduate education, receiving M.A.'s, Ph.D.'s, or M.D.'s. Their specialities are in an impressive array of subject areas: toxicology, science

GLENN T. SEABORG

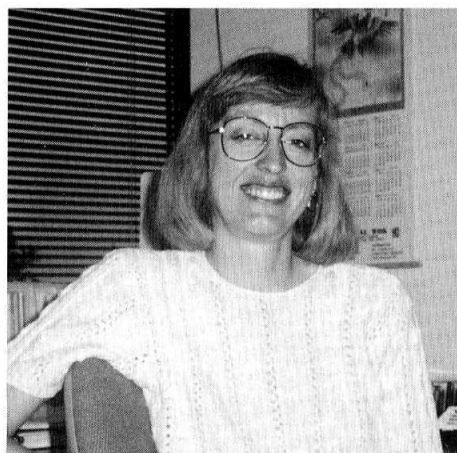
Glenn T. Seaborg, the son of a Swedish immigrant mother and a Swedish American father, was born in Ishpeming, MI, April 19, 1912. He is one of the best known chemists in the world and one of science's leading statesmen.



Dr. Seaborg has been a member of the faculty at the University of California-Berkeley since 1939 and is Professor of Chemistry and Director of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, along with holding several other positions at the University. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1951 for work on the chemistry of transuranium elements. He is one of the discoverers of plutonium and holds more than 40 patents, including two for man-made elements. Numerous books and scientific articles bear his authorship, and he has guided the graduate studies of hundreds of Ph.D. candidates.

In 1962 Dr. Seaborg was named "Swedish American of the Year" by the Vasa Order of America. From 1978 to 1983 he served as chairman of Swedish Council of America; he is a member of the Royal Round Table, chairman emeritus of the board of directors, and is a member of many other Swedish American organizations.

Dr. Seaborg is proud of his Swedish heritage and has devoted much time to researching his family history and learning about the cultural traditions of his parents' homeland. Whenever possible, he returns to Sweden in December to participate as a laureate in the Nobel ceremonies. He was elected a foreign member of the Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences in 1972 and continues to be an active research scientist today.

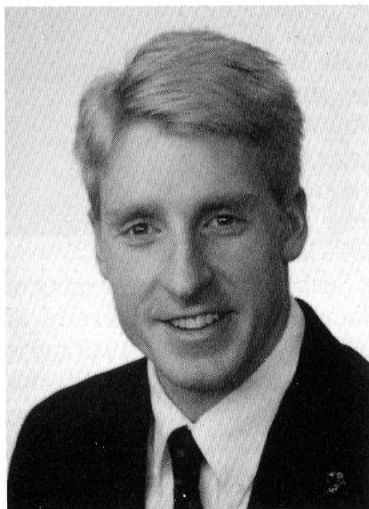


Ellen Eliason Kisker

Each institution nominates one student, usually a senior majoring in mathematics, physical science, or natural science. The nominees are selected on the basis of their past academic achievement, abilities as judged by faculty, creative potential, and ability to effectively represent the six Swedish American colleges and Swedish Council of America at the Nobel Prize ceremony. Recently eliminated was the criterion of demonstrating at least one-half Swedish ancestry; now any student meeting the academic criteria and attending one of

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journalism, oncology/head and neck surgery, applied economics/social policy research, ophthalmology, organic chemistry, brain tumor chemotherapy/nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, radiology/abdominal imaging, and lanthanide and actinide chemistry (the area of chemistry for which Glenn Seaborg received the Nobel Prize).

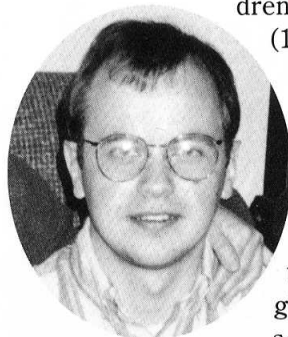


Daniel Todd

Though the receipt of the Seaborg award is not the sole reason for the awardees' pursuits of higher degrees, their experiences in Sweden were motivating factors. Each recipient cites impressions of "academic excellence" as they met the Nobel laureates.

Ellen Eliason Kisker, the first Seaborg awardee, describes learning "that people with such great achievements or important positions are people, suggesting to me that high aspirations are reasonable." Those high aspirations are not confined to a future in the physical sciences; Kisker went on to receive her Ph.D. in economics, emphasizing social policy re-

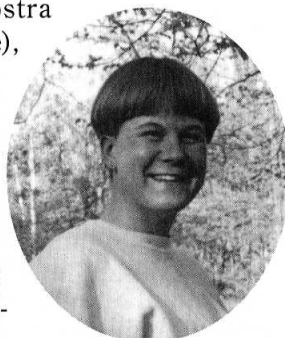
search in relation to disadvantaged children. Janet Jessup (1982 awardee) notes a deeper appreciation for the collaborative aspects of scientific research that "span the globe and transcend cultural differences."



Carl Carlson

Developing a greater interest in their Swedish heritage is another common theme among the Seaborg winners. David Johnson (1983 awardee) has returned to Sweden to visit relatives and to see other parts of the country. Mark Jensen (1989 awardee) has gained a love for spoken Swedish and is delving into his family history. And for Melissa Nelson Terpstra

(1991 awardee), the one-week stay in Sweden was long enough to get to know her relatives so well that a distant Swedish cousin visited the United States and spent six months with Melissa and her husband.



Melissa Nelson Terpstra

The combination of academics, travel, and ceremony created an atmosphere from which each Seaborg winner could take home something different. Daniel Todd (1990 awardee) describes the trip as the highlight of his life. Carl Carlson (1986 awardee) was able to visit historic Uppsala University, where a relative of

his taught in 1802; Eric Lindgren (1984 awardee) remembers the elegant formality of the Nobel dinner in Stockholm's city hall; and Kathryn Blomquist MacNeil (1985 awardee) recalls having dinner with Dr. Glenn Seaborg. Others related memories of meeting the King and Queen, attending a Lucia festival, and experiencing the magical atmosphere of Stockholm's *Gamla Stan* at Christmas.

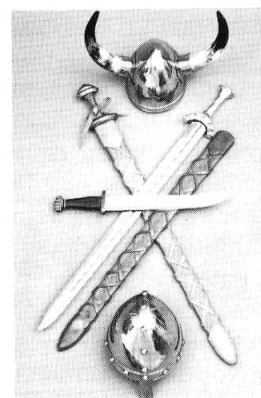


Kathryn Blomquist MacNeil

Since its inception fifteen years ago, the Glenn T. Seaborg Nobel Travel Award has already produced a legacy of excellence that appropriately honors its namesake. Not only does it reward a student's current academic achievement, it instills a pride in education and heritage that remains lifelong with the recipient. This rare glimpse at the pillars of science ensures a lasting place for Swedish Americans in the world of discovery.

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