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Hillsdale Academy Students Compete in Tenth Annual Oratory Competition

Hillsdale, Mich. — Hillsdale Academy students competed in the tenth annual Edward Everett Oratory Competition on Tuesday, April 25 in the Academy library. The event featured the final round of recitations and declamations by the seventh and eighth grade students.

Kiera Welden won first place by reciting Frederick Douglass' "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" Francesca Rahe earned second place with her recitation of the "Funeral Oration" by Pericles of Athens. Isabella Socha earned third place with her recitation of the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew. Students Spencer Kawalek, Nick Treloar, and Jake Waldvogel also competed in the oratory presentations.

"Every student at Hillsdale Academy delivers individual recitations during the school year," said Dr. Ken Calvert, headmaster of Hillsdale Academy. "This competition is an excellent display of that tradition. I am very proud of these students."

Judges for the competition included Bishop Peter Beckwith, Chaplain Adam Rick, and Mrs. Laura Leutheuser. The oratory program is supported by an endowment from the Saul N. Silbert Charitable Trust.

Photos of the oratory event are [here](#).

About Hillsdale Academy

Hillsdale Academy is an independent, classical K-12 day school located on the campus of Hillsdale College. A rigorous course of study is combined with the strong conviction that the biblical and classical virtues are necessary in the formation of the American citizen. The school was established out of the conviction that modern American education was in need of profound reform. For more information visit Hillsdale.edu/academy.

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