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## **Hillsdale College Welcomes New Class of George Washington Fellows**

*Research scholarship designed to form future statesmen*

Washington, D.C. – Hillsdale College welcomes the George Washington Fellowship Program Class of 2022. Based at Hillsdale’s campus in Washington, D.C., the program is designed to prepare undergraduate students for public service through a rigorous study of history, politics, and statesmanship.

“The George Washington Fellowship Program prepares outstanding students for a career in the public square by focusing their studies on American founding principles and statesmen who uphold those principles,” said Matthew Spalding, Vice President of Washington Operations and Dean of the Van Andel Graduate School of Government. “Through research, writing, discussions, and especially an internship semester in the nation’s capital, students will expand their understanding not only of the principles but also the practice of free government.”

Established in 2008, the George Washington Fellowship Program is a highly competitive scholarship program for Hillsdale College undergraduate students of any major. Its four main components are curriculum requirements focusing on American political thought and constitutional history, regular discussions with guests and visiting scholars, ongoing research and writing projects, and one semester studying in Washington, D.C. as part of the Washington-Hillsdale Internship Program (WHIP).

The Fellowship includes a generous scholarship of \$5,000 per semester beginning in the spring of the fellow’s sophomore year. Awards are made by a faculty selection committee based on academic excellence, extracurricular activities that reflect leadership qualities, and keen interest in public affairs and public service.

The Class of 2022 students selected for the Washington Fellowship Program are:

- **Hannah Fleming** (Springfield, VA) is majoring in economics and French. She is a member of the Phi Beta Phi sorority and the Federalist Society. Fleming’s goal after graduation is to earn a J.D. and practice law at a firm in her home city of Washington, D.C.
- **Ceanna Hayes** (Midland, MI) is studying politics and currently serves as vice president of the College’s Young Americans for Freedom group. Hayes previously interned at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and plans to pursue a career in energy and environmental policy after graduation.
- **Reagan Linde** (Billings, MT) is double-majoring in art and politics and is currently a member of the Student Activities Board, Alpha Rho Tau art honorary, and Phi Beta Phi sorority. Linde previously served as a Senate page in 2017 and plans to participate in WHIP in the spring of 2021.

- **Victoria Marshall** (Torrance, CA) is majoring in politics and journalism and is currently the assistant news editor of the College's newspaper, *The Collegian*. Marshall is also a co-host of the College's radio shows *Pro-Life Line* and *Collegian Week in Review*, an intern in the College's Marketing Department, and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.
- **Elizabeth McHale** (Hartsdale, NY) is studying politics, journalism, and Spanish. Her extracurricular activities include reporting for *The Collegian*, volunteering with the Community Action Agency Preschool GOAL Program, and playing for the women's club soccer team. She is a member of the Chi Omega sorority and a student ambassador for Hillsdale College.
- **John Rowe** (St. Paul, MN) is majoring in history and politics and is currently a member of the Catholic Society, the men's golf team, and the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

For more information on the George Washington Fellowship Program, visit [dc.hillsdale.edu/Undergraduate-Opportunities/George-Washington-Fellows-Program](http://dc.hillsdale.edu/Undergraduate-Opportunities/George-Washington-Fellows-Program).

### **About Hillsdale in D.C.**

Hillsdale College's presence in Washington, D.C., extends the College's educational mission to the nation's capital by teaching and promoting the principles and practice of American constitutionalism. Hillsdale in D.C. seeks to inspire and form students, citizens, practitioners, and statesmen, who will restore America's principles and revive self-government in the political life of the nation.

In order to extend its formal teaching mission, Hillsdale College has launched The Van Andel Graduate School of Government, a new and unique graduate program in the nation's capital, for the purpose of teaching political thought, American political history, and statecraft to young professionals working in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit <https://dc.hillsdale.edu/>.

### **About Hillsdale College**

Hillsdale College is an independent liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 4.7 million. For more information, visit [hillsdale.edu](http://hillsdale.edu).

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