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Sacred Heart Academy Awarded 2021 Henry Salvatori Prize for Excellence in Teaching
Grand Rapids Parochial School Receives Annual Award

Hillsdale, Mich. — Hillsdale College presents the Henry Salvatori Prize for Excellence in Teaching to Sacred Heart Academy of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Each year the award supports an institution that has demonstrated its dedication to classical education and excellence in its teaching and operations.

“Sacred Heart Academy has done an excellent job of cultivating the minds and hearts of its students through thoughtful, principled education,” said Dr. Kathleen O’Toole, assistant provost for K-12 education at Hillsdale College. “Hillsdale College is proud to honor Sacred Heart’s diligent efforts on behalf of its students with this year’s Salvatori Prize.”

Serving the Grand Rapids community with classical teaching since 2013, Sacred Heart Academy is an apostolate of Sacred Heart of Jesus parish and aims to nurture students in religious and educational disciplines. The school provides a classical curriculum, offering robust education that instructs all students in math and science, humanities, and philosophy. Students study the classical languages of Greek and Latin in order to, according to Sacred Heart Academy, “create a habit of order in the minds of students.” Several Hillsdale College alumni teach at the Academy.

The founder of the Salvatori Prize, Henry Salvatori (1901-1997), was a philanthropist and entrepreneur who established the successful Western Geophysical Company and has contributed toward supporting individuals and institutions that champion American liberty, limited government, and constitutionalism. His philanthropy toward Hillsdale College began with the first Henry Salvatori Prize for Excellence in Teaching award in 1996.

The award is given annually to promote the prize’s three objectives:

- Increase focus on effective teaching as the core component of education reform;
- Support deserving schools with funds for books, equipment, and other educational materials; and
- Celebrate and promote the principles of a classical liberal arts education.

Any applying school must have a strong Western education foundation as well as association with a 501(c)(3) institution. For more information or to apply to next year’s award, visit <https://www.hillsdale.edu/educational-outreach/henry-salvatori-prize-excellence-teaching/>.

Find photos [here](#).

About K-12 Education at Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College's K-12 Education Department supports school administrators, teachers, and parents with the educational and organizational resources they need to educate the nation's youth in the American and classical tradition. The Barney Charter School Initiative (BCSI), part of the College's K-12 efforts, promotes the founding of classical charter schools and excellence in their teaching and operations so that public-school students may be educated in the liberal arts and sciences and receive instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue. The Initiative has 20 schools in 9 states. The BCSI is made possible by a major grant from the Barney Family Foundation and matching gifts from other friends of Hillsdale College. For more information, visit [the BCSI website](#).

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 5.7 million. For more information, visit [hillsdale.edu](#).

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