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### **Fourth Freshman Foundation Lecture Addresses Freedom in Relation to Liberal Arts Education**

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College hosted its fourth Freshman Foundation Lecture and luncheon at the Searle Center on March 22. Paul Moreno, dean of social sciences and professor of history, offered a lecture to the freshman class on freedom. Moreno discussed how freedom relates to the liberal arts education by training free, self-governing individuals.

“We offer a liberal education not *because* it is useful, but it is useful nevertheless,” Moreno said. “The good is always useful. Similarly, we seek good health for its own sake, though it is useful for other things as well. A liberally educated person will be able to take up any profession, just as a healthy man is able to perform physical deeds that an unhealthy man cannot.”

Moreno related the theories of liberty of John Winthrop, Petrarch, C.S. Lewis, and other great writers and thinkers to the mission of Hillsdale College as a trustee of the Western philosophical and theological tradition.

“Tracing to Athens and Jerusalem, it is a heritage finding its clearest expression in the American experiment of self-government under law,” Moreno said.

Moreno’s headshot and biography can be viewed [here](#).

#### **About the Freshman Foundation Lecture Series**

Hillsdale College launched the Freshman Foundation Lecture Series in the fall of 2021. The series addresses the four purposes, or pillars, of learning, character, faith, and freedom of Hillsdale College in student life. The series includes four lectures by Hillsdale College faculty deans over the course of the academic year. All lectures take place in the College’s Searle Center and include a complimentary lunch for all freshman students.

#### **About Hillsdale College**

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian 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 6.2 million. For more information, visit [hillsdale.edu](http://hillsdale.edu).

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