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**Hillsdale College K-12 Education Office Awards 2022 Salvatori Award  
to Seven Oaks Classical School**

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The Hillsdale College K-12 Education Office has awarded its 2022 Henry Salvatori Prize for Excellence in Teaching to Seven Oaks Classical School in Ellettsville, Indiana. The Hillsdale Member School was given the award in an assembly on Friday, May 13.

“Seven Oaks Classical School represents the best in American classical K-12 education — a noble mission, inspiring leaders, a talented faculty, a robust curriculum, supportive parents, and eager students,” said Dan Coupland, Hillsdale College professor of education and member of the Salvatori Prize Committee.

The Salvatori prize has three objectives: to focus attention on teaching, which is the core ingredient of effective education reform; to support deserving schools with funds for books, equipment, and other educational material; and to promote the principles of classical liberal arts education.

“It is such an honor to receive this recognition,” said Stephen Shipp, headmaster of Seven Oaks Classical School. “I have such a deep admiration for our faculty and the education they offer. As a school, there's nothing we'd rather be recognized for. Seven Oaks is dedicated to training minds and ennobling the hearts of young people by giving them the gift of a liberal education. And that's what the Salvatori Prize is intended to celebrate. We hope this prize will continue to encourage schools that prize the cultivation of human excellence. We are certainly encouraged.”

In response to the widespread decline in American K-12 education, the late Henry Salvatori established a permanent endowment at Hillsdale College to recognize exceptional classroom teaching nationwide. A longtime friend of the College, Mr. Salvatori admired Hillsdale's principled refusal of federal taxpayer subsidies and its classical liberal arts curriculum.

The first Henry Salvatori Prize for Excellence in Teaching was presented in the fall of 1996. Each year, a \$25,000 award is made payable to the winning school's tax exempt 501(c)(3) institution. This money may be used for books, equipment, and other educational material. It may not be applied to salaries, stipends, or endowments.

View photos from the event [here](#).

For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

### **About K-12 Education: An American Classical Education**

Hillsdale College's K-12 Education Office 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 currently has 20 member schools in 9 states. The Barney Charter School Initiative is made possible through leadership support from the Barney Family Foundation and gifts from many other friends of Hillsdale College. For more information, visit the [K-12 Education website](#).

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

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