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Hillsdale College Professor Young Discusses Christianity and the Liberal Arts at Freshman Foundation Lecture

Professor Matthew Young continues college lecture series with presentation on faith

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College Dean of Natural Sciences and Professor of Chemistry Matthew Young gave the second lecture for the Freshman Foundation series on Nov. 8, addressing the second of Hillsdale College's four pillars: faith.

Young discussed the Christian character of the liberal arts and of Hillsdale College. He explained that the Christian faith not only elevates learning and aids the pursuit of wisdom but also provides a purpose and reason to live well and virtuously.

"We're not just seeking to try to know things about God. We're actually seeking to know Him. Knowing about God is part of knowing what is true, but it also is a relationship and it impacts how we live," Young said.

Young encouraged students to allow their classes to help them grow as human beings. "Look carefully for the Four Pillars in your courses, especially the core courses, looking for connections and themes," said Young. "Allow the themes to affect you."

Freshman Foundation is an introduction to the academic life, the partnership on a college campus, and what it means to be a Hillsdale student. It is required for all first-year students. The series addresses the Four Pillars of Hillsdale College in student life: learning, character, faith, and freedom. It takes place over the course of the academic year:

"Character" — Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023 | Dr. Stephen Smith, dean of humanities

"Freedom" — Tuesday, March 21, 2023 | Dr. Paul Moreno, dean of social sciences

For photos from the lecture, click [here](#).

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

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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