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Hillsdale College Blake Center for Faith and Freedom Announces 2024 Event Schedule
Exploring Faith, Freedom, and the Western Tradition: Hillsdale College Blake Center for Faith and Freedom Announces 2024 Event Schedule

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The Blake Center for Faith and Freedom, located in Somers, Connecticut, is set to host numerous events this year. These events aim to further the mission of Hillsdale College and focus on Christianity, the Western tradition of liberty, and their intersection. They include:

- Feb. 22: Our Sacred Honor: George Washington as America’s Founder, featuring Dr. Matthew Spalding, dean of Hillsdale’s graduate school of government and author of “We Still Hold These Truths”
- March 8: K-12 Education & American Civic Virtues, featuring Dr. Wilfred McClay, author of celebrated American history textbook “Land of Hope”
- March 25: C.S. Lewis’ “The Chronicles of Narnia,” featuring Dr. Michael Ward, author of “The Narnia Code”
- April 3-6: American Foreign Policy, featuring Michael Anton, former senior White House national security official
- April 20: Somers Rotary Club Fishing Derby
- Aug. 8: Exodus, featuring Dr. Justin Jackson, Hillsdale College professor of English
- Sept. 20: C.S. Lewis’ “Mere Christianity,” featuring Dr. Michael Ward
- Dec. 13: Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol,” featuring Dr. Dwight Lindley, Hillsdale College professor of English

“We are pleased to offer events on a wide variety of topics this year,” said Labin Duke, executive director of the Blake Center. “They all point back to questions of faith and freedom. Exploring those questions are essential to our mission here at the Blake Center, and we hope that all will join us in it.”

To learn more about the Blake Center, visit blakecenter.hillsdale.edu. For a full listing of upcoming events, click [here](#). For photos of the Blake Center, 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 6.4 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

About the Blake Center for Faith and Freedom

Philanthropists Prestley and Helen Blake donated the buildings and acreage of their estate in Somers, Connecticut, to Hillsdale College in 2019. The Blake Center for Faith and Freedom is a religious institution that includes their home, an exterior replica of Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's renowned Virginian estate. The College utilizes the property to host events that further its mission, focusing on the foundational principles of faith and freedom. To this end, most events held at the Blake Center will have clear religious themes, focusing on topics relating to Christianity, man's relationship to God, and faith generally.

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