

Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence

The Art of Teaching: Christian Classical Education

Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Conference Center

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8:00-9:00 a.m. Waterway Foyer	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:15 a.m. Waterway 6-8	Welcome
9:15-10:15 a.m. Waterway 6-8	“Wisdom and Virtue in Christian Classical Education” Dr. David Whalen, Associate Vice President for Curriculum and Professor of English, Hillsdale College
10:15-10:30 a.m. Waterway Foyer	Coffee Break
10:30-11:30 a.m. Waterway 6-8	Breakout Session I “Building a Classical Christian Culture – Upper School” Dr. Matthew Mehan, Assistant Professor of Government & Associate Dean of Van Andel School of Government, Hillsdale College
Montgomery Ballroom	Breakout Session II “Building a Classical Christian Culture – Grammar School” Julie Apel, Assistant Headmaster, Hillsdale Academy
11:30-12:45 p.m. Waterway 5	Lunch
12:45-1:45 p.m. Waterway 6-8	“The Bible as the Greatest of the Great Books” Rev. Alan Crippen, Executive Director and Chaplain of The Blake Center for Faith and Freedom, Hillsdale College
1:45-2:00 p.m. Waterway Foyer	Coffee Break
2:00-3:00 p.m. Waterway 6-8	“Jesus heard and marveled’: Principles of a Classical Christian Pedagogy” Dr. Jonathan Gregg, Assistant Professor of Education, Hillsdale College



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