

Henry Salvatori

As an immigrant to the United States, Henry Salvatori

viewed America as the land of opportunity, and his life of hard work and principled convictions embodied the

American spirit. As founder

of the Western Geophysical

Company, he developed important new oil exploration technology. Throughout his life, he invested the rewards

of his enterprise in projects that teach young people

about America's founding principles and institutions. Mr.

Salvatori deeply desired to help young Americans gain an

understanding of individual rights, limited government,

and the moral foundations of American constitutionalism.

His extraordinary generosity toward Hillsdale College

established the Henry Salvatori Chair in History and the

Henry Salvatori Prize for Excellence in Teaching.



1901-1997



“The aim of liberal education is human excellence, both private and public . . . Its object is the excellence of man as man and man as citizen. It regards man as an end, not as a means; and it regards the ends of life, and not the means to it. For this reason it is the education of free men.”

—ROBERT MAYNARD HUTCHINS
THE GREAT CONVERSATION

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College was established in 1844 by men and women “grateful to God for the inestimable blessings resulting from the prevalence of civil and religious liberty and intelligent piety in the land.” They created an institution that would “furnish to all persons who wish, irrespective of nationality, color, or sex, a literary, scientific and theological education.” Hillsdale College, located in southern Michigan, was the first college in America to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race or sex, and the second in the nation to grant four-year liberal arts degrees to women. Today it serves over 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students with a focus on two core principles: academic excellence and institutional independence.



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The Henry Salvatori Prize

For Excellence in Teaching



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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.

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
- To promote the principles of classical liberal arts education.



2023 HENRY SALVATORI PRIZE WINNER | ATLANTA CLASSICAL ACADEMY

Award Criteria

All public and private schools whose teaching draws upon the best traditions of Western education and have an associated 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization are eligible to apply.

Applicants are evaluated on how well their school educates students in the liberal arts and sciences, their approach to instruction in moral character and civic virtue, and their leadership and governance structure, as outlined in Hillsdale College's Best Practices for K-12 Schools.

- I. Liberal Arts & Sciences.** The liberal arts and sciences should be central to the school's academic program, and excellent teaching should support this curriculum. Applicants should demonstrate alignment between curriculum, pedagogy, and academic goals in service to a liberal education.
- II. Moral Character.** The development of moral character should infuse the school's purpose, instruction, and school culture. The curriculum and instruction should lead to the formation of virtuous students.
- III. Civic Virtue.** The school should prepare students for citizenship, encouraging a thoughtful and informed patriotism through both content and culture. Candidates should demonstrate that their curriculum and pedagogy give priority to the Western and American traditions. Principles such as citizenship, justice, and individual liberty ought to be integral to instruction in the classroom.

IV. Leadership and Governance. The governing organization and school leadership work effectively together in service of the mission of the school.

Past Winners

- 2005..... Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy | *Colorado Springs, CO*
- 2006..... Cornerstone Christian Academy | *Bloomington, IL*
- 2007..... St. Monica Academy | *Pasadena, CA*
- 2008..... The Vanguard School | *Colorado Springs, CO*
- 2009..... Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy | *Rockford, IL*
- 2010..... The American Academy | *Bryn Mawr, PA*
- 2011..... Mount Carmel Academy | *New Orleans, LA*
- 2012..... Clapham School | *Wheaton, IL*
- 2013..... Trivium School | *Lancaster, MA*
- 2014..... Millennium Charter Academy | *Mount Airy, NC*
- 2015..... Estancia Valley Classical Academy | *Moriarty, NM*
- 2016..... Oakdale Academy | *Waterford, MI*
- 2017..... Founders Classical Academy of Leander | *Leander, TX*
- 2018..... Golden View Classical Academy | *Golden, CO*
- 2019..... Atlanta Classical Academy | *Atlanta, GA*
- 2020..... Golden View Classical Academy | *Golden, CO*
- 2021..... Sacred Heart Academy | *Grand Rapids, MI*
- 2022..... Seven Oaks Classical Academy | *Ellettsville, IN*
- 2022..... Treasure Valley Classical Academy | *Fruitland, ID*
- 2023..... Atlanta Classical Academy | *Atlanta, GA*

HOW TO APPLY

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JANUARY 15.
THE WINNING SCHOOL WILL BE NOTIFIED BY JUNE 15.

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