

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. And 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.



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About Hillsdale College

HILLSDALE COLLEGE is a private, coeducational, residential, liberal arts college with approximately 1,400 students. Founded in 1844, the College remains, in the words of its Articles of Association, “grateful to God for the inestimable blessings resulting from the prevalence of civil and religious liberty and intelligent piety” in our nation, and dedicated to “the diffusion of sound learning” that is “essential to the perpetuity of these blessings.”

Hillsdale College is distinguished by its rigorous core curriculum, by its principled rejection of federal and state taxpayer funding, and by the pledge of its Board of Trustees to resist any attempts by the government to regulate its internal affairs.

Hillsdale College promotes the principles of liberty nationwide through its national speech digest, *Imprimis*, which has a monthly circulation of over 2.9 million, and through several outreach programs, including the Center for Constructive Alternatives, one of the largest college lecture series in America; the Ludwig von Mises Lectures in free-market economics; the Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence, which holds seminars for high school teachers of civics and history; and the National Leadership Seminars.

In 2008, Hillsdale launched its Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship in Washington, D.C., which teaches Hillsdale students and citizens about the U.S. Constitution through a variety of programs, online courses, and publications, such as *The U.S. Constitution: A Reader*. The Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship welcomed its first class in 2012.



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THE Henry Salvatori Prize

FOR
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IN TEACHING

“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



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The Henry Salvatori Prize

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; and
- to promote the principles of classical liberal arts education.

Evaluation 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. Based on completed applications, candidates will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- I. Academic Program.** Describe how the teaching promotes the student's education in the liberal arts and sciences. Within your response, include answers to the following questions:
 - A.** What is the architecture of the school's curriculum, its components, and its purposes?
 - B.** What are the principles that inform the teachers' approach to instruction?
 - C.** How does the school ensure excellence in teaching to support the curriculum?
 - D.** What are the academic results the school seeks to achieve, and is the school achieving those results? Support your answer.
- II. Virtue.** Describe how the teaching inculcates virtue in the student. Within your response, include answers to the following questions:
 - A.** What is the model of virtue for the student and the basis for it?

- B.** What elements of instruction and school culture lead the student to conform to the model of virtue?
- C.** How does the school ensure excellence in teaching to support the formation of the virtuous student?
- D.** What are the character results the school seeks to achieve, and is the school achieving those results? Support your answer.

- III. Citizenship.** Describe how the teaching promotes the student's understanding of man's political life and prepares the student to assume his place as a responsible citizen in the political order. Within your response, include answers to the following questions:
 - A.** What elements of the Western and American tradition underpin the school's efforts to develop the student as a good citizen?
 - B.** How does the school ensure excellence in teaching to support the formation of the student as a good citizen?
 - C.** What are the civic results the school seeks to achieve in the life of the student, and is the school achieving those results? Support your answer.



TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted between December 1 and February 1.
The winning school will be notified by June 1.

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