

2026 Fall Symposium Schedule

The Haworth Hotel and Conference Center
Holland, MI

All times EST

Titles are tentative, and the schedule is subject to change

Thursday – October, 22, 2026

4:30pm - 6:00pm Registration Check-In

6:00 - 8:00 Buffet dinner with remarks

Friday – October 23, 2026

8:00 - 8:15am Welcome and remarks Ballroom

8:15 - 10:00 Session 1

Rethinking AP and Dual Enrollment in a Brave New World

Ballroom

- Soren Schwab, Classic Learning Test
- Milton Matter, Classic Learning Test
- Sarah Novlan, Classic Learning Test
- Chris Anadale, Mount St. Mary's University
- Rudy Hernandez, University of Missouri

Education and Christian Faith: Modern and Postmodern Controversies Rm 104

- "John Dewey and the Modernist Turn in Education"
 - Dennis Durst, Kentucky Christian University
- "C. S. Lewis on Moral Education"
 - Charlie Starr, Great Lakes Christian College
- "Silence and Scripture: Two Disciplines for Cultivating Holy Attention in a Distracted Age"
 - Nathan Babcock, Buchanan Christian Church"

10-10:30 Break

10:30 - 11:45 Session 2 – Plenary Ballroom

Higher Education in America: It's Worse than You Think

*Sponsored by the Heritage Foundation

- Jonathan Butcher, The Heritage Foundation
- Madison Marino Doan, The Heritage Foundation
- Adam Kissel, The Heritage Foundation
- Andrew Gillen, The Cato Institute

11:45-12:00pm` Break

12:00 - 2:00 Catered buffet Lunch and break

2:00 - 3:15 Session 3

Roundtable: Re-imagining Paideia in Place

Ballroom

- Nick Ellis, Christian Halls International
- Ron Jung, Christian Halls International
- Jeffrey Bristol
- Jason Jewell, Florida Board of Governors
- [Waiting on one more]

Recovering the Vocation of Higher Education

Rm 104

- Dylan Pahman, Acton Institute; St. Nicholas Cabasilas Institute
- John C. Pinheiro, Acton Institute
- Anthony Bradley, Acton Institute; Kuyper College

3:15 - 3:45 Break

3:45 - 5:00

Session 4

Read, Gather, Worship: A Curative Conversation with Student Scholars

Ballroom

- Sarah M Estelle, Hope College
- Shane Johnson, Hope College
- Lucinda James, Hope College
- Walter Plymale, Hope College

***The Idea of the University* and Liberal Education in the 21st Century**

Rm 104

- Joshua Herring, Logres Institute
- Sean Hadley, Logres Institute
- Bryant Owens, Logres Institute

Saturday – October, 24, 2026

9:00 - 10:15am

Session 5

Hillsdale K-12: Restoration of Higher Education at the Roots

Ballroom

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- Kathleen O'Toole
- Eric Coykendall
- Michael Berndt
- John Peterson
- Julie Apel

Learning in an Artificial Age

Rm 104

- Asimov's Guide to Education
 - Neva Hernandez, Kolbe Academy
- The Republic of the Unlettered: AI, Reading, and Literacy in a Brave New World
 - Winston Brady, Thales Press
- The Bare Minimum: Recovering Intellectual Asceticism in the Writing Process
 - Venanzio Petrarolo, University of St Thomas (TX)

10:15 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 12:00pm Closing Session 6 Ballroom

The Church and Civic Renewal: Theological Education for the Sake of the World

- The future of theological education and the hope of cultural renewal
 - Stephen Presley, CRC
- [Waiting on the final title]
 - Zach Hedges, Cedarville University
- After the University: The Local Church as an Institution of Intellectual and Moral Formation
 - Tim Rosenberger, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit / The Ohio State University

12:00pm – 12:15pm Concluding Remarks