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Education

Hillsdale College, BS in Physics and Mathematics, Minor in Computer Science 2023 — Present

- Currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at [Hillsdale College](#).
- Pursuing well-rounded education in the liberal arts and sciences and cultivating academic excellence.
- Developing skills in advanced mathematics, physics, programming, research, and scientific computing.

Classical Conversations, High School 2011 — 2023

- Graduate of [Classical Conversations](#), a rigorous homeschool program built on the classical education model.
- Studied the liberal arts and sciences like debate, literature, philosophy, and mathematics ([Transcript](#)).
- Completed comprehensive curriculum and participated in Mock Trial, Science Fair, and [Senior Thesis](#).

Teenpact Leadership Schools, Leadership Development Camp 2013 — 2022

- 9-year [Teenpact](#) participant, learning government principles and interacting with legislators.
- Elected as one of three senators from a competitive class of 50 in 2022.
- Consistently ranked top of class, excelling in leadership, public speaking, and policy understanding.

Working Experience

Audio/Visual Event Assistant, Hillsdale College – Hillsdale, MI October 2024 — Present

- Assisted with planning, setup, and coordination for large events, including sound, lighting, and transport.
- Operated soundboards and light boards, managed speaker communication, and worked with team schedules.
- Provided general event support, ensuring smooth execution of various conferences and campus activities.

Summer Intern, [The Blake Center](#) – Hillsdale, MI Summers of 2023 and 2024

- Worked groundskeeping of 100+ acre property, including lawn care, building maintenance, and upgrades.
- Designed and managed audio/visual systems for large events, organizing and documenting A/V technology.
- Coordinated events and performed equipment repairs to ensure smooth operation of the facility.

Podcaster, [Rhetoric in Retrospect](#) – Remote 2020 — 2022

- Co-hosted 'Rhetoric in Retrospect' podcast, discussing literature and art through a Christian lens.
- Managed podcast production, including recording, editing, and publishing episodes on a schedule.
- Collaborated with friends to research, write, and edit quality scripts on various topics.

Volunteer Experience

Volunteer, Impact – Fairmont, WV 2019, 2022, and 2023

- Volunteered at [Dayspring Camp](#) for a week-long short term mission trip each summer.
- Served as a young adult leader with the Presbyterian Church of Manchester's youth group.
- Site leader for construction projects to serve the local community, working with a team to complete tasks.

Leadership Core, Presbyterian Church of Manchester – Manchester, CT 2021-2022

- Served as youth leader in local Youth Group, leading small groups and assisting with event planning.
- Organized games and activities for youth events, fostering engagement and community building.
- Actively invited and interacted with youth, creating a welcoming environment for all participants.

Farmhand, Baerfoot Acres Farm – Tolland, CT 2018 — Present

- Assisted with farm tasks, including planting, harvesting, wood processing, and animal care.
- Started and operated a chicken flock, selling eggs for profit and learning basic entrepreneurship.

- Worked closely with family and community to maintain and improve farm operations effectively.

Actor, [Backyard Shakespeare](#) – Bolton, CT

2017-2022

- Performed in annual Shakespeare productions, memorizing and delivering extensive dialogue.
- Acted in notable roles including Richard III, King Claudius in Hamlet, and the Dauphin in King John.
- Dedicated four weeks each summer to intensive rehearsals and performances since 2017.

Coursework

English: ENG-104 (Great Books in the Western Tradition), ENG-105 (Great Books in the British and American Traditions)

History: HST-104 (The Western Heritage to 1600), HST-105 (The American Heritage)

Philosophy: PHL-104 (Introduction to Philosophy), The Consequences of Ideas (R. C. Sproul)

Latin: Henle Latin I-IV including grammar, syntax, and various literature such as Caesar, Cicero, and Virgil

Speech and Debate: Team Policy debates, Lincoln-Douglass debates, NCFCA competitions, Westfield Academy

Skills

Languages: English (Native), Latin (Intermediate), Spanish (Beginner)

Other: Technical Writing, Public Speaking, Podcasting, Video Editing, Media Coordination, A/V Operations

Clubs and Organizations

Hillsdale College: Society of Physics Students, Math Competition Team, Swing Dance Club, C. S. Lewis Society, Shakespeare Club, Tower Players, NANOSTars, Chess Club

Classical Conversations: President and Founder of the Chess Club

Teenpact: State Senator Elect of 2022, Debater on House Floor