

2021 SENIOR THESIS PRESENTATIONS

All Thesis presentations will be held in the Valley Fourth Memorial Church's Sanctuary unless otherwise noted. Guests are welcome to attend.

MONDAY, MAY 24

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Student</i> | <i>Statement</i> |
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| 9:30–10:30 AM | Zack Kapelac | Christian men who don't have a solid plan on what they want to do after high school should attend Mentoring Timothy because this program teaches practical skills and hard work, produces authenticity, and strengthens faith. |
| 2:00–3:00 PM | Evelyn Dykstra | The U.S. is approaching totalitarianism because traditional institutions are being destroyed, social atomization is splitting society apart, and personal life is increasingly more dependent on the government. |
| 3:00–4:00 PM | Daniel True | The progressive income tax should be replaced with a flat tax since it infringes on our natural rights, violates the government's role, and is economically harmful. |
| 4:00–5:00 PM | Ruth Dierdorff | The church ought to reflect Christ, not the world, in political involvement by overcoming division with reconciliation, by hoping not in man but in God, and by pursuing not worldly power but a faithful presence. |

TUESDAY, MAY 25

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Student</i> | <i>Statement</i> |
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| 9:20–10:20 AM <i>*Oaks Gym</i> | Elyssa Harken | Abortion must be made illegal because an unborn baby is a living person, because it is unconstitutional, and because it causes harm. |
| 11:00–12:00 PM | Cecily Lambert | Silence is a useful spiritual discipline because it vitalizes our relationship with God and increases our Christian virtue. |
| 3:00–4:00 PM | David Love | U.S. politicians fail to live up to the ethical standards of leaders because they misunderstand leadership, they pervert the purpose of politics, and they are corrupt. |
| 4:00–5:00 PM | Anna Sattler | We should not get the COVID-19 vaccine because it is unnecessary, it was developed unethically, and it is unsafe. |

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Student</i> | <i>Statement</i> |
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| 9:30–10:30 AM | Kristen Kwon | Students learn math best when teachers promote a growth mindset in the classroom because a growth mindset encourages mathematical thinking, hard work, and a culture of trust. |
| 1:00–2:00 PM | Esther Schumann | The church should transform worldly culture, not by accommodating itself to the world, not by separating itself from the world, but by focusing on the role of the church within the congregation. |

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| 3:00–4:00 PM | Camille Sorensen | We should intentionally shape our sleep patterns around spiritual principles because God commands us to and in order to benefit our physical health. |
| 4:00–5:00 PM | Noah Palpant | Christian parents ought to have their infants baptized. |

THURSDAY, MAY 27

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Student</i> | <i>Statement</i> |
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| 9:20–10:20 PM | Sam McEachran | It would have been right for the Oaks to civilly disobey the governor's order to go into lockdown because doing so satisfies the criteria for civil disobedience. |
| 2:00–3:00 PM | Tyndale Stutzman | The US government should not require implementation of backdoors because whenever it does so, it violates the rights of US citizens and jeopardizes individuals and the nation. |
| 3:00–4:00 PM | Dulci Stutzman | In the Divine Comedy, Dante uses Virgil to argue the superiority of Classical Christian Education through the legitimacy of pagan virtue and the limitations of worldly wisdom. |
| 4:00–5:00 PM | Isaiah Guillen | Michael Jordan is a hero because he matches the criteria of a hero in scripture according to his sacrifice, faithfulness, and inspiration to others. |

FRIDAY, MAY 28

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Student</i> | <i>Statement</i> |
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| 9:20–10:20 AM | Abby Kwon | The United States should withdraw from the United Nations because the organization is ineffective, corrupt, and harmful to natural rights. |
| 2:00–3:00 PM | Mia Welch | We embrace our God-given gender because it is ordained by God and ordained for our good. |
| 3:00–4:00 PM | Abby Farley | Feminism harms film because it promotes a false view of human nature, of salvation, and of story. |