



# The American Academy

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## **THE AMERICAN ACADEMY: NATIONAL 2010 SALVATORI PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING K-12 Success Story through Classical Christian Education: Training Leaders to Serve**

July 26, 2010 - The national 2010 Salvatori Prize winner for Excellence in Teaching is Mrs. PJ Chagan, history teacher at The American Academy (Conshohocken, PA). The Prize recognizes outstanding examples of teaching the ideals of western civilization and US constitutional liberty, and will be formally awarded Oct 3 at Hillsdale Academy, Hillsdale, MI. The award includes a \$25,000 grant to The American Academy.

As described on the Hillsdale College website, institutions which receive the Salvatori Prize are recognized as "...address(ing) constructively the perilous state of American education...it is intended that educators and citizens alike will come to regard the Salvatori Prize as a measure of teaching excellence and its recipients as inspiring examples."

Founded in 1995, The American Academy is greater Philadelphia's premier K-12 Classical Christian Academy, providing accelerated academics and character education through Latin, Greek, mathematics, science, Logic, Bible, the Great Books, writing, history, and etiquette. The Academy offers a rich array of extracurricular activities which include foreign policy club, opera and fencing. Strong student performance, leadership development, and acceptance at top colleges are among the benefits of attending The American Academy, a best value in elementary and secondary education.

Writing on the subject of education for Philadelphia's *The Bulletin*, Head of School Lee K. Anthony stated "The power to mold the next generation of citizens lies in elementary and secondary education. Proper education must supplant exposure to anti-Western, anti-American, anti-capitalism, anti-Christian and anti-family teachings pervasive in today's public and secular private schools. We have been too complacent in relinquishing parental control to the most powerful and most radical trade union in the world, the National Education Association."

Former parent and Board Member, Arthur Waldron, PhD, Lauder Professor of International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania:

*My wife and I found the American Academy only after coming to the conclusion that the amply-funded Bryn Mawr public schools were not educating our two boys. One visit to the school was enough to persuade us. Everything was excellent; mathematics and classics outstanding. Soon the boys were going to a church basement for classes, rather than a country club of a school. The lesson: education is about challenge, about achievement (and failure), about high expectations from students and teachers alike--and not about money or facilities. It must rest on values above all, and on rigorous early education-- in the Classics, mathematics and traditions of Western Civilization. Along with that comes genuine confidence and self esteem, not to mention enthusiasm for learning. In my experience The American Academy successfully carries out its Mission Statement, "To Unite Intellectual Excellence and Christian service in the education of young men and women" and I would recommend it over the far more famous public and private schools in its neighborhood. This is the real thing--and I would add, the wave of the future as well which is "forward to basics."*

Praise of The American Academy from Andrew Kern, CiRCE Institute:

*The American Academy near Philadelphia accomplishes classical education at a very high level...an example of the kind of thing a school can be when it keeps its focus and directs its resources wisely.*

For inquires regarding fall admission or to schedule an interview, please contact Lee Anthony (610)-864-6288 or email fanthony1@aol.com.

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