



# 2025-2026 SENIOR THESIS SCHEDULE

## WEEK ONE

Thursday, May 7

8:30AM	Siena Svendsen	W.W.J.D? Why Christians Must Approach Elections Through a Scriptural Lens*
9:30AM	Alex Malouf	Set in Stone: Why Holding to Current Conservative Immigration Policies is Optimal for the Future of America*
10:30AM	Joshua Patteson	My Body, No Choice: The Need to Establish Basic Healthcare as a Right in the U.S.
11:30AM	Christian Vis	Short-Term Relief, Long-Term Solutions? Why America's Response to Poverty in Africa Has Failed to Create Economic Sustainability
1:00PM	Ella-Grace Owens	Life After Death: Why the Death Penalty Interferes with God's Greater Purpose and Should Be Abolished*
2:00PM	Michael Heiny	Money Talks: The Influence of Lobbyists over Our Government and Its Consequences

Friday, May 8

8:30AM	Ben Lee	Rock and Sand: A Comparison of Traditional and American Evangelical Christianity
9:30AM	Noah Lee	Where is My Mind? Why Digital Immortality Threatens Human Identity, Law, and Faith
10:30AM	Logan Reyes	It's Rocket Science: Why Investment for the Space Industry Should Be Prioritized
11:30AM	Payton Boles	Prevention Over Prescriptions: Why Americans Need to Invest in Their Health Now Through the Principles of Medicine 3.0
1:00PM	Amelia Morgan	Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall: How a Misinterpretation of the Body Positivity Movement Has Led to a Toxic Reality
2:00PM	Austin Hodo	Don't Trust Your Gut! Why Nutritional Misinformation Is a Primary Factor in Modern Obesity

WEEK TWO

Monday, May 11

8:30AM	Noah Brunsvold	Divided We Fall: Why the Current Political Divide Calls for a Greater Emphasis on Unity
9:30AM	Sammy Tapia	Where's My Water? Why the U.S. Government Should Invest More in the Nation's Water Infrastructure
10:30AM	Jax Riddle	Cutting Corners: How AI Disrupts Young Minds in Educational Settings
1:00PM	Harper Deimund	Smile for the Cameras: Why the Under-Regulated World of Kid Influencers Needs Better Protection
2:00PM	Reese Smith	More than a Summer: Why Parents Need to Prioritize Sending Children to Summer Camp

Tuesday, May 12

8:30AM	Maggie Deimund	Window Shopping: Why the Superficial Focus of the Current Dating Culture in America Demands Change*
9:30AM	Samuel Crews	Let's Get Back on Track: Why Texas Cities Should Prioritize Having a Fast and Reliable Public Transit System over Highway Expansion
10:30AM	Harris Priesmeyer	Grandma Got Run Over by a Robotaxi: Why Autonomous Vehicles Are Not the Solution They Are Made Out to Be
1:00PM	Robert Jons	Working Hard or Hardly Working: Why There Needs to Be a Greater Push for Highschoolers to Get Jobs
2:00PM	Megan Luffy	Wherefore Art Thou, Humanities? Why the Humanities Must Be Reprioritized in Schools

Wednesday, May 13

8:30AM	Audrey Lapacka	Taking the Shot: A Reevaluation of Alcohol Consumption in Our Culture
9:30AM	Ava McPherson	Pursuit of Perfection: Why Christians Should Approach Biohacking with Caution
10:30AM	Mason Sutton	Grade Point Amiss: Why the GPA Should Be Removed from Classical Schools
1:00PM	Casey Britton	Too Poor to Play: Why the U.S. Youth Soccer System Is in Desperate Need of Reform
2:00PM	William Pickle	Take Me Out to the Ball Game: How the Modern Sports Broadcasting Model Is Killing the Industry

Thursday, May 14

G.K. Chesterton Award Finalists

8:30AM	Emrey Taylor	Where the Wild Things Went: How a Childhood Disconnected from Nature Fails to Develop a Well-Rounded Child
9:30AM	Abigail Bussey	Time-out! The Need to Address the Harmful Trend of Gentle Parenting
10:30AM	Caroline Pickle	Diagnosis: System Failure! Why the Current Approach to Healthcare Must Change
11:30AM	Gray Bruner	Two's an Odd Number: How the Two-Party System Ineffectively Represents the American People
1:00PM	Teagan Fikes	"It's Just Stretching": Why Occultism is the Biggest Threat to the American Evangelical Church
2:00PM	Jonathan Taylor	Keep It in the Family: An Examination of the Traditional Family's Unrivaled Benefits for Society

Friday, May 15

G.K. Chesterton Award Finalists

8:30AM	Sopris Oglesby	It's an Emergency! Why America Needs to Re-Examine Mandates After the COVID-19 Pandemic
9:30AM	Trinity Cloud	Out of Sight, Not Out of Mind: Why the Current Narrative Surrounding Abortion Needs to be Changed*
10:30AM	Brady Chandler	Fission Impossible: How Advances in Nuclear Technology Can Enhance Our Energy Infrastructure
11:30AM	Elle Chalmers	Out of the Frying Pan and into the Fire: Why the Current State of the Extended Foster Care System Demands Reform
1:00PM	Mary Simpson	Hit by the Jackpot: Why the Current Trend of Large Tort Verdicts Should Be Stopped
2:00PM	Reid Wilson	To Shelve or Not to Shelve: The Case for Local High School Library Governance

All presentations will be held in the Lyceum and are open to the public.

\*Please note that not all subject matter is suitable for young children.