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Why Northern Oaks Scholars Will One Day Rule The World:
Navigating Technology Wisely in the Digital Age

On Thursday evening at 7:15, come hear Dr. Amber Dyer share her talk from the National Symposium for Classical Education—how our Great Hearts community of parents, faculty, and scholars might flourish in the digital age! We'll look at the latest research on technology and the adolescent brain and consider: "Why do Silicon Valley executives and coders send their children to low-tech, high-human schools like Great Hearts?" "What are some practical ways to navigate technology as a community of Great-Hearted parents and scholars?" And "What do classical schools do differently when it comes to technology, and how does it enable children to flourish now and in adulthood?"

BIO: Dr. Amber Dyer joined Great Hearts in 2021 to build the first two-campus Upper School in Texas and mentor leaders in Great Hearts' national Apex Leadership Program. Prior to joining Great Hearts, Dr. Dyer was a university professor and administrator for over 20 years and taught over 2,000 university students the classics. While at the University of Dallas, she taught business communication for graduate business students, served as the Assistant Dean of Students, and designed the summer program *Arete: An Invitation to the Classics for High School Students*. More recently, Dr. Dyer served as a Senior Consultant for the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture's Cowan Center for Education where she co-wrote the business plan for, fundraised, and mentored teachers and administrators to establish classical liberal arts Cowan Academies in traditional public schools.

Dr. Dyer holds the Ph.D. in literature with distinction from the University of Dallas Institute of Philosophic Studies. She has published on such diverse authors as C.S. Lewis, Dostoevsky, and Rousseau and is the recipient of the Conference for Christianity and Literature's James Sims Prize for Literature. She was Dr. Louise Cowan's final graduate assistant and mentee and speaks to audiences frequently on the transformational work of classical liberal education. She and her husband, tech entrepreneur and author Dr. John Dyer, are the proud parents of two Great Hearts Irving scholars.