



# 2025 Horatio Alger Society Convention

## *“Dash to DeKalb IV”*

May 1 – 4, 2025

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

### Schedule of Events



“Dash to DeKalb IV,” Northern Illinois University, Founders Memorial Library, 1425 W. Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

Convention Host: Northern Illinois University Libraries  
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<b>Thursday, May 1, 2025</b>	
6:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast on your own
9:00 am – 10:00 pm	Registration in the Staff Lounge, lower level of Founders Memorial Library
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Board of Directors meeting in the Technical Services Conference Room, Founders Memorial Library
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner on your own.
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Staff Lounge opens after dinner.
<b>Friday, May 2, 2024</b>	
6:00 am – 8:45 am	Breakfast on your own
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Registration in the Staff Lounge, lower level of Founders Memorial Library
9:00 am – 9:10 am	Welcome by NIU Libraries Dean, Fred Barnhart, and H.A.S. President, Carol Nackenoff
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Presentations by three former Horatio Alger Society Fellows (open to the public): Emily Coccia (Carleton College), Fredrik Stark (Texas A&M University—Kingsville), and Melissa Adams-Campbell (Northern Illinois University)
10:45 am – 11:15 am	Tour of the Horatio Alger Repository and American Popular Literature Collection led by Beth McGowan
11:20 am – 11:45 pm	Book Lab Demonstration by Beth McGowan
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch from Einstein Bros. Bagels (delivered to the Staff Lounge)
1:00 pm – 1:20	Preservation demonstration by Sata Prescott

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Consignment/Donation Auction (which may or may not take four hours). Hospitality Room closes at 5:00
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner at the Junction Eating Place, 816 W Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, in the “Junction” shopping center.
8:30 pm – 10:00 pm	H.A.S. Hospitality Room opens upon return from dinner
<b>Saturday, May 3, 2024</b>	
6:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast on your own
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Set up for book sale, Staff Lounge
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Annual H.A.S. book sale (open to the public)
10:15 am – 11:30 am	Finish Friday auction (if necessary; otherwise, book sale continues)
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own.
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Afternoon open. Guided tour of the Ellwood House Mansion, 420 Linden Pl, DeKalb, IL 60115. Tour begins at 1:00pm and lasts 1-1/2 hours. Originally built for barbed wire entrepreneur Isaac Ellwood, the Mansion was home to three generations of the Ellwood family from 1879 to 1965. Hospitality Room opens after tour.
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Annual H.A.S. Banquet, Sky Room, Holmes Student Center. H.A.S. annual awards. Keynote speaker: Mark Van Wienen. Mark will discuss railroad fiction.
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	H.A.S. Hospitality Room will remain open after dinner
<b>Sunday, May 4, 2024</b>	
6:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast on your own