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Hillsdale College Launches Charter School Initiative

Hillsdale, Mich. — Hillsdale College announced today it has launched a K-12 charter school initiative to have a positive and lasting effect on the education of young Americans. The school will be based on a classical liberal arts model and will have a strong civics component that will equip students to understand and defend the principles of the American Constitution.

“Reform of American public education, to be successful and good, must be built on a foundation of classical liberal arts learning,” said Phil Kilgore, Director of Hillsdale College’s Barney Charter School Initiative. “This is the kind of learning best suited to a free society and most needed for its preservation. Our charter school initiative is an important step in that direction.”

On May 31, 2010, Hillsdale College will issue a Request for Proposal, inviting proposals from parents and local citizens who are committed to education reform, who plan to apply or are in the process of applying for a charter, and who are interested in an association with Hillsdale. Particular focus will be on the states of Arkansas, Georgia, Oklahoma and Texas, due to their laws governing charter schools.

When a finalist is selected, Hillsdale College will provide both curricular and financial assistance to the charter school.

“Drawing upon the experience and success of Hillsdale Academy, the College’s private K-12 school, an education department uniquely devoted to classical liberal arts learning, and the College’s relationship with outstanding charter schools nationwide through its Center for Teacher Excellence, we are confident that this new charter school will become a model both within its state and beyond,” said Hillsdale College President Larry P. Arnn.

For more information about the Request for Proposal, please log onto www.hillsdalecharter.org.

*Hillsdale College was founded in 1844 and has built a national reputation through its maintenance of a classical core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept any federal or state taxpayer subsidies. It also conducts a large outreach effort that promotes civil and religious liberty, including a monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a current circulation of 1.8 million.*

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