



HILLSDALE COLLEGE

PURSUING TRUTH · DEFENDING LIBERTY SINCE 1844

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

8/12/2015

CONTACTS: Emily Stack Davis
517-607-2730 (work)
517-803-3745 (cell)
Edavis1@hillsdale.edu
PR@hillsdale.edu

Matthew Kagel
703-297-4898
kagel@pinkstongroup.com

Hillsdale College Named Among Best Colleges for 2016 by The Princeton Review

Outstanding academics, accessible professors cited for high ratings

Hillsdale, MI – Hillsdale College is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features the College in the 2016 edition of its flagship college guide “The Best 380 Colleges,” published August 4.

“Hillsdale’s commitment to the classical liberal arts and a rigorous core curriculum is rare in American colleges and universities today, and our inclusion among The Princeton Review’s ‘Best 380 Colleges’ is further evidence that a classical liberal arts education best prepares students for the challenges of modern life,” said Dr. David Whalen, Provost of Hillsdale College. “Our students hold their professors in high regard, which speaks to the success of our efforts to cultivate a truly superb and engaged faculty.”

In addition to profiling the nation’s 380 best colleges, The Princeton Review produces lists of the top 20 colleges ranked in various categories. Hillsdale College appeared on several of these lists, including:

- No. 5 on Professors Get High Marks
- No. 16 on Their Students Love This College
- No. 17 on Most Accessible Professors
- No. 17 on Students Most Engaged in Community Service

The Princeton Review also calculates ratings in eight categories based on institutional data it collected during the 2014-15 academic year and/or its student survey for the book. The ratings are based on a scale of 60 to 99. Hillsdale College scored:

- 98 for Professor Accessibility
- 99 for Professor Interest
- 94 for Academics
- 91 for Quality of Life

“Hillsdale’s outstanding academics are the chief reason we chose it for this book, and we strongly recommend it to applicants,” said Robert Franek, Princeton Review's senior vice president, publisher and author of “The Best

380 Colleges.” “We make our selections primarily based on data we collect through our annual surveys of administrators at several hundred four-year colleges. Additionally, we give considerable weight to observations from our school visits, opinions of our staff and our National College Counselor Advisory Board, and an unparalleled amount of feedback we get from our surveys of students attending these schools.”

Only about 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges and only four colleges outside the U.S. are profiled in the book. Published annually since 1992, it includes detailed profiles of the colleges with rating scores for all of the schools in eight categories based on The Princeton Review’s surveys of students attending the colleges.

In its profile on Hillsdale College, The Princeton Review notes that admission “is a privilege extended to students who will benefit from, and contribute to, the academic, social and spiritual environments of the College. Important determinants for admission are intellectual curiosity, ambition, leadership and volunteerism.”

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College, founded in 1844, has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies — even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 2.9 million.

About The Princeton Review

The Princeton Review is a leading tutoring, test prep and college-admission services company. Every year, it helps millions of college- and graduate school-bound students achieve their education and career goals through online and in-person courses delivered by a network of more than 4,000 teachers and tutors, online resources and its more than 150 print and digital books published by Penguin Random House.

###