

Media Advisory – Monday, Feb. 29, 2016

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Hillsdale College Hosts Lecture Series: Sports & Character

Sports are often thought of merely as recreation or entertainment. But as the mission statement of Hillsdale College Athletics makes clear, they also inspire and elevate our minds and characters. This fourth CCA of the 2015-2016 academic year will consider our attachment to sports and the relationship of sports and character past and present.

On March 6-8, Hillsdale College invites you to its Center for Constructive Alternatives, as leading professionals and scholars give insight and understanding to the connection between sports and personal character.

Sunday, March 6

- 4:00 p.m. “Why We Love Sports”
 Michael Novak
 Author, *The Joy of Sports: Endzones, Bases, Baskets, Balls, and the Consecration of the American Spirit*
- 8:00 p.m. “Sports and Character”
 Curt Schilling
 Former six-time All-Star pitcher for the Boston Red Sox

Monday, March 7

- 4:00 p.m. “Sports in the Ancient World”
 Michael Poliakoff
 Author, *Combat Sports in the Ancient World: Competition, Violence, and Culture*
- 8:00 p.m. “Ty Cobb’s Character: What We Know That’s Wrong”
 Charles Leerhsen
 Author, *Ty Cobb: A Terrible Beauty*

Tuesday, March 8

- 4:00 p.m. “In Defense of College Football”
 John U. Bacon
 Author, *Endzone: The Rise, Fall, and Return of Michigan Football*
- 8:00 p.m. “Michael Jordan’s Competitive Greatness”
 Roland Lazenby
 Poet and Author, *Michael Jordan: The Life*

**WHAT: Hillsdale College’s Center for Constructive Alternatives
 Lecture Series: Sports & Character**

WHERE: Hillsdale College
33 E. College St.
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Hillsdale College's Center for Constructive Alternatives (CCA) sponsors one of the largest college lecture series in America. CCA seminars are held four times a year on wide-ranging topics. Lectures are open to the public, and out-of-town guests are welcomed.

Hillsdale College is an independent liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College 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 3.4 million.

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