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We Must Stand by the Good

LARRY P. ARNN

President

Recently there has been a great deal of trouble on the campuses of many of America's colleges and universities. These places of higher learning are rich and their students are heavily subsidized. The dormitories are new, the food is excellent, and the campus is a center of activity and excitement. Yet these students claim to be suffering and oppressed. What is the cause?

The ostensible culprits are "microaggressions." Yet the explanation for the emptiness and nihilism one finds on these campuses can be found in a doctrine expressed more than 100 years ago by Frank Goodnow, former president of Johns Hopkins University and the first president of the American Political Science Association:

We teachers perhaps take ourselves too seriously at times. That I am willing to admit. We may not have nearly the influence which we think we have. Changes in economic conditions for which we are in no way responsible bring in their train, regardless of what we teach, changes in beliefs and opinions.

Isn't that a terrible thing for a teacher to write? It means the activity that goes on in the classroom cannot lead anywhere. Little wonder that Progressives such as Goodnow and Dewey shifted their focus from training minds to controlling social conditions and the people who live in society.

Compare this to the older view of education that it replaced. Perhaps the most beautiful account of this thing was inspired by an education at Amherst College—one of the old, distinguished places that recently served as a center of student unrest. This account of an Amherst education, given



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by our 30th President, Calvin Coolidge, presents a very different view:

Our investigation revealed that man is endowed with reason, that the human mind has the power to weigh evidence, to distinguish between right and wrong and to know the truth...Every reaction in the universe is a manifestation of [God's] presence. Man was revealed as His son, and nature as the hem of His garment, while through a common Fatherhood we are all embraced in a common brotherhood...The conclusions which followed from this position were logical and inescapable. It sets man off in a separate kingdom from all the other creatures in the universe, and makes him a true son of God and a partaker of the Divine nature. This is the warrant for his freedom and the demonstration of his equality. It does not assume all are equal in degree but all are equal in

kind. On that precept rests a foundation for democracy that cannot be shaken.

Coolidge's education was grounded in the premise that man can know and study the good—which has served as the foundation of education since the advent of Socratic philosophy. To know this thing is a daily urgency, and colleges were founded so that young people might address themselves to that activity. To learn something so high requires a common commitment, and once that commitment is made, colleges can proceed by deliberation and debate.

Hillsdale College remains ever committed to this type of education and in opposition to this affliction of ignorance that plagues Western Civilization. We must stand by the good and remind ourselves of the great truths that taught us our equality and freedom. If we stand by these things, we will be on the winning side, even if we must stand against overwhelming force.



An artist's rendering of the auditorium expansion.

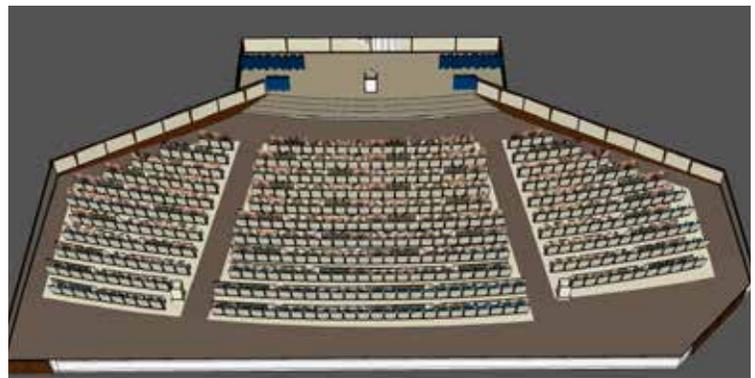
As Audiences Grow, Facilities Must Follow

College to Expand Phillips Auditorium

On October 5, 2015, Hillsdale College dedicated its new Searle Center, a stunning expansion and renovation of its old dining hall and a key component of the Rebirth of Liberty and Learning Campaign. Since then, the Searle Center has hosted several large groups, including 800 guests at the Fall Parents Weekend luncheon, 400 at the Hillsdale Academy 25th Anniversary Celebration, 350 students at the sophomore class brunch, and many more for CCA dinners and the faculty and staff Christmas dinner. Now the College will turn its attention to renovating and expanding the adjacent Phillips Auditorium, and, in time, many rooms in the Dow Hotel and Conference Center.

While some design details are not yet finalized, the auditorium's capacity will nearly double to almost 700 seats. New lighting, projection, and sound systems will be installed, along with a new drop screen. The increased auditorium capacity, coupled with the similar capacity of the Searle Center, will accommodate increasing numbers of guests who visit campus to attend CCA lectures and other programs.

The original auditorium was constructed in 1964 as part of what was called the Dow Leadership Development Center. An auditorium was integral to a campus master plan devised in the 1950s by then-President J. Donald Phillips. Professor Emeritus of History Arlan Gilbert writes in his history of the College, *The Permanent Things*, that "the 'discussion auditorium' (later named the Phillips Auditorium) with its 214 swivel chairs was intended to make possible small discussion groups." Over the



View of main level and stage.

years, the auditorium has been expanded and refurbished as the College's audiences continued to grow.

Of special interest to parents is the Seats of Honor Campaign. A gift or pledge of \$5,000 allows you to have your name—or the name of a family member, friend, or company—inscribed on a brass plate permanently affixed to an auditorium seat. What a special way to honor your student! Such a gift can also go toward a President's Club membership; think of it as a "down payment" toward fulfilling your pledge.

If you are interested in purchasing a Seat of Honor or supporting the College's Rebirth of Liberty and Learning Campaign, please contact Director of Parent Relations Mary Ewers at (517) 607-2382 or mewers@hillsdale.edu.

Learning While Working

CCA Student Assistant Enjoys Unique Opportunities

CHRISTIAN WIESE, '17

*Economics Major
Missouri*

For a student, a CCA week can be busy. On top of the usual Hillsdale classes and activities, students enrolled in a CCA must attend six lectures and then write a paper, which is due a few weeks later. But like anything truly meaningful at our college, the invested effort and the shared discussions along the way make CCAs a special part of the Hillsdale experience. The liberal arts education at Hillsdale extends beyond the classroom, and the CCAs are a great opportunity for students and guests alike.

I have been fortunate to work as a CCA student assistant, preparing for the conferences with the purpose of creating a positive experience for guests, speakers, and students. My co-workers are selfless and hard-working, and we prepare behind the scenes to ensure that everything from guest information packets to nametags are ready so that attendees can enjoy their time at the College.

Incredible speakers, such as Steve Forbes, Victor Davis Hanson, and Minnie Churchill, give 45-minute talks that cover topics such as the military decisions of World War I, the history of metallic currency, and the movies of Frank Capra. After the lectures, guests and students ask the speakers questions, which often provide further clarity and insight.

The lectures, however, comprise only a part of the CCA experience. Because the CCAs attract engaged listeners, they tend to stimulate interesting conversations. At last October's



Christian Wiese and Alexandra Leonard with keynote speaker Steve Forbes at the November CCA.

Winston Churchill CCA, I found myself in a conversation with a professional Churchill impersonator, several guests, and fellow students. Our different perspectives on Churchill enriched our discussions and contributed to our takeaways from the speakers. These conversations take the CCA experience past mere listening and allow students and guests to engage with the topic and develop well-informed opinions.

I came to Hillsdale College because I appreciate the desire to continue learning and developing. The CCAs are a microcosm of what we seek to do at Hillsdale: obtain greater knowledge in our pursuit of the good, the true, and the beautiful.

The Independence Club at Hillsdale College

The Independence Club is our annual fundraising campaign that supports the College's mission. Thousands of alumni, parents, and friends with a deep understanding of that mission and a strong commitment to privately funded liberal arts education generously contribute to the Independence Club each year at one of the four participation levels:

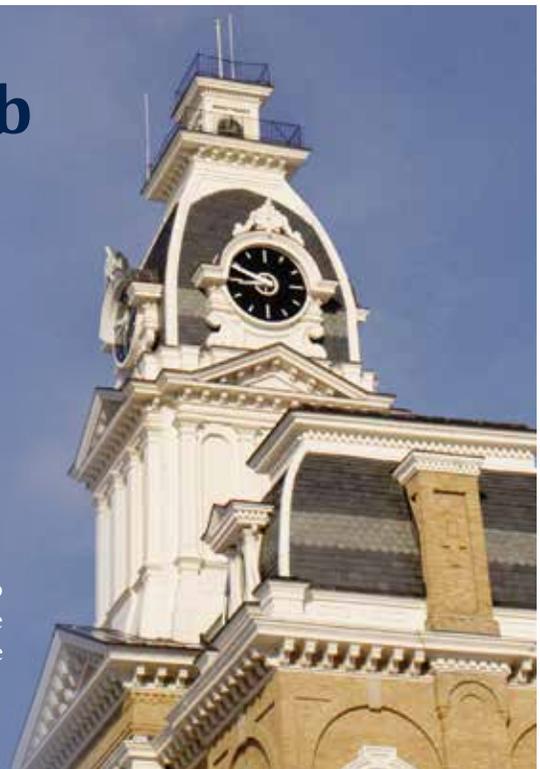
Independence Benefactors annual gifts of \$1,000 to \$1,499

Independence Founders annual gifts of \$500 to \$999

Independence Friends annual gifts of \$250 to \$499

Independence Patrons annual gifts of \$100 to \$249

As Hillsdale parents, any gift of \$100 or more that you make to Hillsdale each academic year qualifies you to become an Independence Club member. If you would like to join the Independence Club, please contact Mary Ewers at (517) 607-2469, or mewers@hillsdale.edu.



Connecting Hillsdale to the Outside World

Professor Shares Free Market Ideas through Outreach Programs

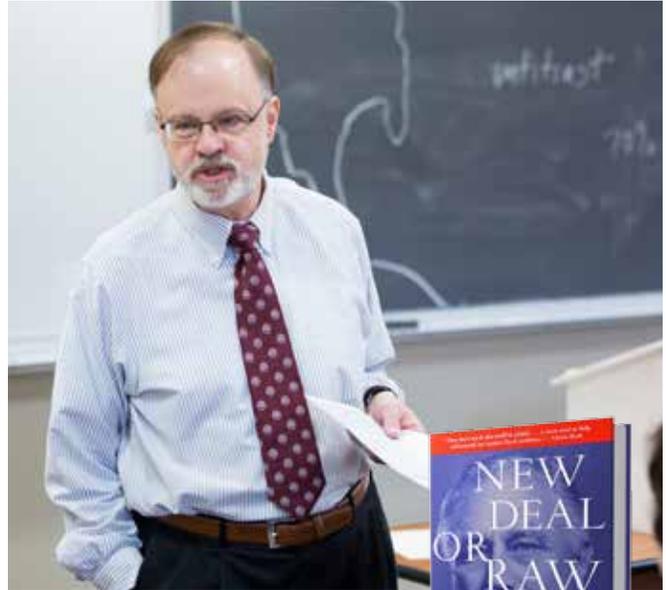
DR. BURTON W. FOLSOM, JR.

*Charles F. Kline Chair in History and Management,
Professor of History*

Teaching Hillsdale students keeps me in the flow of academic life on campus; but when I speak at CCAs and summer Hillsdale Hostels on campus—or at luncheons and Freedom Forums off campus—I get to connect Hillsdale College with the outside world. When people at these events see my “Hillsdale College faculty” badge, often they immediately ask me to explain why Hillsdale is so special. They have heard about Hillsdale, and they are intrigued by our independence and determination to show that limited government works in the world of education.

My lectures to these audiences usually center on the U.S. economy—specifically, the problems with government programs and how entrepreneurs and free markets do better at sparking economic growth. Many listeners tell me afterward that they wish they had learned in their college classrooms the lessons we teach at Hillsdale. Once, at a Freedom Forum in Washington State, we were able to recruit two good high school students to attend Hillsdale College. At summer Hostels, I lecture four times during a week so I get to know the attendees well, and we can better show them what a Hillsdale education is all about.

CCAs on campus give us the chance to hear from and talk with all kinds of speakers. After publishing my book, *New Deal or Raw Deal?*, I was invited to be the third speaker at a CCA. The first two speakers were both politically liberal. The audience was very patient and civil to these speakers, but I did enjoy speaking after them and getting the chance to explain why President Roosevelt’s New Deal programs failed to halt the Great Depression. One of those CCA speakers, whom I have known for years, wrote and told me he liked the clash of ideas and was pleased that Hillsdale students gave him a fair hearing.



Dr. Folsom joined the Hillsdale College faculty in 2003. He is the author of ten books, three of which he wrote with his wife, Anita.

My wife, Anita, heads Hillsdale’s Free Market Forum, and we both appreciate our college’s efforts at this annual event to reach professors at Christian colleges and universities with free market ideas.

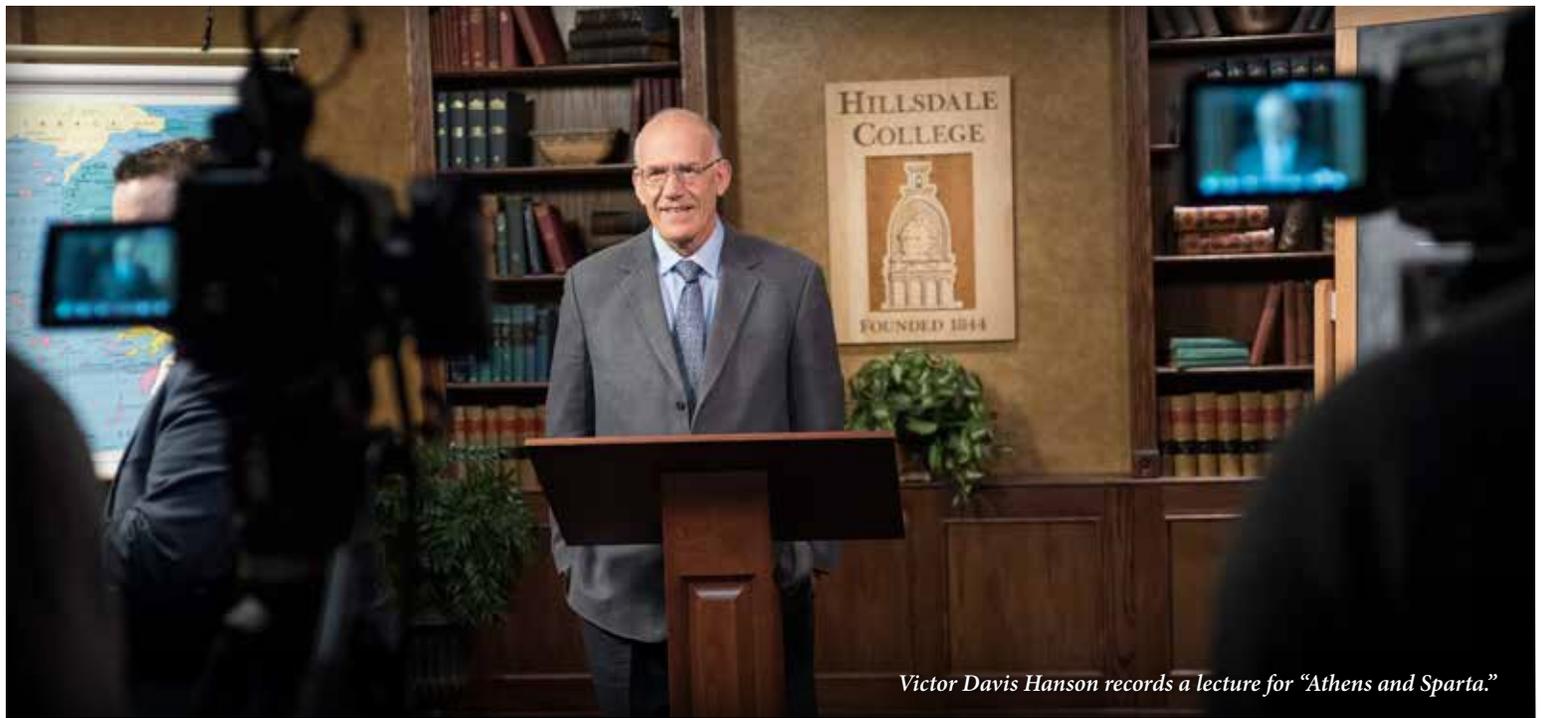
Through its outreach at national conferences and its online courses, Hillsdale College is able to reach many thousands of people each year who are seeking the kind of education they were denied in their college classrooms.



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FEDS AWAY!

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FEBRUARY 22-25, 2016
Weekday Evenings, 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM



Victor Davis Hanson records a lecture for "Athens and Sparta."

ONLINE.HILLSDALE.EDU

Take a Hillsdale Course from the Comfort of Your Home

Hillsdale parents and grandparents are always welcome to attend events at the College, including the four CCA seminars held each year. For those who might not have the opportunity to attend a campus seminar, however, the College offers a similar learning opportunity through its online courses. Started in 2011, these courses are based on Hillsdale's undergraduate curriculum and offered free to anyone who wishes to learn. Currently available are 13 online courses that cover topics such as the Constitution, Western heritage, American history, free market economics, and more. All courses have been archived and can be taken when convenient. Each course features readings, study guides, quizzes, discussion groups, and the opportunity to receive a certificate upon completion.

This spring, the College is launching its newest offerings. In February, a 12-week course begins on the topic of "Public Policy from a Constitutional Viewpoint." Taught by faculty from Hillsdale's politics, history, and economics departments, it will cover such topics as "Principles in American Politics," "Terrorism and Foreign Policy," "Immigration," "Health Care," and "Marriage and Family." The other new course, which will be released beginning in March, is "Athens and Sparta." This nine-week course will be taught by Victor Davis Hanson, Hillsdale's

Wayne and Marcia Buske Distinguished Fellow in History, and Paul Rahe, professor of history and holder of the Charles O. Lee and Louise K. Lee Chair in Western Heritage.

Dr. Rahe has lectured for five online courses thus far and is looking forward to the new courses this spring. "The effort required is considerable," he says. "One must boil down a great deal to one, two, three, or four lectures. But the results are excellent. Every time that I watch one of the College's online lectures, I am impressed by the intelligence and rhetorical skill of my colleagues. These courses are a real treasure."

Professor Emeritus of Politics Will Morrisey agrees. "Years ago, a disillusioned scholar lamented the decline of liberal education in a bestselling book titled *The Closing of the American Mind*," he says. "Hillsdale's online learning program aims at reopening that mind with lectures on every dimension of the liberal arts, lectures offered to anyone who has access to a computer."

On a one-stop website, online.hillsdale.edu, Hillsdale parents, grandparents and other family members can learn more about the Constitution, *The Federalist Papers*, economics, history, and literature. When your Hillsdale student comes home for a visit, your dinner conversations are sure to be livelier!



It's the Parents!

Summer Send-Off Parties Build Lasting Friendships

DRS. GEORGE AND TAMI TUCKER

Parents of Ralston, Class of 2018

California

In the fall of 2014, we sent our southern California-raised daughter to Hillsdale College. While we were overjoyed about her choice to attend Hillsdale, the distance and weather were intimidating. Much to our relief, the drastic transition from sunny So-Cal to living in a dorm in Michigan went seamlessly.

The phone calls from our daughter were filled with details about her new friends, classes, events, and the gorgeous campus with its fall foliage. But a central theme emerged in every call. Our daughter laughed when telling us about the sign for Hillsdale, Michigan, which reads, "It's the people," but she described how true the phrase rang. In each and every call home, she struggled for words to describe how exceptional the environment was at Hillsdale. To her, the absolute quality of the teachers, staff, and student body was tangible and brought the simple phrase, "It's the people," to life.

Prior to our daughter leaving for her first semester, we attended a Summer Send-Off Party. Here we experienced firsthand what our daughter later described about the Hillsdale community. At the Send-Off Party, we made friends with parents who live in our area. We got together with a group of them several times that first year while our daughter was away. These amazing Hillsdale parents were a source of support to us. Moreover, they will be lifelong friends. In fact, when we meet parents of Hillsdale students, we often feel like we have known them forever, the conversations never lag, and our lives are enriched. While we cannot experience life on campus, we have experienced the quality of the people and parents associated with the College. We now know, through experience, what that corny little phrase, "It's the people," means, and we have added a second phrase: "It's the parents."



Drs. George and Tami Tucker

Through interacting with Director of Parent Relations Mary Ewers at the Summer Send-Off Parties in our area, we learned how parents can become involved in furthering the mission of this amazing school, even though they may be thousands of miles away. And we learned how we can create a Hillsdale community right here in our area. The Summer Send-Off Parties were instrumental in helping us to accomplish both of these things.

Lately, as the atmosphere on some college campuses deteriorates, Hillsdale College remains a beacon. If your child is blessed to attend this institution, we encourage you to get involved. One way to start is to host a Summer Send-Off Party for the students and parents in your area. We did this last summer as our daughter left to start her sophomore year.

We may well ask that another sign be erected outside the entrance to Hillsdale: "It's the people, and it's the parents."

EXTEND THE REACH of Hillsdale Admissions

Do you know of motivated, talented high school students in your area who should consider attending Hillsdale College?

If so, we would like to add them to our prospective student mailing list. This will allow us to invite them to Admissions events and keep them informed about on-campus activities. To refer the names of students, simply go to hillsdale.edu/admissions/referral or phone the Admissions Office at (517) 607-2327.



THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB INTRODUCES NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS AND REQUIREMENTS

As of July 1, 2013, the criteria for membership in The President's Club have been revised and expanded. We are pleased to introduce the Platinum and Diamond levels.

The new criteria are explained below.

TRADITIONAL

- Pledge of an annual gift of at least \$1,500 for ten years;
OR
- An outright gift of \$15,000 in cash, securities, or property;
OR
- Establishment of a planned gift with a minimum designation of \$15,000 of the deductible gift portion to Hillsdale College;
OR
- Establishment of an estate bequest of at least \$15,000.

YOUNG ALUMNI TRADITIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- All Hillsdale College alumni under the age of 30 qualify.
- Membership is met by pledging at the Traditional level amount of \$15,000.
- A variable pledge completion date is determined by his or her age.
- The pledge is completed at a rate of \$750 per year until the member reaches age 30; the pledge is then completed at the normal rate of \$1,500 per year.

BRONZE

- Pledge of an annual gift of at least \$2,500 for ten years;
OR
- An outright gift of \$25,000 in cash, securities, or property;
OR
- Establishment of a planned gift with a minimum designation of \$25,000 of the deductible gift portion to Hillsdale College;
OR
- Establishment of an estate bequest of at least \$25,000.

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- Pledge of an annual gift of at least \$5,000 for ten years;
OR
- An outright gift of \$50,000 in cash, securities, or property;
OR
- Establishment of a planned gift with a minimum designation of \$50,000 of the deductible gift portion to Hillsdale College;
OR
- Establishment of an estate bequest of at least \$50,000.

GOLD

- Pledge of an annual gift of at least \$10,000 for ten years;
OR
- An outright gift of \$100,000 in cash, securities, or property;
OR
- Establishment of a planned gift with a minimum designation of \$100,000 of the deductible gift portion to Hillsdale College;
OR
- Establishment of an estate bequest of at least \$100,000.

PLATINUM

- Pledge of an annual gift of at least \$50,000 for ten years;
OR
- An outright gift of \$500,000 in cash, securities, or property;
OR
- Establishment of a planned gift with a minimum designation of \$500,000 of the deductible gift portion to Hillsdale College;
OR
- Establishment of an estate bequest of at least \$500,000.

DIAMOND

- Pledge of an annual gift of at least \$100,000 for ten years;
OR
- An outright gift of \$1,000,000 in cash, securities, or property;
OR
- Establishment of a planned gift with a minimum designation of \$1,000,000 of the deductible gift portion to Hillsdale College;
OR
- Establishment of an estate bequest of at least \$1,000,000.

The President's Club Is Calling

We invite you to consider joining The President's Club, Hillsdale's premier donor society that recognizes members "for partnership in its mission, to promote 'civil and religious liberty and intelligent piety' through 'sound learning,' both in the classroom and through national outreach."

There are just over 3,386 memberships (comprised of individuals and couples) for a total of 5,534 members from across the country. Levels have recently changed for new or upgraded memberships only. Members at the Traditional level make a \$15,000 gift outright (or pledge \$1,500/year or \$125/month for ten years). Bronze members make a \$25,000 gift outright (or pledge \$2,500/year or \$209/month for ten years). Silver members make a \$50,000 gift outright (or pledge \$5,000/year or

\$417/month for ten years). Gold members make a \$100,000 gift outright (or pledge \$10,000/year or \$843/month for ten years). Platinum members make a \$500,000 outright gift (or pledge \$50,000/year). Diamond members make a \$1 million outright gift (or pledge \$100,000/year).

The list below recognizes current parents and grandparents who are President's Club members. If you are a member and your name does not appear, please contact Cheryl Clawson at caclawson@hillsdale.edu or (517) 607-2382. For information on joining The President's Club, please contact Maree Socha at msocha@hillsdale.edu or (517) 607-2601, or contact Mary Ewers, Director of Parent Relations and The President's Club, at mewers@hillsdale.edu or (517) 607-2382.

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OUR DAUGHTER, who is our youngest child, finished at Hillsdale in December and will walk in the graduation ceremony this spring. This is our second child to graduate from Hillsdale, which made me wonder—“Does this mean my husband and I are no longer Hillsdale Parents?”

Over the past several years of living as Hillsdale Parents, we have become more informed citizens (although I did not think this was possible!). The exposure we gained from speakers, CCAs, Imprimis, Hillsdale’s other publications, and our children’s sharing of campus life made us more educated. Because of this special exposure, we are bolder and more unapologetic with our Christian-conservative principles (I did not think this was possible either!).

We have valued the opportunities that Hillsdale has given to our entire family. Professors have engaged our children intellectually, personally, and, at times, spiritually. The Washington-Hillsdale Internship Program, club sports, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and, most recently, the invitation to tour Israel all afforded “extended classroom experiences.” Through these experiences, the grandparents have become Hillsdale Parents as well.

I have concluded that current parents who have not yet



McNally family at Christian’s graduation: Ellen, ’16, Christian, ’14, Barb, and Mark

experienced a Hillsdale graduation may not realize that parents never really graduate from being Hillsdale Parents. Being a Hillsdale Parent is more than a static position. It is a state of mind!

— **MARK AND BARBARA McNALLY**
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Rebirth of Liberty and Learning Campaign Update

NANCY JOHNSON

*Executive Director of
Institutional Advancement*

Through the Rebirth of Liberty and Learning Campaign, we are fulfilling a great service to current and future students. The campaign supports our annual and long-term needs for general operations, specific programs, and improvements to the core curriculum. It provides endowment for scholarships and faculty chairs, as well as funding for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of campus buildings.

Two of the campaign's capital projects are at the forefront of current fundraising efforts: Christ Chapel and the auditorium expansion. A new chapel will provide a beautiful place for worship, concerts, and a variety of other student events.

The Hillsdale College Parents Association set a multi-year fundraising goal of \$2.8 million for its construction. At this writing, parents and grandparents of current and past students have made 1,368 gifts or pledges in support of the chapel, with nearly \$1.18 million received in cash and an additional \$1.1



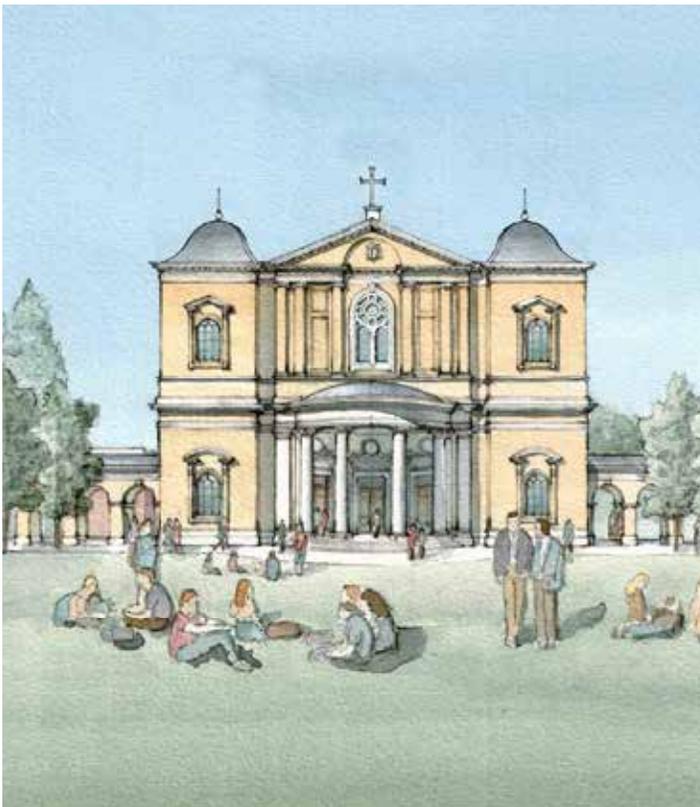
Nancy Johnson

million in pledges. Through parent-to-parent phonathons, cruise raffles, and other fundraisers, the Parents Association is well on the way to raising the \$520,000 balance that will meet the ambitious goal.

Project specifications for the expansion and renovation of Phillips Auditorium are nearing the final stage. To assure that we will build a modern facility and provide ample space for the College's popular seminars, we have adjusted the campaign goal upward for this project to \$5.5 million. Through a series of grant requests and the Seats of Honor Campaign, we will work diligently to secure the gifts and pledges needed to begin site work as soon as possible.

Hillsdale College is widely hailed as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the nation. In fact, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* recently issued its 2016 list of "Best Value"

colleges. Hillsdale was ranked 21st among private liberal arts colleges nationally, and first among private liberal arts colleges in Michigan. You can be proud of the recognition Hillsdale College receives and of the role you—as parents and grandparents—play in helping us to achieve great things.



Artist's renderings of Christ Chapel

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Tax-Free IRA Charitable Rollover Is Permanently Reinstated!

Take advantage of new legislation to make a tax-free gift of retirement assets to Hillsdale College

In mid-December 2015, President Obama signed the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015. One provision allows individuals, age 70½ or older, to make annual tax-free transfers up to \$100,000 from an individual retirement account (IRA) to Hillsdale College. Although donors would not receive a charitable deduction from this transfer, they would not have to report the distribution as taxable income—a complete “wash” for tax purposes. Any distribution from an IRA to Hillsdale College would also fulfill some or all of the individual’s required minimum distribution without increasing their taxable income.

Unlike prior IRA rollover legislation, this provision has no expiration date. Therefore, an individual may make an IRA rollover gift at any time in 2016 or beyond. Gifts must be paid by the donor’s IRA custodian *directly* to Hillsdale College. Such gifts may not be paid to the donor first and then forwarded to the College. Other retirement plan assets (401k, 403b) may be “rolled over” into an IRA prior to making this type of tax-free gift as well.

If you, or qualifying individuals you know, are looking for a way to make additional cash contributions above the current 50 percent of adjusted gross income (AGI) limit, if you don’t itemize your deductions, or if you fear that an increased AGI will cause more Social Security income to be taxed, an IRA rollover might be the right gift to consider now. While one cannot use this distribution to establish a *life income plan*, such as a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, this type of gift may be directed to any area of operations at Hillsdale or to the College’s Rebirth of Liberty and Learning Campaign. Among the campaign’s endowment goals are scholarships for

undergraduate and graduate students; faculty chairs for 13 new teaching positions; the programs of the Kirby Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship in Washington, D.C.; the Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship; and the College’s national outreach and online learning programs. An IRA gift, therefore, allows one immediately to support Hillsdale College and its commitment to independent and traditional liberal arts education.

Please call our Gift and Estate Planning Office at (800) 334-8904, e-mail us at estateplanning@hillsdale.edu or visit us online at hillsdalelegacy.org if you have any questions or would like a sample letter to send to your IRA custodian. State and local tax laws may differ regarding the inclusion of an IRA distribution in taxable income, so please consult your personal legal and financial advisors before completing such a gift. If you or someone you know is considering making a tax-free gift of IRA assets, perhaps the time to act is now to make sure that your assets are used to defend liberty, support independence in education, and help our country’s future leaders.

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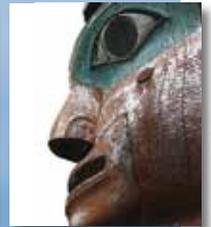
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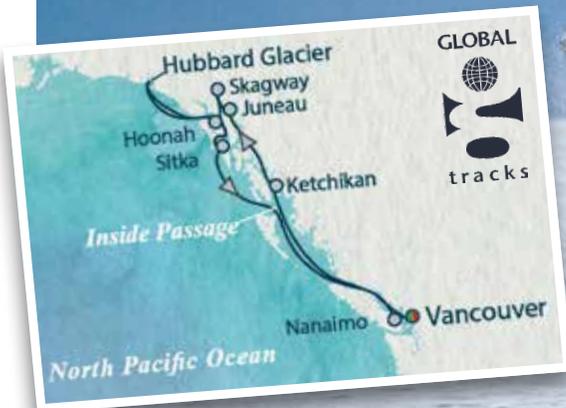
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Can-Do Attitude!

MARY EWERS

Director of Parent Relations and The President's Club and Independence Club

Last fall, we were blessed to hold an inaugural Parents Weekend luncheon in the new Searle Center. Dr. Arnn greeted the parents and told them about the new facility. We are delighted it will now be the home for this event! Truly, our cup runs over with the many folks who gave generously so we can now enjoy this beautiful space. Many thanks to Gunnar and Louise Klarr who provided the leadership gift that made this possible. With the help of such wonderful alumni, parents, and friends, there is so much that the College can do to improve its facilities and programs.

The auditorium will be expanded soon, God willing! How amazing it will be one day to hold our campus seminars and other events there, for which we draw increasingly large audiences. That auditorium will seat many more students and guests, including parent and grandparent visitors.

ATHENS AND SPARTA AND PUBLIC POLICY COURSES

Hillsdale College is launching two outstanding new online courses this spring! "Athens and Sparta" is a nine-week course covering such topics as the Persian and Peloponnesian Wars. Distinguished Visiting Professor Victor Davis Hanson will deliver four lectures for the course. "Public Policy from a Constitutional Viewpoint" is a 12-week course featuring lectures by 11 Hillsdale professors, including President Arnn, and Professors Thomas West, Ronald Pestritto, and Gary Wolfram. As with all of our online courses, these free courses will be archived on our website for on-demand viewing. Please consider registering for these or any of our courses at online.hillsdale.edu.

CHRIST CHAPEL

As Hillsdale College parents and grandparents, you are aware that the Parents Association continues its good work on behalf of our new chapel's construction. My colleagues and I often talk about this project with great enthusiasm and anticipation! I hope you feel as we do, and that you might consider this a worthwhile project to continue supporting. The ambitious goal of \$2.8 million over the next several years was set by the members of our Parents Association Steering Committee (PASC). Wow! Talk about a can-do attitude! Determination is another of our blessings, as we look forward to succeeding in our parent fundraisers through the rest of this academic year. Every dollar we raise for the chapel helps the College meet a generous \$12.5 million, dollar-for-dollar challenge grant awarded to Hillsdale last summer. Because your support and volunteer efforts benefit your student today and all those students who will follow, we invite you to participate in the Parents Fund by making a gift or pledge toward the chapel.



Mary Ewers

PASC CRUISE RAFFLE

To benefit the Parents Fund, the PASC conducts a cruise raffle each year, with 300 raffle tickets being sold at \$300 apiece. This summer's Alaska Cruise aboard the *Crystal Serenity* is roundtrip from Vancouver, includes a viewing of the Hubbard Glacier, and takes place from July 27 to August 6. The raffle drawing will be held on February 27, during Spring Parents Weekend. One ticket will be drawn and the award is a cabin onboard and an *all expenses paid* trip for two, including airfare, Stateroom B with a balcony, food, alcohol, and even the federal gift taxes paid up front on the winnings! Please review the cruise ad in this newsletter or visit hillsdalecollegecruise.com for more details.

JUST SAY "YES!"

Help us reach our 2015-2016 goal for the new chapel and for College operations! When one of our parent callers asks you to make a donation during the Spring Parent-to-Parent Phonathon, please say "YES!" We anticipate a successful Phonathon under the capable leadership of Ellen Beley, the chair for the fundraising sub-committee. The Phonathon will be held February 22-25, from 6:00-9:30 p.m. We will be calling current parents and grandparents as well as the parents and grandparents of past Hillsdale students. Won't you join us as we attempt 100 percent participation? If you wish to volunteer as a caller next fall, the dates are October 17-20, 2016. Please contact Cheryl Clawson at (517) 607-2382 or caclawson@hillsdale.edu. We would love to have you join us!

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS! JOIN THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB!

We are grateful for the increasing number of current parents and grandparents who have joined The President's Club. It is a privilege to partner with those who comprehend that the \$66,090 net cost of a Hillsdale education this year far outweighs the \$34,352 that is charged for tuition, room, board, and fees—a cost aided by privately funded scholarships, grants, and loans. Note the chart that compares the net cost per student for 2015-2016 with the actual cost of tuition.

What a blessing to be able to prepare America's future leaders through the excellence of a Hillsdale education. The President's Club is a way to follow in the footsteps of the parents and grandparents of past students who generously contributed so that today's students might experience the benefit of a lower cost to attend Hillsdale.

I am honored to be part of this fine group of current parents and grandparents, as well as past parents and grandparents, who exemplify the scripture, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We are grateful, as is every student! For more information on The President's Club, please contact me at mewers@hillsdale.edu or call (517) 607-2382.

WON'T YOU HOST A HILLSDALE GATHERING THIS SUMMER?

Each summer, Hillsdale parents volunteer to host summer gatherings for incoming and current students and their parents. Last summer, there were 15 parties in 12 states, and we had great fun getting acquainted and sharing information about the College! These parties bring new freshman students and their parents together with current students and parents from their area. As you have read in George and Tami Tucker's article on page six, parents and students enjoy the camaraderie and the lasting friendships that begin at those parties. Won't you take a turn next summer?

Our office coordinates these gatherings in response to the many calls we receive from freshman parents. If you would like to host a summer party, please go to the Hillsdale website, click on Support, then Parents, and then Volunteer Opportunities. The sub-committee list will appear, and you can click the e-mail address of the chair of the Freshman/Welcome Sub-Committee. Under the capable leadership of Maureen Hall, you will receive direction and assistance. You may also call the Parent Relations Office.

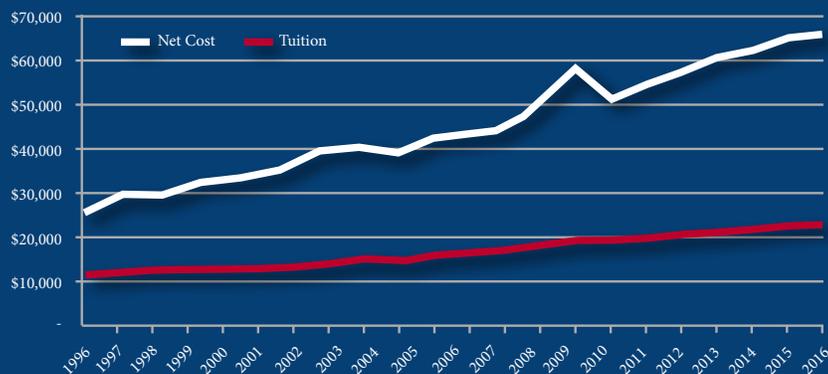
HOLD THAT DATE!

Spring Parents Weekend will be February 26-28, 2016, with Phonathon dates of Monday-Thursday, February 22-25, 2016. Fall Parents Weekend will be October 21-23, 2016, with the Phonathon dates of Monday-Thursday, October 17-20, 2016. Please volunteer! We look forward to hearing from you.

PARENTS NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

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GRANDPARENTS INFORMATION

If you have grandparents who would like to be connected to their grandchild at Hillsdale College by receiving their own *Parents Newsletter* and invitations to Parent/Grandparent events, please contact our office and let us know, especially if they are already *Imprimis* readers. If they are not *Imprimis* readers, we can also mail them a complimentary subscription.

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Heather Tritchka, '98, Sculptor

"This is an age of machinery and specialization but I hope...that the purely vocational aspect of university study will not be allowed to dominate... Engines were made for men, not men for engines.... Expert knowledge, however indispensable, is no substitute for a generous and comprehending outlook upon the human story with all its sadness and with all its unquenchable hope."

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Calendar of Events SPRING 2016

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February 22-25	Spring Parents Phonathon	On Campus
February 25-27	Spring Parents Weekend	On Campus
March 6-9	CCA IV—Sports and Character	On Campus
March 17	Mark and Mollie Hemingway Lecture	On Campus
March 21-22	Freedom Forum	Tucson, Arizona
April 6-9	Kirby Center Hostel	Washington, D.C.*
April 18-19	National Leadership Seminar	New York, New York
April 26	Hillsdale Reception	Portland, Oregon
April 28	Hillsdale Reception	Bellevue, Washington
May 3	Hometown Lecture Series	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
May 14	Commencement	On Campus
May 19	Hometown Lecture Series	Louisville, Kentucky
May 25	Hillsdale Reception	Ft. Worth, Texas
June 5-9	Ladies for Liberty	On Campus
June 6	Hometown Lecture Series	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
June 7	Gift and Estate Planning Luncheon	Reno, Nevada
June 12-18	Hillsdale Hostel	On Campus
June 19-25	Hillsdale Hostel	On Campus
July 10-16	Hillsdale Hostel	On Campus
July 17-20	Family Hostel (Intergenerational)	On Campus
July 24-30	Hillsdale Hostel	On Campus

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