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## Hillsdale College 'Best College Value' in Michigan

Kiplinger's Personal Finance ranks Hillsdale #36 nationally for "exceptional economic and academic value"

HILLSDALE, Mich. – Hillsdale College has again been named the No. 1 "Best College Value" in Michigan according to *Kiplinger's Personal Finance's* list of <u>Top 300 Best College Values 2017</u>. This is the 8th consecutive year that the college has been awarded this distinction. Hillsdale was ranked 36 in the nation among all academic institutions.

"Hillsdale College consistently ranks among the nation's top academic institutions due to its firm commitment to classical liberal arts education and the success our students experience after graduation," said Dr. David Whalen, Hillsdale College Provost. "Couple that curriculum with academic excellence, affordable tuition, generous scholarships, and low student-debt, and Hillsdale College offers exceptional value that prepares students for rewarding, meaningful lives."

Introduced in 1998, the Kiplinger's rankings highlight public and private universities and private liberal arts colleges that combine outstanding academics with affordable cost. In addition, Kiplinger has ranked the top 100 best values in each category.

Kiplinger assesses value by measurable standards of academic quality and affordability. Quality measures include the admission rate, the percentage of students who return for sophomore year, the student-faculty ratio and four-year graduation rate. Cost criteria include sticker price, financial aid and average debt at graduation. The complete rankings are now available online at <a href="kiplinger.com/links/colleges">kiplinger.com/links/colleges</a> and will appear in print in the February 2017 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*.

To learn more about Hillsdale College and its national recognitions, please visit www.hillsdale.edu/rankings.

## **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 educational outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 3.5 million.

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