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Educating the Whole Person

LARRY P. ARNN

President

The chief aim of education is self-government. This has been the ordering principle of Hillsdale College since its founding in 1844. Independence is a natural product of self-government. A human being who can govern himself does not need to depend on others for his sustenance, his judgment, or his well-being.

At the same time, an education that produces self-government is a rare thing. It is rare because it is difficult. Plato's *Republic* teaches us that it is shameful to have so little justice in oneself that one must seek it from others. The principle extends to courage, knowledge, and other good things. How much easier it is to borrow these from another than to develop them in oneself.

Our expanded core curriculum does not allow Hillsdale students an easy option. We believe that every study in this wide range of disciplines is fundamental to a student's full development. Without a thorough knowledge of history, science, mathematics, literature, philosophy, and theology, our students will fall short of what our mission requires of them: to be capable and worthy of self-government.

Our athletes have had a good year. They have broken records and brought home awards for their excellence in sports and academics alike. They earn grades just as high as those



Dr. Larry P. Arnn

of the rest of the student body. They are led by coaches who are relentless in their expectations. These students' achievements provide an example to the entire campus.

There are many institutions of higher learning that require little of their athletes as far as academics. This is because they have lost the old understanding of education. They do not know, as men have known since the time of Plato, that singular dedication to the exercise of the body deadens man's taste for knowledge and leaves him blind in his ignorance. Nor do they understand that a mind given solely to study will weaken a man until he is incapable of governing his own body. A true education, on the other hand, leaves its student neither too gentle nor too brutish, but balanced in accordance with the highest good.

Needless to say, it is this education that Hillsdale College provides. Our core curriculum requires every student both to train his mind and to exercise his body. Those who are able and willing to give themselves to this learning find, in the end, that their health and their intellect are their own. As Edmund Fairfield, first president of Hillsdale College and a staunch abolitionist, said in 1853, "Ignorance is . . . an essential prerequisite to slavery." Making free men and women is the business of Hillsdale College, and we are proud for your trust in us, and glad to have your children and grandchildren a part of it.

A Home Run Season

Chargers Strike Gold in Games and in Relationships

ERIC THEISEN

Charger Baseball Head Coach

The 2016 season represented a high point in the history of baseball at Hillsdale College. It is a season I will never forget. The team set a school record for wins in a season with 32 victories, and won two GLIAC Tournament games for the first time ever. The Chargers qualified for the NCAA Division II Tournament for the first time in school history as well, a level of success made possible by a talented, dedicated senior class.

Senior outfielder Luke Ortel became the first Charger ever to be named First-Team All-American after an incredible year that saw him break 11 school records and lead the GLIAC and NCAA Division II in total hits with 112. Chris McDonald, also a senior, was an honorable mention All-American selection after breaking single-season school records for saves with 11 and runs batted in with 62. Chris is now playing for the Gulf Coast League of the Pittsburgh Pirates,



and Luke plays ball for the Eastside Diamond Hoppers, an independent professional league based in metro Detroit. It's incredibly gratifying to me that these Charger alumni have the opportunity to continue playing a game they love at a professional level.

While the records and accolades of the past season give us great pride, Charger baseball is about more than a winning record. It's about developing student-athletes who excel in the classroom as well as the field, and who build each other up. As the College's mission statement says, we aim to "develop the minds and improve the hearts" of our players. We strive to be good teammates and to enjoy the process and the richness in everyday moments together. We hope to continue to build relationships with former Charger baseball players and families and connect with them as often as we can. As parents, you are always welcome to attend our games. I'm sure you will find that our Charger baseball players represent the very best of Hillsdale College.

Brotherhood Right Off the Bat

Team Unity Leads to Success

RYAN O'HEARN, '17

*Baseball Team Co-Captain
Holland, Ohio*

The 2016 Hillsdale College baseball team is a team I will never forget. The team set numerous records and accomplished more than any other team in Hillsdale College baseball history. Nevertheless, the accolades are not what made this season so memorable. Rather, it was memorable because of our 11 seniors. In my 15 years of playing sports, I have never been led by such a solid group of guys. Because of their leadership skills and unselfishness, our team developed a strong bond right off the bat that continued to grow throughout the school year. The strong relationships on the team made every day enjoyable. There is nothing better than to play a sport that you love with people that you love. Throughout the year, we had lots of fun and made lifelong friendships. These were the things that made our team so special and impossible



to forget. Yes, we had some amazing athletes on our roster, but I am confident in saying that we had a successful season because of the unity and brotherhood of our team. When you walk onto the field and can trust the men beside you, you know you have a team that will be hard to beat. The 2016 baseball season will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Entering the 2017 season, we no longer have our beloved seniors. It is time for a new class of seniors to take their place. We have eight freshmen on the team and are excited to welcome them into the family. This year, we look to form new memories and build our own legacy. The 2017 Chargers have all the trust in the world in Coaches Eric and Gordie Theisen and Pat Gifford to prepare us for the season. We look forward to putting on the Charger blue this upcoming spring. Until then, we will continue to work hard and strive for greatness.

Under the Radar but Tops in the Game

Charger Softball Team Steadily Achieves Success

JOE ABRAHAM

Head Softball Coach

The best record in Hillsdale's NCAA Division II history in our sport, the highest team GPA in recent memory for any Hillsdale team, and a roster of players who are exemplary in their support of the school's mission. This is the Hillsdale softball team.

Although the softball program flies under the radar, it has been steadily achieving accolades. The team's 26-12 record was the best since 1991, when the school was NAIA-affiliated and played many NCAA Division III opponents. The squad finished in third place in the GLIAC in 2016 with a 19-7 record. This was the highest finish in the conference since the league switched to Division II in the late 1990s. More impressive, the team earned a 3.56 GPA for the school year. Nine of the 14 players had a 3.5 or higher GPA and earned the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Scholar-



Athlete Award. The team will likely finish in the top ten in the nation for Division II schools for team GPA for the 2015-2016 school year, despite facing Hillsdale's challenging grading scale (and competing against Hillsdale College students for those grades).

The program has emphasized recruiting students who understand the value of a classical liberal arts education and who embrace the College's mission. The team appreciates what this institution means to millions of people around the country. Because we are wearing Hillsdale Softball clothing any time we are traveling, our players are routinely approached by people who excitedly ask whether we are from Hillsdale College in Michigan. I can think of no better group of people to interact with the fans of Hillsdale College than the softball team. This part of our team goes unseen and unnoticed by many, but it is the heart of the program and the reason for its success on and off the field.

Determination, Hard Work, Perseverance

How College Softball Has Molded Me

REBEKAH KASTNING, '17

Rathdrum, Idaho

Student-athletes at Hillsdale College face unique challenges. Being an athlete here means more than attending practice at 3:30 and playing some games. Because of the College's rigorous academics, a good work ethic is critical. For example, many teams lift weights at odd hours, such as our softball team's 5:30 a.m. lift three days per week. In the winter, the softball and baseball teams might practice until 9:00 p.m. on some nights, which means staying up until at least midnight to study. Hillsdale athletes must be efficient and disciplined. We have a small window in which to eat meals, study, and do any other necessary daily chores, so we must learn to prioritize. Student-athletes derive great benefits from participation in their sports. We develop character as we learn teamwork, punctuality, respect for others, and competency. Participation in college athletics is invaluable in helping each student-athlete become the person his or her parents are proud



of and Hillsdale College is trying to mold.

I am proud of how college softball has shaped me. I have learned more in the last three years than I ever could have imagined. Last season, the softball team had its best season in 25 years. Because this group faced more adversity than the average team, we easily could have thrown in the towel and succumbed to those challenges. But instead, we fought. We bonded as a team, and belief in our ability gradually increased until we found ourselves winning game after game after game. After being voted to finish eighth in the GLIAC preseason poll, we finished our season with a 26-12 overall record and placed third in our conference. We surprised everyone in the league as we kept walking away with unexpected wins. The experience of our 2016 season reinforced a lesson that the College had been teaching me for my first three years here. It is really true that hard work, determination, and perseverance will lead to success, whether in the classroom, on the playing field, or in everyday life.



Charging to the Top

Hillsdale Athletic Program Completes Outstanding Year

The 2015-2016 academic year stands as one of the most successful years ever across all Charger sports. This year's student-athletes, buoyed by the excitement of last year's accomplishments, hope to carry on that level of success in 2016-2017. On pages 2-3, you can read about the baseball and softball teams' amazing seasons, as told by two players as well as by Coaches Theisen and Abraham—both of whom were named GLIAC Coach of the Year. Following are some of the recent accomplishments of other Charger athletic teams.

FOOTBALL

- The Chargers finished the 2015 season on a four-game winning streak. That streak continued into 2016, with victories in the first two games.
- Tailback Joe Reverman was named GLIAC Freshman of the Year.

VOLLEYBALL

- The team finished with a 23-8 record in the 2015 season, qualifying for the NCAA Division II Tournament for the ninth time in program history.
- Erin Holsinger, '17, was named GLIAC Blocker of the Year, a first in program history.

WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

- The team was ranked No. 1 in the nation throughout most of the 2015 regular season, the first time a Hillsdale program had ever been ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division II in any sport.
- The team finished second at the GLIAC championships and third at the NCAA Division II cross-country championships in November 2015.
- Emily Oren, '16, Molly Oren, '17, Hannah McIntyre, '18, and Kristina Galat, '16, were all named All-American.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

- Halle Hyman was named the 2015 GLIAC Freshman of the Year, a first in program history.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Kyle Cooper, '16, was named GLIAC Player of the Year, the first such honor for a Hillsdale player in 32 years. He was also named 2nd Team All-American by the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association.
- Additionally, Cooper was named the Capital One CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year for NCAA Division II, emblematic of being the top student-athlete in men's basketball at the Division II level.
- Cooper now plays professional basketball with the Amics Castello in Spain.

WOMEN'S TRACK

- The Chargers finished second in the NCAA Indoor Championships in March 2016.
- Emily Oren, '16, was named NCAA Division II women's track athlete of the year for the indoor season. She was also named the GLIAC's most outstanding women's running athlete in both indoor and outdoor seasons.
- The women's distance medley relay team won its second consecutive national championship. Relay team members were Emily Oren, '16, Corinne Zehner, '16, Hannah Watts, '18, and Molly Oren, '17, all of whom were named All-American.
- In the outdoor season, the team finished second in the GLIAC for the second consecutive season, the first time that has been achieved in 16 years, and third in the NCAA.
- Additional All-Americans were Hannah McIntyre, '18, Rachael Tolsma, '18, and Kristina Galat, '16.

MEN'S TRACK

- The team finished third at the GLIAC outdoor championships with 121 points, its most at the outdoor conference meet in 18 years; it also finished third at the GLIAC indoor track championships with 85 points, its most at the indoor conference meet since 2008.
- All-Americans were Jared Schipper, '18, Noah Hiser, '16, Tanner Schwannecke, '19, Caleb Gatchell, '17, and Anthony Wondaal, '18.

Growing in Mind, Body, and Soul

Softball Provides a Formative Experience

KEN AND AMY KISH

Parents of Katie Kish, '19
Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

As parents, we hoped and prayed that our children would find a college where they could grow in mind, body, and soul. Ken and I met at Albion College, where we were both able to participate in varsity athletics while gaining a strong education. We love the small school atmosphere and understand the profound impact it can have on one's life and character.

Katie is our youngest of three, and her passion for softball guided her college search. If it were not for softball, Hillsdale might not have been on her list of potential schools. After her first visit, however, Katie fell in love with the campus, her future teammates and coaches as well as the culture and philosophy of the school. She continued her college search, but Hillsdale set such a high bar of excellence that no other school came close.

As a sophomore, Katie couldn't be happier. She has found the friendships, high academics, softball program, and interaction with professors to be more than she ever expected. The biggest surprise for Katie was how much she grew in faith during her freshman year. Shortly after she arrived at Hillsdale, Katie joined a group of Christian athletes, and it wasn't long before Katie was leading a Bible study for her team. Hillsdale has allowed her to play softball, get an amazing education, develop as a person, and grow in her faith.

The 2016 softball season was great—one of the best seasons in program history. Although they were initially expected to finish near the bottom of the GLIAC, the team worked well together and did the little things that matter for success, having



Amy, Katie, and Ken Kish

a lot of fun along the way to a third place finish in the league.

The team has also worked hard making improvements to the field. Each fall, the players, parents, and coaches dedicate a Saturday to get the field ready for the year. Coach Abraham believes the team is the main steward of the field, and if the players want an improvement, they should take the initiative to make it happen. When you are persuaded to care for the things you use, you quickly take ownership, which leads to pride and accomplishment.

One example from this year was the outfield fence that needed a paint touch-up on one end. The project started with a few people, and after a short time, a large group convened and decided to paint the entire fence by hand. A couple of hours later, it looked brand new!

Building a stadium and press box for the softball field is a more ambitious endeavor that the team has initiated. The project started as an idea last year that generated some momentum and turned into a fundraising campaign led by the College. The team and parents supported the effort by making phone calls and sending e-mails with great success. Hopefully, the project will break ground in the near future.

In addition to the success on the field, the team's 3.56 GPA is especially impressive. The softball team has proven that hard work and discipline, on and off the field, can be very rewarding.

There are so many reasons we feel blessed that Katie has found a spot where she can grow in mind, body, and soul, and we cannot imagine a place better for Katie than Hillsdale! We are proud to be a part of the Hillsdale College community along with so many amazing parents.

The Independence Club at Hillsdale College

The Independence Club supports the College's mission through an annual fundraising campaign. Thousands of alumni, parents, and friends with a deep understanding of that mission and a strong commitment to a 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.



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 the College's 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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The Rest of the (Hillsdale) Story...

WE LOVE TO TELL our “Hillsdale story.” Paul Harvey, the radio broadcaster famous for telling “the rest of the story,” introduced us to Hillsdale College and to Imprimis. For years—while our children were young—that little publication came into our house espousing ideas that drew us to this wonderful place. We feel like our family was called to be involved with Hillsdale. We’d love to share the “rest of the story” with you sometime!

Now that we have two graduates—Brian, ’10 (economics) and Renee, ’14 (marketing)—and one current student, Matthew, ’19 (economics), we can speak to the formative influence Hillsdale has had on our children. They have benefited from an exceptional education and from interactions with other mature, serious-minded young adults who share the values of this unique place. They have

learned to be involved and to give back through their participation in various social and volunteer organizations. Brian and Renee, both married now, are working here in Cincinnati and staying connected with Hillsdale through alumni events. Matthew, a current sophomore, loves his Hillsdale experience, and we are grateful to share in this exciting time in his life.

As parents, we have also benefited immensely through our connection with Hillsdale, staying involved with our children, enjoying Parents Weekend activities, participating in Parents Association events, and supporting the College as President’s Club members. We are honored to be associated with Hillsdale College and intend for that association to continue for many years.

— **JEFF AND ELAINE PAINTER**
Ohio



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Brian, ’10, Matthew, ’19, Renee, ’14,
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Rebirth of Liberty and Learning Campaign Update

NANCY JOHNSON

*Executive Director of
Institutional Advancement*

For nearly 173 years, Hillsdale College has provided the sort of traditional liberal arts education that sustains freedom, both for individuals and for our nation. Recognizing the uniqueness of our mission, we launched the Rebirth of Liberty and Learning Campaign in July 2012. This campaign draws together parents and grandparents of students past and present, Hillsdale College alumni, and our broad network of friends in support of Hillsdale's continued independence and educational excellence.

The remarkable accomplishments of Hillsdale's athletics program are due in part to the progress we have made through the campaign. As we draw near to its conclusion, it is encouraging to see that we have accomplished many of our capital goals. Among these are the completion of the Margot V. Biermann Athletic Center and the renovation of the Dawn Tibbetts Potter Arena and Student Fitness Center. Now entering its fourth year of use, the Biermann Center has provided a spacious and modern facility for many campus events and especially for the accomplishments of our men's and women's track teams. With our football team poised for a bright future, we are eager to fund the football field's turf replacement at \$800,000, another campaign goal.

A major campaign project is forthcoming at the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center: the construction of an indoor-outdoor shooting range that will enhance the center's educational and recreational offerings.



Nancy Johnson

It will feature a 50-meter outdoor range for rifle and pistol and a 25-meter indoor range adaptable for both air gun and archery. Classroom, office, and locker space will be part of the construction. Naming opportunities are available for the 18 individual shooting lanes. These facilities will hone the skills of our already successful shotgun team and will also promote training in constitutional self-defense.

Along with these capital improvements, the campaign seeks to support the College's mission by increasing the endowment for undergraduate scholarships. Because of its principled refusal to accept any taxpayer financial aid, the College annually replaces over \$28 million in student scholarships, grants, and loans. Our campaign goal for the undergraduate scholarship endowment is \$151.3 million. Gifts, pledges, and planned gifts have raised \$54.4 million to date, about one-third of that goal.

With the full expansion of the core curriculum now in place, there is also a vital need to maintain a larger faculty. A campaign objective is to endow 13 faculty chairs at \$3.6 million each. Naming opportunities are available for each chair established. Endowed chairs help the College to attract and retain the best scholars and teachers.

As Hillsdale improves both in appearance and in academic rigor, its mission remains unchanged: to provide "sound learning" that promotes "the blessings of civil and religious liberty and intelligent piety." The Rebirth of Liberty and Learning Campaign benefits this mission for the sake of our students, parents, grandparents, and friends. We are glad to have you with us.

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From Sweden to Alaska—Via Hillsdale College? Family Connection Led to a Cruise Raffle Win

**ANN CLEMEDTSON AND
ANNETTE CLEMEDTSON**

Alaska-Vancouver Round Trip Cruise Raffle Winners

Late one dark and dreary night, this mother and daughter from Sweden were driving home when we received a voice mail that we had won a cruise. After four years of buying raffle tickets to help Hillsdale College, we had REALLY won the 2016 cruise to Alaska!

How did we in Sweden come to know about Hillsdale College? Our sister and aunt, Linda Clemedtson-Sieker, has been spreading the word ever since our niece and cousin, Silvia Sieker, '16, started studying there. We had no idea what an amazing and inspiring experience awaited us.

Upon our arrival in Vancouver, Sheila of Global Tours had arranged a quick and easy transfer to the Westin Bayside Hotel. Next day aboard the ship, we were amazed by the beautiful stateroom and our own private balcony, and the next ten days were filled with wonderful experiences. No down time here! We enjoyed many interesting lectures by Hillsdale College's guest speakers. The Middle East was an interesting topic of David Goldman's, and Dr. Arnn's talk was especially inspiring. So many interesting people in the Hillsdale group to talk to and learn from and so little time!

On shore we enjoyed whale watching, bear watching, dry-suit snorkelling, zip-lining, and shopping for local art and crafts. The Skagway train ride to White Pass Summit was especially enjoyable and gorgeous. Sailing around the Hubbard Glacier on our ship was fantastic. We will never forget seeing the glacier up close and hearing the booming noise from the "calving" of the icebergs. The captain did a really good job of bringing our large ship close by the icebergs—even though he is a Norwegian!



Annette and Ann Clemedtson

The *Crystal Serenity* offered so many fun activities, like movies and dance, art, and computer classes. We spent evenings with a peaceful drink before dinner, then ate dinner with Hillsdale College friends at one of the many restaurants. After dinner, there was ample entertainment in the form of song, dance, and comedy shows, nightclubs, karaoke, ballroom dancing in the Palm court, gambling in the casino, or just relaxing at the piano bar.

After the cruise, as we stood in a taxi line in Vancouver, a young man approached us, having recognized the Hillsdale name on our bag. We were surprised and thought he was American. No, he was Canadian! So how could he know about Hillsdale? He had heard about the College from Mark Steyn on a talk radio show. The young man's mother joined in the conversation with an eastern European accent—she was from Ukraine! We wished her the best outcome for the crisis in her country. "No," she said emphatically, "my country is Canada!" When they ran to their taxi, the last thing they said to us was: "Stay conservative!"

HILLSDALE COLLEGE CRUISE

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JULY 4-16, 2017

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To purchase tickets contact Cheryl Clawson:
(517) 607-2382 or cclawson@hillsdale.edu

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Thanks for Your Partnership!

MARY EWERS

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

As I look around campus at our Biermann Athletic Center, the beautifully renovated Sports Complex, and the Mary Jane Delp Tennis Courts, I am amazed at the generosity of so many parents and friends who have partnered with us on behalf of our students to make these improvements possible! The proposed softball stadium will be an exciting addition as well.

Plans for Christ Chapel are progressing, and God willing, we will break ground soon. I trust you have accessed the YouTube video that the College created about that splendid building. I hope that as you learn more about this project and others, you will become inspired to get involved. We are grateful for the many committed parents who work the phonathons and help in other ways. Hillsdale College remains staunchly committed to its refusal of all federal and state money, relying instead on private donations. All of these funds are part of the Rebirth of Liberty and Learning Campaign. The word "college" means "partnership," as Dr. Arnn is fond of reminding us, and as parents, you are among our closest partners. If you have an interest in contributing to the campaign, please contact my office at (517) 607-2469 or e-mail me at mewers@hillsdale.edu.

"ALAS, POOR YORICK!"

Hillsdale College is offering two new online courses this fall: "Shakespeare: *Hamlet* and *The Tempest*" and "The U.S. Supreme Court." The free courses usually run up to ten weeks and cannot be counted as academic credit. Each weekly lecture will be archived for on-demand viewing, and a variety of study aids will be available. Please consider signing up for one of these courses, and visit the website, online.hillsdale.edu, for more information on all of Hillsdale's online courses.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE FUNDRAISERS

Since July 2015, Hillsdale College parents and grandparents have contributed \$3.4 million toward the construction and endowment of Christ Chapel. Thanks to their efforts and the generosity of Hillsdale supporters around the country, we are getting closer to meeting our goal, and we anticipate a possible groundbreaking in 2017. I trust you are as excited as we are about this sacred structure and the beauty its presence will add to our campus. Furthermore, every dollar we raise for the chapel will help the College meet a generous \$12.5 million, dollar-for-dollar challenge grant awarded to Hillsdale last summer in support of the construction project and a special endowed maintenance fund for the chapel.

The Parents Association Steering Committee (PASC) has



Mary Ewers

also chosen to support the College's general operations. From purchasing library books to heating residence halls in the winter months, gifts to the general operations make a difference in our students' lives. Because your gifts will benefit not only your students but also those who follow, we invite you to participate in the Parents Fund today by making a gift or pledge toward the chapel or general operations.

Help us exceed our 2016-2017 goals for the new chapel and for College operations! When one of our parent callers asks you to make a donation during the Parent-to-Parent Phonathon next spring, please say "YES!" We anticipate two successful Phonathons this academic year under the capable leadership of Ellen

Beley, the fundraising sub-committee chairman. We will call 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 semester, the dates are February 27-March 2, 2017. Please contact Cheryl Clawson at (517) 607-2382 or caclawson@hillsdale.edu. We would love to have you join us!

WHY NOT TAKE A CHANCE?

The PASC's cruise raffle is under way! The College's next educational cruise is from Copenhagen to Oslo, via St. Petersburg, on July 4-16, 2017, aboard the all-inclusive, six-star *Crystal Symphony*. The PASC is selling 300 cruise raffle tickets at \$300 per ticket. Proceeds are designated to the chapel project. Please consider purchasing a ticket in support of the PASC fundraising efforts this year! You will have a 1-in-300 chance to win an all-expense paid cruise for two, including airfare for two! The cruise raffle drawing will take place on March 4, 2017, at the Spring Parents Weekend Luncheon.

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 \$68,482 net cost of a Hillsdale education this year far outweighs the \$35,722 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 2016-2017 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.

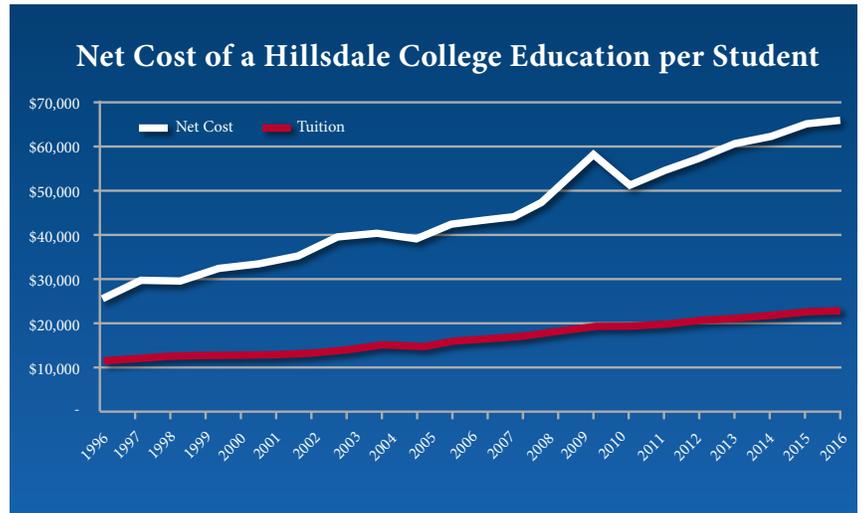
I am honored to be part of this fine group of current parents and grandparents, as well as past parents and grandparents, who exemplify the scripture, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We are grateful, as is every student! For more information on The President's Club, please contact me at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

THANKS FOR THE SUMMER 2016 GATHERINGS!

We are grateful to the parent volunteers of incoming and current Hillsdale students who hosted 23 parties in 16 states this past summer. These were wonderful opportunities for new freshman students and their parents to meet current students and parents from their area, ask questions, and enjoy the camaraderie that comes from being part of the Hillsdale family. It is an ideal way for parents to get "plugged in" to Hillsdale College and all it has to offer them! Won't you take a turn next summer? With your help, we can host parties all over the country. Our office coordinates these gatherings in response to the many calls we receive from freshman parents inquiring about such events. If you would like to host a summer party, please go to the Hillsdale website, click on Support, and then click on 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 March 3-5, 2017, with the Phonathon dates of Monday-Thursday, February 27-March 2, 2017. Fall Parents Weekend will be October 20-22, 2017, and the Phonathon will be October 16-19, 2017. Please volunteer! We look forward to hearing from you.



The net cost of a Hillsdale education per student is based on the fiscal year operating budget and the total enrollment for the fiscal year. Hillsdale's annual tuition increases averaged 3.4 percent over the past ten years.

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL?

Please keep your preferred e-mail address updated. Contact Cheryl Clawson at (517) 607-2382 or caclawson@hillsdale.edu with your preferred e-mail address. Don't forget to include your name and address.

GRANDPARENTS INFORMATION

If you have grandparents who would like to be connected to their grandchild at Hillsdale College and receive 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 mail them a complimentary subscription.

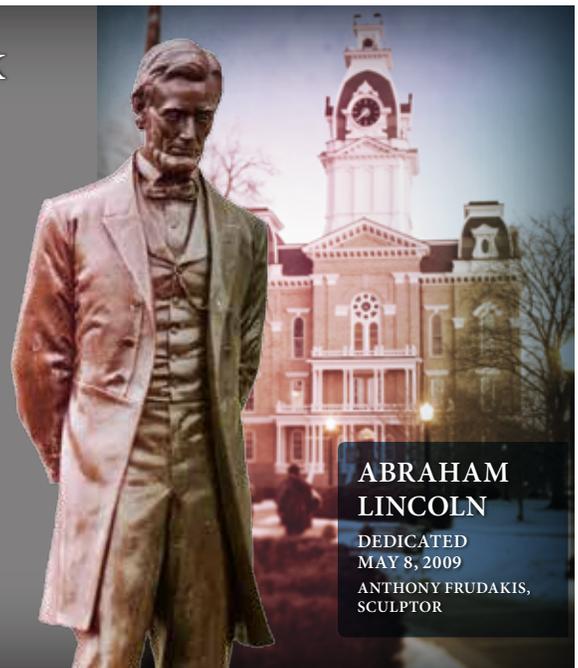
THE HILLSDALE COLLEGE LIBERTY WALK

"When the white man governs himself...and also another man, that is more than self-government—that is despotism. If the negro is a man, why then my ancient faith teaches me that 'all men are created equal;' and that there can be no moral right in connection with one man's making a slave of another."

—Abraham Lincoln,

Speech on the Kansas-Nebraska Act, Peoria, Illinois, 1854

President Larry Arnn established the Hillsdale College Liberty Walk in honor of champions of freedom, including Abraham Lincoln. Located throughout campus, bronze statues of leading statesmen remind all of us that we stand on the shoulders of giants. Lincoln is located at the south entrance to campus, and joins statues of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher, and Winston Churchill.



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As Hillsdale College parents and grandparents, you are welcome to attend any of the following events. For additional information on Hillsdale College events, please call the Parent Relations Office at (517) 607-2382.

January 10-11	Freedom Forum	Santa Clara, California
January 17	Hillsdale College Reception	Palm Harbor, Florida
January 19	Hillsdale College Luncheon	Vero Beach, Florida
January 29-February 1	CCA III: The American West	On Campus
February 14-15	National Leadership Seminar	Phoenix, Arizona
February 27-March 2	Parents Phonathon	On Campus
March 1	Hillsdale College Reception	San Diego, California
March 3-5	Spring Parents Weekend	On Campus
March 5-9	CCA IV: Films of Orson Welles	On Campus
March 13-14	Freedom Forum	Franklin, Tennessee
March 16-17	Freedom Forum	San Antonio, Texas
March 28	Hillsdale College Reception	Bentonville, Arkansas
March 29-April 1	Lifelong Learning Seminar	Kirby Center
March 30	Hillsdale College Reception	Dallas, Texas
April 6	Spring Convocation	On Campus
April 19-20	National Leadership Seminar	Atlanta, Georgia
May 13	Commencement	On Campus

For information on Kirby Center events in Washington, D.C., call (202) 600-7300; e-mail kirbycenter@hillsdale.edu; or visit kirbycenter.hillsdale.edu.

For information on Lifelong Learning Seminars, please call (888) 886-1174 or e-mail lls@hillsdale.edu.