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Matthew Spalding Named Hillsdale College's First Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Endowed Chair

Hillsdale, Mich. — Hillsdale College is pleased to name Matthew Spalding as the first endowed chair for its Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship. Sponsored by the namesake of the Kirby Center, the Kirby Chair will focus on Hillsdale College's various academic and educational programs with the goal of advancing the principles and practices of American constitutionalism in the nation's capital.

"I am deeply honored by Allan Kirby's great commitment to Hillsdale College and his ongoing support of the recovery of constitutionalism in America," Spalding said. "The work of supporting and communicating the ideas and purposes of constitutional self-government is needed now more than ever, throughout our country but especially in the nation's capital. This endowment will allow Hillsdale to have that voice permanently."

Matthew Spalding is associate vice president and dean of educational programs and an associate professor of politics at Hillsdale College in Washington, D.C., where for the past three years he has overseen the operations of the Kirby Center and Hillsdale's various academic and educational programs. He leads the Kirby Center's James Madison Fellows Program, which has taught more than 200 senior-level congressional staff about constitutional first principles and how to apply them in public policy.

Spalding received his B.A. from Claremont McKenna College and his M.A. and Ph.D. in government from the Claremont Graduate School.

More information about Hillsdale College's Kirby Center can be found at kirbycenter.hillsdale.edu. More information about Hillsdale College is available at www.hillsdale.edu.

About The Kirby Center

The Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship supports Hillsdale College's mission in Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to teach the Constitution and the principles that give it meaning. To that end, the Kirby Center offers a variety of programs for students and policy makers. The Washington-Hillsdale Internship Program and George Washington Fellowship Program give students a semester-long opportunity to gain practical and academic experience in our nation's capitol.

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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