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Hillsdale Academy Hosts 18th Commencement Ceremony

Headmaster Kenneth Calvert to address school's largest senior class to date

On Sunday, June 3, Hillsdale Academy will host its 18th Commencement Ceremony. Kenneth Calvert, headmaster of Hillsdale Academy and Hillsdale College associate professor of history, will deliver the Commencement address. The Academy will graduate its largest class to date, with 24 accepting diplomas.

Dr. Kenneth Calvert joined the history faculty of Hillsdale College in 1996. Since 1999, he has served as director of the College's Oxford Study Abroad Program. He received the Emily Daugherty Award for Teaching Excellence at Hillsdale College in 1999, and in 2000 was named Professor of the Year. In addition to his professorial duties, Dr. Calvert has served as Headmaster of Hillsdale Academy since 2002.

Dr. Calvert holds degrees from Wheaton College (B.A.), Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div.), Harvard University (Th.M.) and Miami University of Ohio (Ph.D.). During the winter of 1986, Dr. Calvert lived in Pakistan, serving Afghan refugees during the Russian War. In 1988 and 1989, he attended Bristol and Oxford Universities as a visiting scholar. Dr. Calvert's historical research interests include the Roman Republic and the rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire, as well as the early history of Islam. He has published his work in scholarly and popular publications on ancient history, the history of Christianity and classical education.

The event is open to registered media.

WHEN: Sunday, June 3, 2018

2 p.m. – Ceremony begins

WHERE: Hillsdale Academy

1 Academy Lane Hillsdale, MI 49242

WHO: Dr. Kenneth Calvert, headmaster of Hillsdale Academy and associate professor of history

at Hillsdale College

About Hillsdale Academy

Hillsdale Academy is an independent, classical, K-12 day school located on the campus of Hillsdale College. A rigorous course of study is combined with the strong conviction that the biblical and classical virtues are necessary in the formation of the American citizen. The school was established out of the conviction that modern American education was in need of profound reform. More information at <u>academy.hillsdale.edu</u>.

About Hillsdale College

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 3.7 million. For more information visit <u>hillsdale.edu</u>.