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### **Radio Free Hillsdale Named College Radio Station of the Year by Michigan Association of Broadcasters**

*Students' work recognized in state and nationwide contests*

Hillsdale, Mich. – Hillsdale College congratulates the students of WRFH/Radio Free Hillsdale 101.7 FM, the College's student-run radio station, on earning multiple awards, including College Radio Station of the Year, from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters and the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System.

“We are proud of our students and all of their hard work in creating some of the best radio programming in the state and indeed the country,” said Scot Bertram, general manager of WRFH/Radio Free Hillsdale 101.7 FM. “They have dedicated themselves to producing high-quality content, and it's satisfying to see others recognize their passion and effort.”

Students report, produce, and host a variety of news and talk programs for Radio Free Hillsdale. In addition to the College Radio Station of the Year honor, Hillsdale students received the following awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters:

- First Place, Current Events Program: “The Hillsdale Interview: Ajit Pai” – Stefan Kleinhenz
- Second Place, Current Events Program: “The Hillsdale Interview: John James” – Ben Dietderich
- Second Place, Daily Newscast/News Feature: “Econ 101” – Jenna Suchyta
- Honorable Mention, Daily Newscast/News Feature: “Ryan Kelly Murphy Newscast” – Ryan Kelly Murphy
- First Place, On-Air Personality or Team: “Wait, What Happened?” – Sarah Schutte, Chandler Lasch
- First Place, Talk Show: “American View” – Ben Dietderich, Jenna Suchyta
- Honorable Mention, Sports Announcing Team: “Hillsdale Academy vs. Bellevue” – Cole McNeely, Martin Petersen

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters presents its Michigan Student Broadcast Awards each year, honoring outstanding radio and television programming from both high schools and colleges across Michigan. For more information, [click here](#).

WRFH/Radio Free Hillsdale 101.7 FM also produced eight finalists for awards handed out by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS), including one national first place winner:

- Best News Interview: “John Bolton Interview from CPAC 2018” – Ben Dietderich

The following students were named finalists for IBS awards, meaning they were in the top 5 percent of submissions in each individual category:

- Best Talk Program: “Miss Informed” – Kiara Freeman, Isabella Redjai, Jordyn Pair
- Best Specialty Show: “Wait, What Happened?” – Sarah Schutte, Chandler Lasch
- Best Celebrity/Artist Interview: “Ben Shapiro Interview” – Ben Dietderich
- Best Public Affairs Program: “Citizen Talk” – Juan Davalos, Lynette Grundvig
- Best Show Promotional Poster: “Wait, What Happened?” – Chandler Lasch
- Best Men’s Basketball Play-By-Play: “Hillsdale Academy vs. Bellevue” – Martin Petersen, Cole McNeely
- Best Baseball/Softball Play-By-Play: “Hillsdale College vs. Findlay” – Cole McNeely, Tyler Creager

IBS’ college and high school awards programs honor excellence in student media work across more than 100 categories. The 2018-2019 awards received 2,700 submissions from schools around the country.

For more information about WRFH/Radio Free Hillsdale 101.7 FM, [click here](#).

### **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 4 million. For more information visit [hillsdale.edu](http://hillsdale.edu).

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