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Three Hillsdale College-Affiliated Schools Recognized in National Top 25 for Classical Learning Test
Local Hillsdale Academy recognized as top-3 school

HILLSDALE, Mich., Sept. X, 2019 — Three K-12 school affiliates of Hillsdale College, a leading proponent of classical K-12 education, earned recognition for their high scores as top U.S. high schools based on a list released by the Classic Learning Test (CLT). An alternative college entrance exam focused on reading, writing, and math skills, CLT developed its rankings based on the testing of 30,000 students at more than 1,200 schools over the past four years.

Hillsdale Academy, a private K-12 school established by the College, ranked third in the nation, according to CLT. Sister schools also affiliated with Hillsdale College through its Barney Charter School Initiative (BCSI) also did well; Golden View Classical Academy and Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy ranked among the top 25 schools.

“The CLT Top 25 ranking is a remarkable achievement and further evidence that the Hillsdale model is a high-quality educational option for young scholars,” said Dr. Kathleen O’Toole, Hillsdale College Assistant Provost for K-12 Education. “Our students are educated in the liberal arts and perform well in the classroom and in life, becoming citizens who are equipped to live well and make virtuous choices.”

The aim of classical education is the dissemination of knowledge, which should be purposeful and begin at an early age. The model empowers students to go beyond critical thinking skills and to furnish their minds and imaginations. The curriculum developed by Hillsdale College emphasizes the core disciplines of math, science, history, and language arts, with significant attention to music, art, and foreign languages. Each of these disciplines is taught with an emphasis on the history and traditions of American citizens as the inheritors of Western civilization.

Hillsdale College provides support to charter schools through consultation, instructional coaching and training, and curriculum resource development. For more information on Hillsdale College, visit hillsdale.edu.

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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 4.5 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

About the Barney Charter School Initiative

The mission of the Barney Charter School Initiative is to promote the founding of classical charter schools and excellence in their teaching and operations, to the end that public-school students may be educated in the liberal arts and sciences and receive instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue. For more information, [visit the website](#).

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. To learn more about Hillsdale Academy, visit academy.hillsdale.edu.