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Hillsdale College's Benedict Whalen Named Professor of the Year

Associate Professor of English honored by 2020 graduating class

Hillsdale, Mich. — Hillsdale College congratulates Benedict Whalen on being named Professor of the Year by Hillsdale's 2020 graduating class.

Whalen is an associate professor of English, teaching classes in the Great Books in the British and American Tradition, Renaissance British Literature, and Shakespeare, among others. He earned his bachelor's degree in English from the University of Dallas, and his master's and doctoral degrees in English from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Whalen has taught at Hillsdale College since 2014.

Whalen serves as a book reviews editor for the *Ben Jonson Journal*. He has written articles on Shakespeare and poetry that have been published in *Critical Insights*, *Religions*, and *Forma: Classical Thought for Contemporary Culture*. He was also an editor of *Lyra Martyrum: An Anthology of the Poetry of the English Martyrs 1503-1681*.

To be named professor of the year, educators must demonstrate exceptional character and teaching excellence, availability and generosity in their work with students outside the classroom, community support, and good citizenship through involvement in campus and community organizations and events. Professors are nominated by students through a signed letter of recommendation.

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 5.4 million. For more information visit hillsdale.edu.

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