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Hillsdale College’s K’12 Education Office Announces its 2021-2022 Master Teachers
Second cohort of Master Teachers from across the country honored for excellence in teaching

Hillsdale, Mich. — K-12 Education at Hillsdale College announces its 2021-2022 Master Teachers. This is the second cohort of Master Teachers, who are honored for their excellence in the art of teaching. The program is part of Hillsdale’s efforts in K-12 American classical education, which include the Barney Charter School Initiative and the Hillsdale 1776 Curriculum.

“These eleven teachers serve as models to both their fellow teachers and to students, and we welcome them to the team,” said Kathleen O’Toole, assistant provost for K-12 Education.

The following teachers serve the network of Hillsdale member schools by offering insight into the curriculum, mentoring new teachers, and providing sample resources that align with classical pedagogy.

- **Mr. Michael Berndt**, upper school and science
Founders Classical Academy of Leander
Leander, Texas
- **Mr. Cris Chacon**, physics
Golden View Classical Academy
Golden, Colo.
- **Mrs. Tara Hollis**, kindergarten through second grade
Founders Classical Academy of Leander
Leander, Texas
- **Mrs. Rachel James**, upper elementary and modern foreign language
Seven Oaks Classical School
Ellettsville, Ind.
- **Mrs. Sarah Kiesewetter**, fifth and sixth grades
Golden View Classical Academy
Golden, Colo.
- **Miss Jennifer Mulvey**, grammar school science
Golden View Classical Academy

Golden, Colo.

- **Mr. Ian Nugent**, middle school humanities
Treasure Valley Classical Academy
Fruitland, Idaho
- **Mrs. Alexandra Pries**, third and fourth grades
Golden View Classical Academy
Golden, Colo.
- **Mr. John Punt**, music
Seven Oaks Classical School
Ellettsville, Ind.
- **Mrs. Lyndsey Rariden**, literacy trainer, kindergarten through second grade
Founders Classical Academy of Leander
Leander, Texas
- **Mr. Erick Von Hoffmann**, consultant, art curriculum and instruction
Previously of Golden View Classical Academy
Golden, Colo.

Find photos [here](#).

About K-12 Education: An American Classical Education

Hillsdale College's K-12 Education Office supports school administrators, teachers, and parents with the educational and organizational resources they need to educate the nation's youth in the American and classical tradition. The Barney Charter School Initiative (BCSI), part of the College's K-12 efforts, promotes the founding of classical charter schools and excellence in their teaching and operations so 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. The initiative currently has 20 member schools in 9 states. The BCSI is made possible by a major grant from the Barney Family Foundation and matching gifts from other friends of Hillsdale College. For more information, visit the [K-12 Education website](#).

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

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