College Services for Students

Career Services

This is the fourth in a series of articles about student support services at Hillsdale College.

The Career Services Office, which is part of the Department of Student Affairs, helps Hillsdale students cultivate personal and professional skills and assists them in getting jobs or being accepted to graduate or professional schools. It oversees the more than 800 students employed at on-campus jobs and sponsors a number of programs and events for the benefit of students and alumni.

“The Hillsdale relationship is formed while students are here,” says Executive Director of Career Services Ken Koopmans. “But they remain part of the College family forever, and we want to help them succeed.”

To assist students in discerning and achieving their goals, Career Services staff members facilitate mock job interviews (for example, with parent volunteers during Parents Weekend), help develop interpersonal and professional skills, and provide networking opportunities. In addition, they arrange for mentors who work in a student’s area of professional interest, offer critical feedback on resumes, and assist with application processes.

Students are encouraged to set up accounts on Handshake and The Hub—online resources for job openings, events, and networking—during their freshman year. The Pathway to Professionalism Seminar helps students hone communication skills and etiquette. The Entrepreneurship Program, which offers scholarships, is designed for students interested in starting businesses of their own. And the eight-week Hillsdale Summer Fellowship Program provides students the opportunity to work, attend faculty lectures, engage in local civic meetings, and visit nearby businesses and farms.

Whatever a student’s career interest may be, Koopmans emphasizes the importance of getting an early start on planning:

Even if a student has not chosen a major and just wants to talk about what life after Hillsdale might look like—we can help. We have many resources here on campus, and we can point students in the right direction to talk to others in the large and growing Hillsdale network.
Garrett West, a former student of mine, recently paid me a visit. A fine and ambitious young man, Garrett graduated in 2015 among the best in his class. This year he is clerking for Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito. And he is working alongside two other Hillsdale graduates: Elliot Gaiser ’12 is also clerking for Justice Alito this year, and Manuel Valle ’11 is clerking for Justice Clarence Thomas. With these three, Hillsdale has as many alumni clerking for the Supreme Court as Stanford Law School had in 2020.

This kind of excellence is not uncommon for our alumni, and not just among those who pursue law careers. Hillsdale graduates achieve excellence in all walks of life—teaching, medicine, business, the military, and others. We are proud of them not only for that, but for their goodness—which, Aristotle teaches, accompanies excellence.

Much of this is due to the student’s own efforts. We like to think Hillsdale College played a part as well. But not one of these students arrived here without the foundation provided by their family.

Thank you for entrusting your student to us, and for your partnership in steering your student to success in the highest sense.

Recent Hillsdale Alumni Who Have Served as Supreme Court Clerks

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There are 4,634 memberships (comprised of individuals and couples) for a total of 7,603 members from across the country. See page 7 for information about President’s Club membership levels and benefits.

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Jena and Merrill Morey

AFTER MEETING as students at a Veterans Affairs hospital, Jena and Merrill Morey planned to be a working couple, with Jena pursuing a career as an oncology nurse and Merrill as an anesthesiologist. But after several years of marriage they decided to have a child, and one eventually became six. All the children were homeschooled in New Castle, Indiana, and today they range in age from 16 to 30. With only the youngest still at home, Jena has returned to nursing, now in the ER, and Merrill is in his 32nd year of medical practice.

The Moreys learned about Hillsdale from fellow homeschoolers whose children had participated in the College’s summer study abroad programs for high school students. Their eldest child, Russell, participated in the literature trip to England—learning about Shakespeare, C.S. Lewis, and J.R.R. Tolkien—and went on to graduate from Hillsdale in 2013, followed by siblings Dani ’17 and Luke ’22.

The Moreys have been actively involved with the College since Russell was a student, serving on the Parents Association Steering Committee and the Parents Prayer Partners Subcommittee, volunteering for the Phonathon, and hosting Summer Send-Off parties. They also traveled to Europe in 2017 with Professor Emeritus of History Thomas Conner, as he led a group of Hillsdale students, alumni, parents, and other friends of the College on a tour of historic sites related to the First and Second World Wars.

Along the way, Jena says, they decided to join The President’s Club:

One good piece of advice we received, which we like to share with others, is to join The President’s Club and get involved as a parent as soon as possible. As members, we are able to attend many special events, and we enjoy the closest level of engagement with the College.

In addition to Parents Weekends, they have attended several Center for Constructive Alternatives seminars on campus and National Leadership Seminars around the country. “Anytime Hillsdale is near us, we are involved,” Jena says. “It has been wonderful to have that level of immersion.”

There are not a lot of places where you can take your kids and know that they will be better people the next time you see them. But that has been our experience with Hillsdale. The partnership between the College, the students, and the parents is unique.

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  - $25,000 per year or $2,084 per month

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  - $50,000 per year or $4,167 per month

- **Diamond Level**
  - $1,000,000 or more, given outright or within 10 years;
  - $100,000 per year or $8,334 per month
We are grateful for the many parents and grandparents who are helping us reach our $686.8 million Four Pillars Campaign goal. We are building endowments for scholarships, undergraduate programs, and outreach efforts such as online courses and Hillsdale College’s work to advise and help citizens found classical public charter schools. We are also undertaking several capital projects to enhance opportunities for current and future students.

The College is planning extensive renovations of its athletic facilities, some of which are long overdue. The first phase comprises three projects: installation of a synthetic turf baseball field with a new covered grandstand; installation of a relocated synthetic turf softball field with a new covered grandstand; and relocation of the track from the football stadium to Hayden Park, which will allow the College to host larger meets, including national championships. Our Campaign goal for these projects is $15.5 million, which includes a maintenance endowment. Many naming opportunities are available.

Campaign goals also include the expansion and improvement of range facilities at the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center. With funds raised through the Campaign, we have installed four new combination bunker trap and skeet fields, bringing the total to five. Fundraising continues for an indoor Olympic air rifle, air pistol, and archery range, at a total cost of $7.5 million, which includes a maintenance endowment. The Halter Center has been designated as a Certified Eastern Regional Training and Competition Center by USA Shooting, with whom the College recently entered into a partnership.

In addition, we aim to raise a $1.5 million scholarship endowment for Hillsdale students involved in shooting sports, as well as $2 million to endow the position of a shooting sports instructor and recruiter. Naming opportunities are available for the endowments and the new facilities.

The Campaign seeks to raise $261.2 million for student scholarships, and I am pleased to report that to date we have raised over $160 million. This includes endowed state scholarships, a fundraising effort led by the Parents Association Steering Committee (see page 3). Endowed scholarships support our students in perpetuity and help to preserve the College’s institutional independence.

To learn more about these and other giving opportunities, please contact Director of Parent Relations Mary Ewers at (517) 607-2469 or mewers@hillsdale.edu, or contact me at (517) 607-2314 or njohnson@hillsdale.edu. You may also make a gift by calling Donor Services at (517) 607-2727 or by going online at secured.hillsdale.edu.
Victor Davis Hanson Returns to Campus
Teaching and Taping a New Online Course

Classicist and military historian Victor Davis Hanson, the Wayne and Marcia Buske Distinguished Fellow in History, returned to campus this fall for the 18th consecutive year.

When Hanson retired from teaching at California State University–Fresno in 2003, President Arnn asked him to become a visiting distinguished fellow at Hillsdale. Topics of the courses he has taught through the years have included military leadership, national strategy, and the Peloponnesian War. This year his course was on “The Second World Wars,” also the title of a book he published in 2017.

Also while at Hillsdale this year, he taped an online course titled “The History of Citizenship,” which is the theme of his upcoming book, The Dying Citizen: How Progressive Elites, Tribalism, and Globalization Are Destroying the Idea of America. The book will be published in October and the new online course will be released in November.

While he is on campus each year, in addition to teaching, Hanson meets with students, delivers a public lecture, and is a regular guest on the College’s radio station WRFH. He also advises current and former students regarding post-graduate education and career plans. Looking back at his time at Hillsdale, he says,

Hillsdale has been preparing for this crisis moment of anti-constitutional wokeness on college campuses. As never before, Hillsdale serves as a refuge for traditionalism, personal freedom, and constitutional adherence at a time of mass hysteria and a new McCarthyism that has all but ruined the cherished concepts of meritocracy, civil rights, and race as incidental rather than essential to who we are. Almost alone in higher education, Hillsdale vows to cherish and protect the values of Western Civilization in general, and America in particular, during this crisis and in that regard serves as a treasured monastery preserving the sacred texts of antiquity and disinterested learning during the Dark Ages.
Another academic year has begun, and what a delight to have the students back on campus! At a time when so many colleges and universities have rejected the very notion of truth, our students are busy studying the greatest books and ideas of Western Civilization in pursuit of truth.

As always, thank you for entrusting your children to us.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS
Because scholarships are so essential, the Parents Association Steering Committee will continue to direct its efforts towards student aid funding for the next four years. We are making good progress towards our goal to raise $3 million to support Hillsdale's private scholarships, grants, and loans.

To that end, we seek to endow a scholarship for each of the 50 states. We encourage parents and grandparents to help with funding. What a blessing to be able to help a student from your state who wishes to attend Hillsdale!

Parents may give directly to the state scholarship of their choice, or they may join The President's Club and designate their pledge to a particular state scholarship. They may also consider setting up a named, endowed scholarship with their own criteria. You can learn more about this parent-driven initiative elsewhere in this issue. Distributions from an endowed scholarship begin when the fund reaches $50,000.

Many of you have already contributed generously to a state scholarship, and all of us at the College are deeply grateful. For those of you who are considering supporting this endeavor, we welcome your partnership. Won’t you pay it forward, as those who came before you have done for your child?

NEW ONLINE COURSES
Hillsdale launched “Dante’s Divine Comedy” in May. This ten-lecture course features Temple Family Professor in English Literature Stephen Smith. Three new courses will be released in the coming months: “The David Story,” featuring Professor of English Justin Jackson; “The History of American Citizenship,” featuring Victor Davis Hanson, the Wayne and Marcia Buske Distinguished Fellow in History; and “C.S. Lewis on Christianity,” featuring Distinguished Fellow Michael Ward.

To date, 2.6 million individuals have registered for one or more of our free, not-for-credit online courses. All of Hillsdale’s online courses are archived at online.hillsdale.edu.

FALL PHONATHON—JUST SAY “YES!”
Help us reach our goals for scholarships and College operations. When one of our parent callers asks you to donate during the Parent-to-Parent Phonathon, please say, “Yes!” Parent volunteers will be calling parents and grandparents of current and past Hillsdale students from 6:00-9:30 p.m. EST on October 4–7, 2021. If you wish to volunteer as a caller, please contact Cheryl Clawson at (517) 607-2382 or caclawson@hillsdale.edu. We would love to have you join us!

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS—JOIN THE PRESIDENT’S CLUB!
We are grateful for the increasing number of parents and grandparents who have joined The President’s Club. It is a privilege to partner with those who understand that the $91,488 net cost of a Hillsdale education is far greater than the $42,182 that is charged for tuition, room, board, and fees. Note the chart on page 11 that compares the net cost per student with the actual cost of tuition.

Joining The President’s Club is a way to follow in the footsteps of the parents and grandparents of past students who gave so that today’s students can attend Hillsdale at an
affordable cost. I am honored to be part of this fine group of parents and grandparents who live out the Scripture passage, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” We are grateful, as is every student. For more information about The President’s Club, please contact me at mewers@hillsdale.edu or (517) 607-2469.

WON’T YOU HOST A HILLSDALE SUMMER SEND-OFF PARTY?
Each summer, Hillsdale parents volunteer to host send-off parties for incoming and current students and their parents. This past summer, there were 27 such parties in 18 states. These were wonderful opportunities for freshmen and their parents to meet other parents and students from their geographic area, ask questions, and enjoy the camaraderie that comes from being part of the Hillsdale family. It is an ideal way for parents to get involved with Hillsdale College and all it has to offer them. Won’t you take a turn next summer?

Our office coordinates these send-off parties in response to the many calls we receive from freshman parents inquiring about such events. If you would like to host a summer send-off party, please contact Glee Hoonhout, the chair of the Freshman/New Parent Sub-Committee, at whollyoilsandwellness@gmail.com. You may also sign up by calling the Parent Relations Office.

HOLD THAT DATE!
Spring Parents Weekend will be February 25–27, 2022, with Phonathon dates of February 21–24, 2022. Please volunteer! We look forward to hearing from you.

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR EMAIL
Please keep your preferred email address updated. Contact Cheryl Clawson at (517) 607-2382 or caclawson@hillsdale.edu with updates. Don’t forget to include your name and address.

INFORMATION FOR GRANDPARENTS
If you know of grandparents who would like to be connected to their grandchild at Hillsdale College and receive their own Parents Newsletter and invitations to Parent/Grandparent events, please contact our office and let us know. If they are not Imprimis readers, we can add them to our subscription list free of charge.
Calendar of Events
FALL 2021
As Hillsdale College parents and grandparents, you are welcome to attend any of the following events. For additional information about Hillsdale College events, please call the Parent Relations Office at (517) 607-2382.

For additional information about Hillsdale Hostels, please call (888) 886-1174 or email hostel@hillsdale.edu.

September 24–26  Homecoming ................................................................. On Campus
September 27  An Evening with Mike Pompeo ............................................ On Campus
September 29  Hillsdale College Luncheon .............................................. Franklin, Tennessee
October 5  Hillsdale College Luncheon ......................................................... Spokane, Washington
October 6  Hillsdale College Reception ...................................................... Bellevue, Washington
October 7  Hillsdale College Gift and Estate Planning Luncheon ..................... Newport Beach, California
October 8–10  Parents Weekend ................................................................. On Campus
October 11  Pulliam Journalism Fellow Lecture ........................................... On Campus
October 12  Hillsdale College Reception ....................................................... Minnetonka, Minnesota
October 14  Hillsdale College Reception ..................................................... Mason, Ohio
October 27  Hillsdale College Reception ..................................................... Atlanta, Georgia
October 28–29  Free Market Forum ............................................................... Charlotte, North Carolina
November 2  Hillsdale College Reception ..................................................... Troy, Michigan
November 4  Hillsdale College Reception ................................................... Grand Rapids, Michigan
November 7–10  CCA II—The Great Reset? .................................................... On Campus
November 11  Convocation ........................................................................ On Campus
November 16  Hillsdale College Reception .................................................. Englewood, Colorado
November 18  Hillsdale College Reception .................................................. Overland Park, Kansas
December 1  Hillsdale College Reception ..................................................... Columbus, Ohio

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