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Hillsdale College Celebrates Spring Convocation

Peter Jennings provides remarks; faculty and students honored for teaching and academic excellence

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College hosted its annual Spring Convocation at Christ Chapel on Thursday, April 7, gathering the College community to honor the liberal arts academic tradition and celebrate the achievements of distinguished students and faculty.

Senior class president Jacob Hooper led the 2022 graduating class officers in the traditional passing of the gavel to the class of 2023. Associate Professor of Management Peter Jennings then presented an address titled “The College, the Republic, and True Patriotism.”

“The rallying point of American patriotism is that there is a shared commitment to the truths proclaimed in the Declaration and embodied in the Constitution,” Jennings said. “To love America intelligently requires sound learning so that these truths are rightly understood, properly valued, and faithfully led to this end.”

The service featured music by the Hillsdale College Chamber Choir and the presentation of the Emily Daugherty Award for Teaching Excellence to Associate Professor of Classics Eric Hutchinson.

Provost Christopher Van Orman announced the all-school GPA for the spring 2022 semester, 3.409, as well as the winners of the school’s scholarship cups. Women’s fraternity Pi Beta Phi earned the sorority scholarship cup with a GPA of 3.478, and men’s fraternity Alpha Tau Omega earned the fraternity scholarship cup with a GPA of 3.366.

Additionally, the top 10 students in the senior class were recognized for their academic excellence. They are, in alphabetical order: Jean-Luc Belloncle; Rebecca Felton; Rose Koster; Anne Rolfe; Nicholas Schaffield; Stephanie Soukup; Kevin Stucker; Christine Talent; Sydney Tone; and Cliff Yang.

Photos of the ceremony and the speakers are available [here](#).

For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian 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 6.2 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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