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Hillsdale College Announces Commencement Speaker: Pat Sajak

Well-known television game show host and chairman of the board of trustees will address Hillsdale College class of 2024

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College is pleased to announce that Pat Sajak will address the class of 2024 at the College's 172nd spring commencement ceremony.

“Pat Sajak gave a wonderful convocation speech some years ago,” said Hillsdale College President Larry Arnn. “He has done long and excellent service for our College, and he has a serious understanding of and commitment to it. I expect his remarks will be worthy of the occasion.”

Sajak has been the host of Wheel of Fortune longer than anyone has hosted any program in the history of American television. He joined the show in 1981 and has been at the helm for more than 7,000 episodes. He began his broadcasting career as a radio announcer in Chicago in 1967, while attending Columbia College. He left school to join the Army in 1968 and served as the morning disc jockey on the American Forces Vietnam Network in Saigon. Following his military service, his career took him to Washington, D.C., Kentucky, Tennessee, and, in 1977, to Los Angeles. Less than five years later, he was named the host of Wheel of Fortune. He previously served as a board member at the Claremont Institute in California when it was headed by Dr. Arnn. Sajak has served on Hillsdale's Board of Trustees since 2002. He was the vice chairman from 2003 to 2019 and was named chairman in 2019. He and his wife Lesly have two grown children and split their time between California and Maryland.

For photos of Sajak, 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 6.4 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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