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Hillsdale College’s K-12 Education Office Announces its 2022-2023 Master Teachers
Third cohort of Master Teachers from across the country honored for excellence in teaching

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The K-12 Education Office at Hillsdale College has announced its 2022-2023 Master Teachers. This is the third 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 Hoogland Center for Teaching Excellence.

“Good teachers make classical curriculum come to life by inspiring a sense of wonder and a love of learning in their students,” said Kathleen O’Toole, assistant provost for K-12 education. “These ten teachers demonstrate excellence in teaching and should be commended for their important work.”

The following teachers will serve 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 General Instruction
Founders Classical Academy of Leander
Leander, Texas
- **Ms. Lyna Heaton**
Kindergarten-2nd Grade
St. Johns Classical Academy
Fleming Island, Florida
- **Mr. James Holmes**
Upper School History
Ascent Classical Academy
Douglas County, Colorado

- **Mrs. Claire Marie Huff**
Upper School Science
Atlanta Classical Academy
Atlanta, Georgia
- **Mrs. Sarah Kieseewetter**
Grammar Instruction
Golden View Classical Academy
Golden, Colorado
- **Miss Jennifer Mulvey**
Grammar School Science
Golden View Classical Academy
Golden, Colorado
- **Mrs. Ali Pries**
3rd-6th Grades
Golden View Classical Academy
Golden, Colorado
- **Mr. John Punt**
Music
Seven Oaks Classical School
Ellettsville, Indiana
- **Mrs. Lyndsey Rariden**
Kindergarten-2nd Grade
Founders Classical Academy of Leander
Leander, Texas
- **Mrs. Tari Thiery**
Upper School Science
Estancia Valley Classical Academy
Edgewood, New Mexico

For photos of the 2022-2023 master teachers, click [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, part of Hillsdale 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 serves 23 member schools across 12 states. The Barney Charter School Initiative is made possible through a gift from the Barney Family Foundation and gifts from many other friends of Hillsdale College. For more information, visit k12.hillsdale.edu.

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

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