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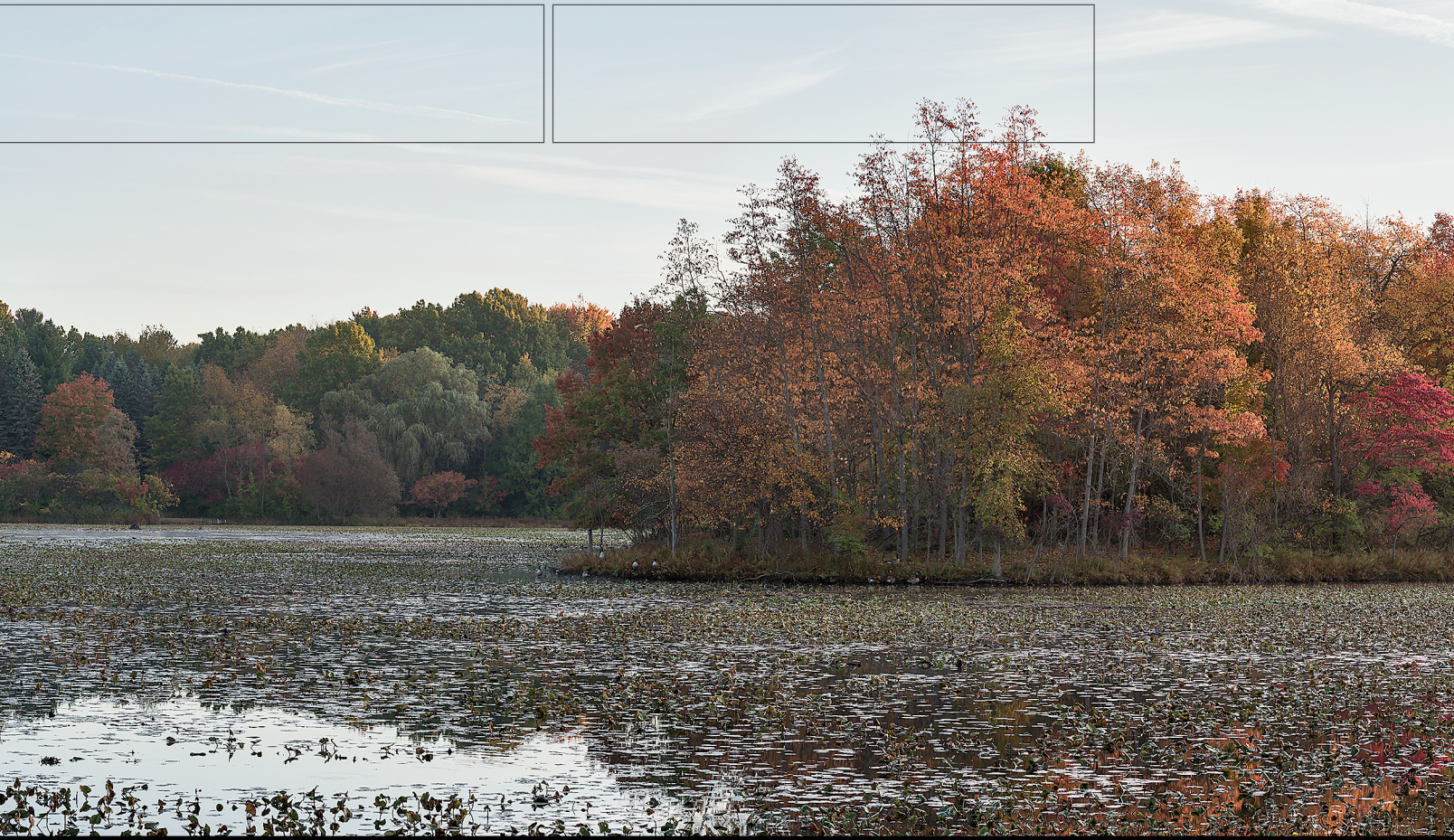
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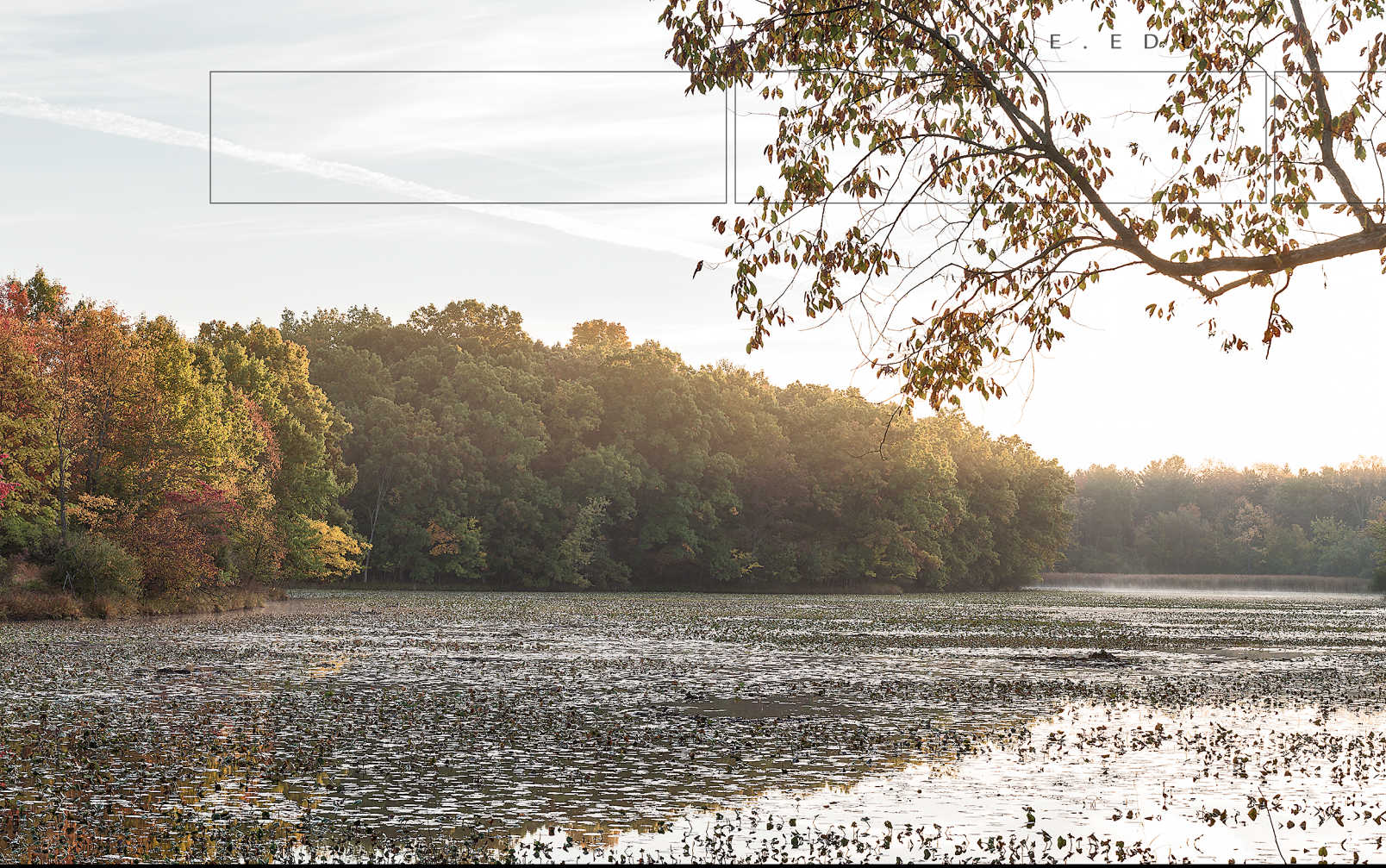
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These are just some of the experiences awaiting the Hillsdale alumni who are joining this year’s **Alumni Road Trip: Reagan’s California**, March 5-7, 2017.

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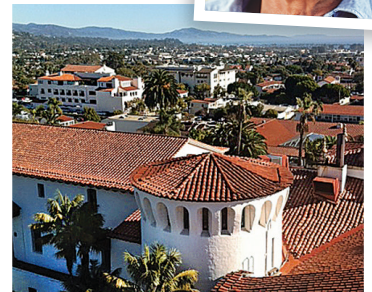
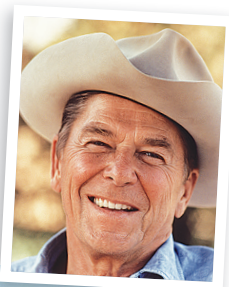
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Aaron Zenz's "Rock Around" display

## Art Prize

- A 19-day free and open art competition in over 160 venues in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Of 2016's 1,453 entries, six were by Hillsdale College faculty, students, or alumni.
- The public can vote for their favorite entries, and a professional jury also selects winners
- Over \$500,000 is awarded to grand prize and category winners in the public and juried votes

## Hillsdale Well-Represented AT ART PRIZE

**FOR 19 DAYS** this fall, throngs of visitors flooded downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan, to view over 1,400 works of art ranging from the traditional to the avant-garde. These works were on display in offices, churches, museums, plazas, and along the Grand River. This is Art Prize, a free and open international art competition with winners decided by public vote and expert jury. Hillsdale College boasted submissions from four faculty members, one student, and one alumnus.

Art faculty members Sam Knecht, Barbara Bushey, Tony Frudakis, and Doug Coon entered works representing their artistic specialties—painting, quilts, sculpture, and photography, respectively. Senior art major Sara Pezzella submitted a fusion of two photos and a painting. Their entries contributed to the diversity of art that flooded downtown Grand Rapids. "Art Prize is such a hodgepodge," Coon says. "I've never been to a museum or gallery that has even close to the variety here."

Aaron Zenz, '98, an art major who works as an illustrator and graphic designer, collaborated with his six children to create a collection of 1,000 rocks, all painted in bright colors and matching pairs, titled "Rock Around." While 500 of the rocks were displayed outside of the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, the other 500 were hidden around Grand Rapids, offering an interactive experi-



Top left: One of Aaron Zenz's painted rocks hides in Calder Plaza in downtown Grand Rapids as part of his interactive exhibit.  
 Bottom left: Lauren Wierenga, '14, Lecturer in Art Douglas Coon, and Professor of Art Barbara Bushey view Bushey's quilt, "Superior Dreams."  
 Right: Sara Pezzella with her work on display in the Harris Building.

ence for visitors and school children who wished to search for the rocks and post their findings on social media. "We had countless letters and messages from people around the country telling us how much fun it was to play along," Zenz says.

"They let us know that they saw our Art Prize entry as 'a beautiful yet simple demonstration of art, community, and good will' and that it had inspired them also 'to do something beautiful and helpful to change other people's lives in subtle and meaningful ways.'"

After the first round of public voting, the top 20 submissions advanced to the second round, and Zenz's

exhibit made the cut. Although the exhibit did not win the competition, Zenz looks back fondly on the "fun ride" of creating the rocks with his family and sharing them with thousands of Art Prize visitors. ■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, '95

## ATO Wins TRUE MERIT AWARD

**HILLSDALE** College's Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) men's fraternity, Beta Kappa chapter, has been named the fraternity's national "True Merit Award" winner for the fourth consecutive time.

"We are grateful to everyone who made this possible, including the national fraternity, the College administration, and, most importantly, my brothers at the Beta Kappa chapter of ATO," says Matt Katz, '17, Hillsdale's Alpha Tau Omega president. "Each year, we make it our goal to be better than we were the year before, the semester before, and even the day before. This award shows that we accomplished that goal."

"We are pleased with the continued efforts and accomplishments of our men of ATO," says Aaron Petersen, dean of men and advisor to the College's four fraternities. "It is one of our many blessings at Hillsdale College to have fraternities



Alpha Tau Omega received national recognition.

that reinforce the College's aim of developing the minds and hearts of its students and preparing them to be leaders. Fraternity life can be a real force for good on campus."

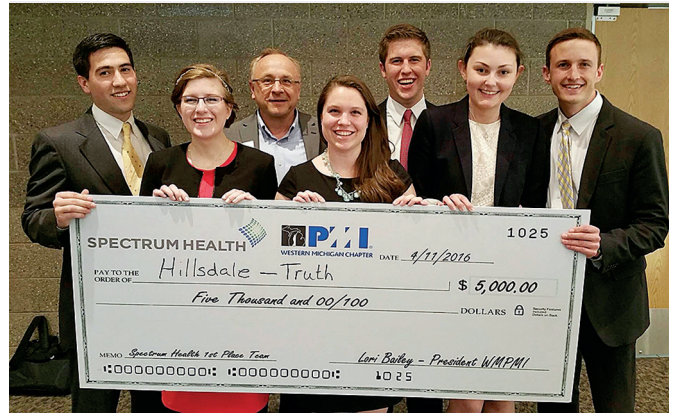
To be considered for the True Merit Award, the chapter must display significant leadership, participate in national programs and campus organizations, and enhance a positive ATO experience for all members and pledges.



# Got Management?

EBA Team Creates

## WINNING BUSINESS PLAN



Dominic Restuccia, Lydia Reyes, Matt Boon of Spectrum Health, Molly Gresenz, Patrick Nalepa, Molly Scott, and Alex Buchmann display their prize.

**HILLSDALE'S** Economics and Business Administration Department is distinguishing itself in Michigan. Last spring, six students beat universities including Cornerstone and Grand Valley State to win first place—and \$5,000—in a prestigious collegiate project management competition.

Each year, Spectrum Health, along with the Western Michigan Project Management Institute (PMI), hosts a project management contest for area schools, and each year Hillsdale's EBA Department recruits teams of students for a three-credit project management course with the objective of designing and creating a business plan for entry.

Hillsdale students first began entering the competition when Dick Friedrich, an employee of PMI and the father of a Hillsdale alumnus, recommended it to the College. Although Hillsdale teams have won smaller awards at the competition before, this is the first time a team has won first place.

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“There were between 15 and 20 schools there,” says Assistant Professor of Management Doug Johnson, the instructor of the project management course. “A number of the teams were actually MBA teams, so we were competing against people with quite a bit of experience.”

Spectrum Health and PMI give the teams a problem to solve, such as improving veterans' affairs or lowering the cost of education. This year, the problem was childhood obesity.

“The group looked at the major causes of childhood obesity and diabetes,” Johnson says. “They decided that personal fitness was the best approach.”

Team Truth—made up of 2016 graduates Alex Buchmann, Dominic Restuccia, Molly Gresenz, and Patrick Nalepa, senior Molly Scott, and sophomore Lydia Reyes—focused their solution on the slogan “Eat Athletic.”

“Our project aimed at reducing obesity in Michigan youths by encouraging them to mimic the eating habits of their favorite athletes,” Buchmann says.

“We were thinking along the lines of the ‘Got Milk?’ slogan,” Reyes adds. “It’s catchy, short, and memorable.”

For the rest of the semester, the students refined their business plan, identifying specific objectives, developing a budget for resources, and examining performance metrics. Every team that participates in the competition works with a mentor throughout the process, and for Team Truth, it was Matt Boon of Spectrum Health.

“Matt Boon supported us from the very start, and he really pushed us through,” Reyes says. “His enthusiasm was key.”

“He consistently encouraged us, and when we needed it, spurred us into action,” Buchmann adds.

At the end of the semester, the students traveled to Hudsonville, Michigan, to present their project. The team won first place and the accompanying \$5,000 prize.

Johnson says he has high hopes for future years of competition. “I hope we continue to perform the way we have in the past,” he says. “We’ve always benefited from the fact that Hillsdale students are hardworking and self-motivated. You just point them in the right direction and they go for it.” ■ RAMONA TAUSZ, '17

# Learning Business from the Classics

## Blending Technical Knowledge with Principles

**THE NEWEST MEMBER** of the Hillsdale business department faculty doesn't define himself as a business professor.

"I understand the technical knowledge and skill required for management and business," Assistant Professor of Management Peter Jennings says. "But that's not really what I teach. I try to inculcate in the students a sense of what it means to be a businessperson, a manager, or a leader in society."

In Jennings' management courses, he leads his students through a study of texts he considers essential for the businessman: lessons from Xenophon, Thomas More, and Abraham Lincoln on leadership, practical wisdom, and virtue.

According to Jennings, it is this encounter with the Great Tradition—acquiring a liberal understanding of what it is to be a businessperson—that distinguishes the marketing/management major at Hillsdale from those at other schools.

"Business is such a profoundly important institution in our society," he says. "A vocation and the way one works is more than just earning a living—it's part of how we find a meaningful, purposeful life. I think that elevated understanding of work and business has always been neglected in business schools, and I think it needs to be taught."

Before coming to Hillsdale, Jennings was a research director at West Point and then taught at Santa Clara University. But it was his 12 years of active service in the Marines, off and on throughout his life, that first led him to encounter the liberal arts.

"The Marines make you read classic texts—biographies of great military leaders throughout history, Alexander, and Napoleon," he says. "It was the Marine Corps that opened my eyes to reading and reflection and that to be a Marine is more than just to be technically knowledgeable and skillful—there are principles."

Jennings says that in the infantry, he lived the liberal arts. Just as character and principles distinguish a Hillsdale business graduate from those at other schools, so does an ethical character differentiate the Marine from his enemies.

"The enemy is technically knowledgeable and skillful," Jennings points out. "But American soldiers and Marines fight and sometimes die for innocent civilians. We're fighting to protect those civilians, while on the other side of the firefight, I've seen the enemy use civilians as shields."

As Jennings sees it, his position at Hillsdale is a continuation of what he was doing while in the Marines: "My life was about defending liberty, and now I'm defending liberty at Hillsdale College." ■ RAMONA TAUSZ, '17



Peter Jennings

- Assistant Professor of Management
- B.S., Miami University, 1989
- M.B.A., Michigan State University, 1996
- Ph.D., Arizona State University, 2013
- Joined Hillsdale faculty in 2016

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Cole McNeely, '19, edits a newscast on WRFH.

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# Making the Air Waves

## On Radio Free Hillsdale

**TUCKED AWAY** in a corner of the Knorr Student Center, Hillsdale's new radio studio is hardly noticeable to passersby, save for a small "Radio Free Hillsdale" sign on its window. But inside, station manager Scot Bertram and a group of students are building WRFH into a one-of-a-kind college radio station committed to extending Hillsdale's mission.

President's Club member Vince Benedetto, president of Bold Gold Media Group, worked with College personnel to establish the station and helped set up the equipment. WRFH (101.7 FM) went on the air in July 2015, initially

playing pre-programmed patriotic music as the College searched for a station manager. Bertram moved to Hillsdale last January from Rockford, Illinois, where he worked as program director and morning co-host at WROK 1440. “I wasn’t looking for a new job,” Bertram says. “But I was familiar with Hillsdale’s mission, and I admire [Dow Journalism Program Director] John Miller’s work. When I learned about the position, I saw it as an opportunity to build a program from scratch and teach students about radio, all while furthering the College’s mission.”

Bertram spent most of last spring setting up the production studio and getting things in place for students to start working in the fall. He also started broadcasting a mix of national shows, such as *The Hugh Hewitt Show*, *The Dennis Prager Show*, and Lee Habeeb’s *Our American Stories*, as well as archived Hillsdale material—including CCA and Commencement speeches. The third component of on-air programming—student shows—began in September.

Bertram teaches a three-credit course, “Radio Programming and Production,” as well as a one-credit, hands-on WRFH production course. “We’re starting out with students doing short newscasts, weather forecasts, and interviews and commentaries,” he says.

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**“With this new program, Hillsdale has the potential to develop students who will make a big impact through radio.”**

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Sophomores Ryan Kelly Murphy and Cole McNeely host *The McNeely-Murphy Hour*, which features political commentary. They view the show as a way to share their interest in politics with other students and draw them into the conversation. “It fills a need for audio commentary from a conservative millennial perspective,” McNeely says.

WRFH welcomes both experienced students and interested novices. McNeely has worked previously in online radio and is in the process of launching his own online station. Freshman Martin Petersen, on the other



Scot Bertram, the general manager of WRFH Radio Free Hillsdale.

hand, gave WRFH a try last summer. After editing shows and helping Bertram ready the station for the fall semester, he found that he loved it. He hopes to host a sports talk show later this year that will address both local high school sports and Charger Athletics. “The students are incredible,” Bertram says. “Taking their ideas and crafting them into shows is very rewarding.”

WRFH can also connect with broadcasts from the Boyle Radio Studio at the College’s Kirby Center in Washington, D.C. Among those shows is *The Federalist Radio Hour*, hosted by Ben Domenech. In October, McNeely and Murphy traveled with Bertram to the

Kirby Center to assist with a *Talkers* magazine debate event featuring six talk radio personalities discussing the presidential election. Afterward, they conducted interviews with the panelists, which will be rebroadcast on WRFH.

Because WRFH is a low-power station, it reaches only about a ten-mile radius from campus. But Bertram does not view this as a disadvantage. “Hillsdale is an underserved radio area,” he says. The College also hopes to stream the station in the near future. In the meantime, student shows are archived on SoundCloud and accessible via the Radio Free Hillsdale Facebook page.

As funds become available, the College plans an extensive renovation of the Knorr Center, which will expand the radio facilities to include a green room and a production studio.

Students recognize their pioneering role in molding the station and are excited to be a part of it. “Talk radio is so influential,” Murphy says. “It has a big impact on the political landscape.” McNeely sees the potential for Hillsdale to place students in radio. “With this new program, Hillsdale has the potential to develop students who will make a big impact through radio,” he says.

Bertram sees Hillsdale’s radio program as a unique and fulfilling endeavor, one of which he’s proud to be a part. “Nobody else is doing what we’re doing,” he says. “Creating smart, conservative programming that supports the College’s mission is fun and immensely satisfying.”

■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, '95

# Hillsdale Problem-Solving Seminar:

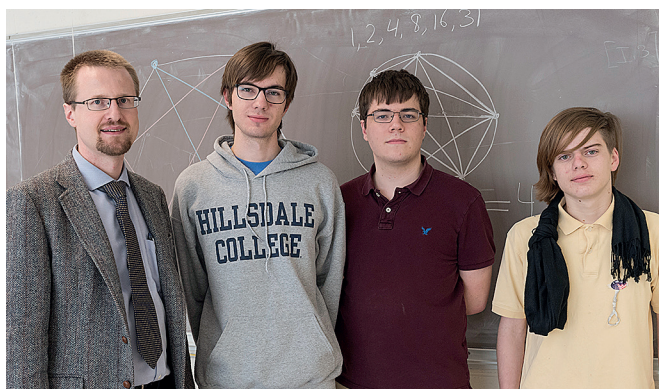
## Mathematics Students Excel BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

**EVERY WEEK** during the school year, one can find a few students tucked away in a classroom learning problem-solving strategies from Assistant Professor of Mathematics David Gaebler. The group—officially called the Hillsdale Problem-Solving Seminar—may generally go unnoticed, but these diligent students are representing Hillsdale well in mathematics competitions.

Gaebler participated in competitions in high school and college, and when he joined Hillsdale's faculty, he hoped to encourage students to be regularly involved in competition math. In his prep sessions, Gaebler helps his students understand the exam mindset. "Competition math requires a lot of cleverness," he explains. Although any competitor with an understanding of calculus and its prerequisites has the required knowledge base, most exams test students' ability to apply that knowledge creatively. Gaebler prepares students by teaching them test-taking techniques and analyzing old exam questions.

Although competition math can be perplexing, Gaebler values the challenge as a great opportunity for motivated students. "It helps give them a more complete picture of math than they get by solving homework problems," he says. "It appeals to a certain type of student who enjoys being stumped and frustrated. They want something beyond the class."

Of the three exams that Hillsdale students have taken, the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition is the most prestigious. Taken every year by about 5,000 college students across the United States and Canada, the exam consists of 12 problems and lasts for six hours. Students compete as individuals. The exam is administered locally each December, then mailed in for grading.



Assistant Professor of Mathematics David Gaebler, Noah Diekemper, Jonathon Misiewicz, and John Jordan.

In November, Hillsdale students form teams and participate in the Michigan Autumn Take-Home (MATH) Challenge, also locally administered. This exam operates on a much smaller scale, usually taken by about 80 teams of three students each. Although intended as a competition among liberal arts schools in Michigan, the MATH Challenge has recently expanded to include colleges such as Colgate University, Wheaton College, and Illinois Wesleyan University.

Hillsdale teams have placed well in the MATH Challenge since Gaebler began preparing them. In 2014, Addison Stumpf, '15, Joshua Mirth, '15, and Nathan Wilson, '16, worked together and placed 8th out of 76 teams, and Sarah Onken, '16, Noah Diekemper, '17, and Jonathon Misiewicz, '17, placed 16th.

In the Lower Michigan Mathematics Competition (LMMC), administered in April, Hillsdale students have particularly excelled. An on-site competition, the LMMC typically involves about 20 three-person teams.

Hillsdale has only participated twice, in 2014 and 2016. In both cases, the College sent teams of two rather than three. Despite the disadvantage, the students still managed to impress. In 2014, Stumpf and Wilson took third place out of 16 teams, and Onken and Diekemper placed ninth. In 2016, Onken and Misiewicz competed together and tied for third place out of 25 teams; one of the graders particularly noted their "brilliant" solution to the first problem on the exam.

"On those Saturdays when you have ten challenging problems, three short hours, and your reliable teammates, you persevere and see how the pursuit of an answer can be as delightful as obtaining the answer," Onken says. She reflects with gratitude on the opportunity to work with Gaebler and her peers: "They continually reminded me of the rigor, creativity, and sheer brilliance of mathematics." ■ RACHELLE FERGUSON, '17

# Hunting for Knowledge

## Physicist Ryan Lang Explores GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

**HILLSDALE'S** newest physicist brings a passion for discovery to the classroom. Whether conducting research on gravitational waves or leading a team of friends in a puzzle competition, Assistant Professor of Physics Ryan Lang relishes a good challenge.

From an early age, Lang had a strong interest in science, especially astronomy. "I could practically run my elementary school's portable planetarium," he laughs. He enrolled at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) knowing he wanted to go into science, but unsure of which field. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, but he kept returning to his earlier interests in astronomy, physics, and math. "Physics combines that childhood wonder about the world with the mathematical concepts that describe it," he says. He earned a second bachelor's degree and then his doctorate in physics.

Lang has concentrated his research on gravitational waves. "These are ripples in space and time," he says, "that occur, for example, when black holes collide." Although the concept dates back to Einstein's theory of relativity, published in 1915, it took another century before the scientific community first detected gravitational waves on September 14, 2015, from the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO). A member of the LIGO research team, Lang gave a guest lecture at Hillsdale last spring about the groundbreaking discovery. "Gravitational waves help us learn new things about the mysteries of the universe and further understand astronomy," he says.

This desire to understand more about the universe animates not only Lang's research, but also Hillsdale's new required core course in physics. "The course covers the history and fundamental principles of physics, as well as some in-depth study of astronomy and cosmology," Lang says. He strongly believes that physics has a place in a liberal arts education. "You need to have knowledge of these fundamental principles to be an informed citizen," he says. "There is a level of science involved in many of today's issues."

The knowledge acquired through scientific study can transfer into leisure pursuits as well. Each January since his freshman year at MIT, Lang has led a team in the MIT Mystery Hunt, an epic puzzle hunt featuring challenges such as crossword puzzles, scavenger hunts, cryptograms, number puzzles, and more. While Lang's team has never won, he enjoys reuniting with friends each year. "We do it for the 'a-ha' moments," he says.

Lang hopes to build a small research program on gravitational waves at Hillsdale, collaborating with Assistant Professor of Physics Timothy Dolch. "It's unique that two out of five physics professors at Hillsdale have a research background in gravitational waves," Lang says. "I'm excited to bring undergraduates into this field."

■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, '95



Ryan Lang

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- B.S., electrical science and engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2002
- B.S., physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2003
- M.A., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2003
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Dennis Prager and Peter Slen

## Dennis Prager

- Host of *The Dennis Prager Show*, in syndication since 1999
- Author of six books, including *The Ten Commandments: Still the Best Moral Code*
- Founder of Prager University, an online institution

## *In Depth*

### WITH DENNIS PRAGER

**ON SUNDAY**, September 4, 2016, Peter Slen of C-SPAN interviewed radio talk show host Dennis Prager in a live broadcast of C-SPAN's Book TV program *In Depth*. The three-hour interview took place in Markel Auditorium, where Hillsdale College audience members could ask Prager questions about politics, philosophy, and faith.

Slen also incorporated questions from the live TV audience through phone calls and instant messages. During the program, Prager responded to a broad array of questions and addressed many issues, including the presidential election, socialism, spirituality, and even Hillsdale College's mission statement. After the C-SPAN broadcast, Prager also spoke with radio broadcasting students on campus.

The author of six books—most recently, *The Ten Commandments: Still the Best Moral Code*—Prager is a nationally syndicated talk show host, columnist, and speaker. He began broadcasting on radio in 1982 and has hosted his syndicated show from KRLA in Los Angeles since 1999. A leading proponent of conservatism and Judaism, Prager has traveled to all seven continents to lecture and engage in interfaith dialogues. He has also produced several films, including the 2002 documentary *Israel in a Time of Terror*.

Prager has taught Russian and Jewish history at Brooklyn College. In 2011, he founded Prager University, an online institution that offers five-minute videos on political science, history, philosophy, religion, economics, and psychology.

■ RACHELLE FERGUSON, '17

# Painting in the Porkies

## Sam Knecht Has Artist Residency IN UPPER PENINSULA WILDERNESS



Sam Knecht paints by a stream in the Porcupine Mountains State Wilderness Park.

**NOBODY WANTS** to spend two-and-a-half weeks of summer living in a rustic wilderness cabin without running water or electricity. Nobody, that is, except Professor of Art Sam Knecht. For most of last July, Knecht lived at Porcupine Mountains State Wilderness Park in Michigan's Upper Peninsula as an artist-in-residence, sleeping every night in a simple timber-frame cabin and spending every day painting outdoors in the vast woodlands there.

"I love a challenge," Knecht says. "And I love painting outside in unspoiled wilderness settings."

A volunteer group, Friends of the Porkies, runs this artist-in-residence program, hosting a few artists every year. When Knecht heard about the opportunity, he knew it was the perfect chance to "really go full bore day after day, doing nothing but painting."

"I didn't have an alarm clock; I let the sun wake me up," Knecht says. "After breakfast, I would make a decision on where to paint. Sometimes that meant driving to another location and hiking a good distance to reach a preferred spot; sometimes I'd just go about 30 yards from the cabin because there is a lovely stream nearby that had great waterfalls up and down its length."

The park itself boasts 60,000 acres of wilderness land, complete with deep hemlock woods, rivers, waterfalls, and roughly 20 miles of Lake Superior shoreline.

"The geography of that region is really quite spectacular," Knecht says. "A lot of glacial upheavals and plate tectonic shifts have contoured the land in very dramatic fashion."

Knecht spent roughly eight hours a day simply painting what he found outside: larger landscapes, waterfalls, the trunk of a birch tree, or little eddies in a stream.

"I love painting moving water, whether small rapids or a large waterfall," he says. "It's exciting the way the colors and the waves move through. I enjoy the whole experience—being there and hearing the roar of the water, feeling the breeze, smelling the smells of the woods, and swatting mosquitoes."

The cabin itself, built from wood harvested in the park, had no electricity, no running water, no cell phone service, and an outhouse with a composting toilet. Knecht had to drive to the park's Visitors' Center every day to e-mail his family and refill water jugs. Nevertheless, the primitive conditions were worth it. Knecht left the residency with 12 paintings—both oil and watercolor—and about a thousand photographs to consider for future paintings.

Knecht, who will retire from Hillsdale in the spring after 44 years in the Art Department, says he plans to use the retirement to focus on painting—including capturing more of his time in the Porcupine Mountains.

■ RAMONA TAUSZ, '17



*The Lake and the Clouds*, one of 12 works Sam Knecht painted during his residency.



# Hillsdale's Dynamic Duo

Burt and Anita Folsom  
RETIRE IN DECEMBER

**NOT EVERY** professor gets to co-write books with his spouse or invite her to class as a guest lecturer. But during his time at Hillsdale, Professor of History Burt Folsom has had the joy of doing just that with his wife, Anita.

The Folsoms have become one of Hillsdale's most dynamic duos. After 14 years at the College, they are retiring to Atlanta, Georgia, where they currently live part-time.

"We've been praying about it a long time," Anita says. "Burt is going to be 69, and he has some writing projects that he still wants to do. Our son, Adam, works and lives in Atlanta—with all of those factors, we thought it was a good time to stop."

Folsom, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, is beloved in the History Department, where he specializes in economic history. Before President Arnn offered him a position in 2003, he had already been a friend of Hillsdale for years, speaking frequently at CCAs and other events.

Folsom said the thing he will miss most about Hillsdale is the students.

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**"Teaching is a remarkable profession, unlike all others . . . You can have a tremendous impact on people."**

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"Teaching is a remarkable profession, unlike all others," he says. "Bill Gates may design equipment that others may use, but a professor can send someone down a completely different path of life. We have a responsibility that's above and beyond almost every other occupation. You can have a tremendous impact on people."



Burt and Anita Folsom

Anita, who holds a master's degree in American history from Murray State University, has had a significant impact on the College in her own right. She was the first director for the Journalism Program's Quayle Intern Program (which places

journalism students at internships in Washington, D.C.) and the Eugene C. Pulliam Visiting Fellowship Program (which brings a distinguished journalist to campus once a semester to give a public lecture and teach a class). In 2006, she became director of the Free Market Forum, a Hillsdale program devoted to the study of free market economics.

"I have a degree in history and a background in politics, and the Free Market Forum incorporates economics, history, and politics, so that fits me," she says. "The mission of the Free Market Forum is to bring together faculty members from other institutions; they attend the sessions and take materials home. I'll miss working with all the faculty members I've come to know."

The Folsoms have worked together in various capacities while at Hillsdale. "Often we coordinate in that she'll come and give lectures for me from time to time," Folsom says. "And I'll also be a speaker for conferences that she's setting up." The two have even co-authored three books during their time here, including *FDR Goes To War: How Expanded Executive Power, Spiraling National Debt, and Restricted Civil Liberties Shaped Wartime America*, and *Uncle Sam Can't Count: A History of Failed Government Investments, from Beaver Pelts to Green Energy*.

In retirement, Folsom says he will continue to speak at conferences nationwide and work on several books—including one on Truman and the 1948 election, and one revisionist treatment of the 1925 Scopes Trial.

Although the Folsoms will be greatly missed on campus, their attachment to Hillsdale certainly will not end here. "I will miss Hillsdale College and I'll miss the classroom," he says. "But I'm sure I'll continue to speak at Hillsdale and be involved in some capacity." ■ RAMONA TAUSZ, '17

# Ian Church

## Brings Study of Intellectual HUMILITY TO HILLSDALE

**ONE OF THE NEWEST** faces in Hillsdale's Philosophy Department comes to the College straight from Edinburgh, Scotland.

Though Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy Ian Church was born in Indiana and attended Ball State University, he moved to Scotland to attend the University of St. Andrews for his master's and Ph.D. For the past year, he has been working at the University of Edinburgh on a grant, researching the concept of "intellectual humility."

"The intellectually humble person, to put it roughly, doesn't overly value his beliefs (intellectual arrogance) nor does he under-value them (intellectual diffidence)," Church says. "Instead, he values his beliefs, their epistemic status, his intellectual abilities, as he ought."

Church is the co-author of a forthcoming book—*Intellectual Humility: An Introduction to the Philosophy and Science*—in which he explains the subject and considers how one can best apply and personally develop this virtue.

"Intellectual humility is critically important—a willingness to hear each other out, listen to ideas, and have an honest exchange," Church says. "It's really important to figure out what intellectual humility is, what can cause it from a scientific perspective, and what can be a hindrance to it."

Although most of his philosophical studies have focused on contemporary issues in philosophy, he says he appreciates the diversity of approaches among the Hillsdale philosophy professors.

"Hillsdale is strong in the history of philosophy," Church said. "It's been beneficial for me to be a part of this department and see a wide spectrum of approaches to philosophical conversations—where we have historical as well as contemporary approaches."

In the future, he says he'd like to be more involved in teaching classes on epistemology and the philosophy of religion.

"I'd also like to joint-teach a special seminar on the philosophy of psychology," he adds. "And I'm interested in the possibility of an interdisciplinary course on intellectual virtues in general."

Church currently has a three-year post as a visiting professor, but the expectation is that he will be able to stay at the College long-term. Although he, his wife, and their three children miss Scotland, Church says they also like Hillsdale.

"My wife and I grew up in small towns in Indiana, and so coming back to Southern Michigan feels a lot like coming home to us," he says. ■ RAMONA TAUSZ, '17



### Ian Church

- Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- B.A., Ball State University, 2005
- M.Litt., St. Andrews-Stirling Joint Programme, 2008
- Ph.D., St. Andrews-Stirling Joint Programme, 2012
- Joined Hillsdale faculty in 2016





# Homecoming 2016

## LAST SEPTEMBER,

Hillsdale themed its Homecoming weekend “Celebration of the Century,” honoring the College’s homecoming centennial. Although clouds loomed on Friday morning, the weather cleared and provided a beautiful weekend for the festivities.

A century ago, Hillsdale alumnus Albert A. DeLapp, class of 1914, founded Homecoming at the College. This year, Hillsdale welcomed three generations of DeLapps to campus in commemoration of the anniversary. Current students Bridget, '17, and Sarah DeLapp, '19, were joined by family members—many of whom are Hillsdale graduates—including their great-aunt, Gwendolyn “Mitzi” DeLapp Nielsen, '47, Albert DeLapp’s daughter.

Other alumni events over the weekend offered special welcomes to the classes of '76, '86, '96, and '06. Friday night featured reunion parties at Hillside Lanes and Broad Street Underground. On Saturday, the Greek houses on campus held receptions, and on Sunday, alumni participated in the College’s Sporting Clays Fall Classic fundraiser.

Hillsdale held its 65th annual Alumni Awards Banquet on Friday evening. For Outstanding Professional Achievement, the College honored Beth Deer Walker and Kevin Shinkle, both 1987 graduates. Walker was recently elected to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, and Shinkle serves as the senior vice president and chief communications officer of Delta Air Lines. The College honored Hans Zeiger, '07, with the Outstanding Young Alumnus award for his accomplishments in the realm of politics. Zeiger is a Washington State Senator who previously served three terms as a state representative. In recognition of his philanthropic service to Hillsdale College, David Hough was named an honorary alumnus. Hough works as a private psychotherapist, and he and his wife helped to establish Hillsdale’s Frederick Douglass Scholarship Fund.

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David Hough



Career Cantina



DeLapp family in the Fisk Museum



Newbanks Brothers



Alumni Choir



King Christopher Pudenzen and Queen Elise Clines



Women Commissioners

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At Saturday's football game, Hillsdale won a resounding victory against Michigan Technological University. The Chargers scored more than 50 points for the first time since 2009, defeating the Huskies 51 to 24. At halftime, seniors Christopher Pudenzen and Elise Clines were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

During the game, the team honored a late friend of Hillsdale football, Ryan Newbanks, who passed away last year after battling Duchenne muscular dystrophy. In a 2014 game, Newbanks led the Chargers out of the tunnel as an honorary captain; this year, his younger brothers led the team.

After the game, the main festivities concluded with the Un-Tent Party, featuring dinner, music from Lava Lamp, and the annual student Mock Rock dance competition, the final event of the campus Spirit Week competition. Although the men of Simpson residence hall dominated in Mock Rock and won the Homecoming Cup for the sixth year in a row, this Homecoming week did see an unprecedented level of teamwork across campus. The three sorority houses united to form "Kappa Chi Phi," and Galloway and Benzing residence halls teamed up as "Gallozing." The students' zeal to work together helped foster the friendship and school pride that make Hillsdale's Homecoming great.

■ RACHELLE FERGUSON, '17



# Apprenticing to the Tradition

Benjamin Beier's

## LOVE FOR THE LIBERAL ARTS

**NEW ASSISTANT** Professor of Education Benjamin Beier demonstrates that self-motivation is key to a liberal education. Although “a credentialed English person in an education department” may at first sound incongruous, Beier’s place in education is a result of his desire to understand and share with others the Western tradition.

A Kansas native, Beier majored in English and history at the University of Kansas. “I entered college with no real idea where I was headed,” he recalls, but he soon found direction. “I had a really profound experience at the Newman Center at my university. It awoke a desire in me to know the traditions of the West.” Beier quickly became drawn to the humanities, “trying to piece together my own ‘core.’”

The process of creating a core curriculum for himself led Beier to consider philosophies of education. “Why am I having to seek out these things?” he reflected. His experience taught him the importance of a foundation in the Western tradition.

After a brief time of working and attending Catholic seminary, Beier pursued his M.A. in English at the University of Dallas. He went on to complete his Ph.D. in English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2013, and then took a position on the English faculty of Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. “It was a wonderful chance to bring my own family back home, near my parents,” he says.

Beier specializes in Renaissance English literature, particularly the works of Shakespeare and Thomas More. At Washburn, he was “*the Shakespearean*”—the only faculty member interested in Shakespeare’s thought. At Hillsdale, however, Beier has found “many, many folks who love it, and want to think and talk about it.”

“That fellowship among the faculty has been wonderful,” he says. “The exchange of ideas that can only happen when you get people together who share a tradition—that’s a really unique opportunity.” Beier also appreciates “the chance to teach such bright, motivated students, who are apprenticing into that tradition.”

This fall, Beier is teaching “Philosophy of Education” and two sections of the new core course “Classical Logic and Rhetoric.” In the spring he will teach the same classes, which “will be welcome after one semester of everything new.”

“I always hoped that a door might open to a school better suited for my interests, talents, and passions,” he says, “and Hillsdale’s just that sort of place.” ■ RACHELLE FERGUSON, '17



Benjamin Beier

- Assistant Professor of Education
- B.G.S., University of Kansas, 2004
- M.A., University of Dallas, 2008
- Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2013
- Joined Hillsdale faculty in 2016



At the Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon, Amanda Putt Eccleston, '12 (left), fell short of making the U.S. Track Team in the 1500 by .03 seconds.

## Four Track Alumni

Compete at  
**OLYMPIC TRIALS**

### THE HILLSDALE

College Track and Field program was well represented at the U.S. Olympic Trials held in Eugene, Oregon, last July. Three former Chargers competed at the Trials in

Oregon while a fourth was in action at Great Britain's version of the trials. While none of them qualified for the games in Rio, all four proved that they belonged on their sport's biggest national stage.

The top finisher among Hillsdale alums was Amanda Putt Eccleston, '12, who came up agonizingly short of an Olympic bid in the 1500. In a photo finish, she was .03 seconds behind the third place finisher in the 1500 finals. The top three in that event made the American team in the 1500. Her time of 4:06.19 was astonishing, considering her finish time in the two preliminary rounds. She won her heat in the opening round with a 4:13.82, then took second

in her heat in the semifinal with a 4:11.28. Eccleston was a three-time NCAA Division II champion at Hillsdale in the 2011-12 school year.

Emily Oren, '16, qualified for the Olympic Trials thanks to her excellent time at the 2016 GLIAC Championships in the steeplechase, which she easily won with a time of 9:50.54. A winner of seven individual Division II national championships and nine overall, Oren didn't make it out of

the preliminary round, finishing 10th in her heat with a time of 10:12.97. However, this brief experience should serve as a strong springboard for her training leading up to the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

Kayla Caldwell, the top pole vaulter in school history, has stayed active with her event ever since her 2013 graduation from Hillsdale. A two-time NCAA Division II runner-up in the event, Caldwell cleared 14 feet, 3¼ inches at the pole vault prelims at the Trials.

Maurice Jones, a 2015



Maurice Jones, '15

graduate and former outdoor national champion in the 400 hurdles, qualified for the Trials in his native Great Britain and finished fifth in his



Emily Oren, '16

preliminary heat in the same event with a time of 53.33 seconds.

Any track and field program should be proud of producing just one athlete



Kayla Caldwell, '13

to qualify for the Olympic Trials. Having produced four such athletes is a remarkable accomplishment for Hillsdale College.

■ BRAD MONASTIERE

## Cross-Country Teams Run at Nationals

### Three Chargers NAMED ALL-AMERICANS

**BOTH THE** men's and women's cross-country teams ended their seasons on a high note, participating in the NCAA Division II Championship meet held in St. Leo, Florida, on November 19. This is only the second time that both teams have competed in

the national tournament together. This year marked the fourth consecutive year that the women's team advanced to nationals.

The men's team finished 14th overall with 364 points. Junior Anthony Wondaal earned All-American honors as he finished



Juniors Sam Phillips and Nathan Jones helped lead Hillsdale to a 14th-place finish at the national tournament.

21st overall with a time of 30:56.8. It was the first cross-country All-American recognition of his career. The women's team finished 17th overall with 436 points, while senior Molly

Oren and junior Hannah McIntyre earned All-American honors. McIntyre ran a 21:00.8 and finished 16th overall. Oren took 26th with a time of 21:15.1.

■ BRAD MONASTIERE



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## News

### 1980s



**GREG MCGLOGAN, '88, SC,** joined the financial services team at Angott Search Group (ASG), a leading executive search and recruitment organiza-

tion located in Rochester, Michigan. The addition of Greg as a director in the financial services industry will allow the firm to expand search and recruiting services throughout the Midwest into Chicagoland and further into Wisconsin.

Throughout his career, Greg has worked to build a strong, professional background in human resources, banking, and financial services, serving most recently as a senior recruiter for a Fortune 500 Financial Services Company for more than six years. A true talent acquisition professional, he possesses over 25 years of professional search, recruiting, employment, and human resources experience, and he co-founded an executive search firm earlier in his career.

Greg serves on Hillsdale's Alumni Association Board as a member of the Career Services committee. He has also served as a member of the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo, and has been actively involved with the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, West Michigan Sigma Chi Alumni Association, and the Kalamazoo Human Resources Management Association. Greg has also served on the Task Force Board of the "Kalamazoo Area Young Professionals Group." In 2005, he was named as one of West Michigan's "Top Business Leaders under the age of 40" by *Business Review*. In 2007, Greg was selected to serve on the advisory board for the "101 Best & Brightest Companies to Work For in West Michigan." He was the president of the Southwest Michigan Professional Network for five years, and is an active member of Valley Family Church in Kalamazoo, where he has served as a small group leader, on the tech team, and in the children's ministry.

### 2000s



**ANDREA ZWIBEL, '06,** has been named by the *Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly* as one of 20 winners of the third annual Twenty Millennials

Making a Difference Awards. These awards honor individuals under the age of 34 who are making a difference on the job and in their community. These young professionals were chosen by a panel of distinguished judges and were honored at an awards reception on September 15, 2016, at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum Conference Center.

A resident of Wabash, Indiana, Andrea is the program manager at the Honeywell Foundation, having joined the staff in 2007. In this position, she oversees all of the entertainment-based programming presented to the region. Andrea's community involvement includes serving the region as the representative for Wabash County on Arts United's Regional Advisory Council. She has served in this capacity for nine years. She also serves on the board of directors for Wabash Marketplace, a downtown revitalization organization. In addition to her role on the board, she is the chair of the Creative Placemaking Committee.

"I am delighted to work within an arts profession every day. I especially love visual art and take great pride in the accomplishments of the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center," Andrea says.

A native of Washington Island, Wisconsin, Andrea graduated from Hillsdale with a visual art degree. She and her husband have two children, ages 3 and 6.

**ALLEN SHOFF, '10,** has published his first novel, a contemplative science fiction story called *The Fire Comes to Thérèse*. The story's protagonist is a young priest sent to complete his studies on one of Earth's most distant colonies. When the idyllic peace is shattered by the sudden spark of a long-smoldering political feud, the priest suddenly finds himself embroiled in the center of a potentially devastating interstellar conflict.

Allen is married to **MARY CLAIRE ANDWOOD SHOFF, '10,** and they have three children: Felicity, age 4; Cecilia, age 2; and James, 5 months. Allen wrote the novel largely on weekends, evenings, and

early mornings, as he works as a county attorney in Canyon County, Idaho. The novel is available for purchase on Amazon, in both Kindle and paperback editions; check out [allenshoff.com](http://allenshoff.com) for his blog, upcoming events, and updates on future literary projects.



**CLINT W. WESTBROOK, '12**, has joined Warner Norcross & Judd LLP in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He received his law degree *summa cum laude* from the Michigan State University College of Law where he was an associate editor for the *Michigan State Law Review*. Clint held an internship with International Justice Mission in Washington, D.C. He served as an English teacher in Salon-de-Provence, France, before starting law school. He has also done social service projects in Tajikistan, Kenya, and Guatemala.

## Weddings

### 2000s



**CAROLINE HOENK, '02, KKG**, married Mike Vasquez on October 3, 2015. The wedding took place at Caroline's parents'

home in Michigan, with **JENNA SOCCORSI McNULTY, '02, KKG**, as the matron-of-honor and **HENLEY CLEMENT DARBY, '02, KKG**, as a member of the wedding party. The couple resides in downtown Chicago, where Caroline works as the global head of communications for Enova, an international financial-technology firm, and Mike runs his company, 3Degrees, an additive manufacturing consulting company. Caroline can be reached at [caroline.m.vasquez@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.m.vasquez@gmail.com).



**STEPHANIE BOOMS, M.D., '09**, and **VINCE ALENTADO, M.D., '11**, were married on May 29, 2016, at St. Peter

Catholic Church in Madison, Wisconsin. Hillsdale alumni in the wedding party included **BECKY HOLLAND FLEMING, '09, KKG**; **CLAIRE AUBREY, D.O., '09, KKG**; **ARIC GEERLINGS, D.D.S., '11**; and **VINCE**

## Delts Reunite in Chicago

**JOHN BENZING, '68, DTD**, who lives in Arizona, tracked down **JOHN DURKIN, '67, DTD**, in Connecticut a couple of years ago when he was visiting family on the East Coast. "We got together for lunch," recalls Durkin. "We had not seen each other for 25 years, and it seemed like hardly any time had passed." Benzing suggested that they try to get their old fraternity brothers together for a reunion. They used the Hillsdale alumni directory and the Delta Tau Delta directory to find 80 names of DTD alumni who graduated in the 1960s. Twenty brothers attended the Chicago event, with about half of them bringing spouses. "We had such a great time being together again that we decided unanimously that we had to do it again!" Durkin says. "We are laying the groundwork for our next Hillsdale 1960s Delts reunion, which will take place in Miami, Florida, in October 2018."



Front (l to r): Norwood Johnston, '68, Robert Milligan, '69, John Benzing, '68, James Fronk, '68, Dean Cutshall, '67. Middle (l to r): John Durkin, '67, Edward Aduss, '66, David Marquardt, '68, John Kendall, '69, Len Osborn, '68, Kent Backman, '64, Beaman Ayers, '65, Fernando Echavarria, '66. Back (l to r): Steven Stuckey, '68, Howard Smith, '68, Alan Schaeffer, '68, David Pringle, '65, Ron Berli, '69, Chris DeWolfe, '69, R. Pat McCarthy, '66.

**COMASCO, '11**. Alumni in attendance were **LAUREN CAMERON COMASCO, M.D., '10, KKG**; and **RON BEDWAY, '11**. Also in attendance from the Hillsdale faculty were Associate Professor of Biology Jeff Van Zant and Professor of Chemistry Lee Baron. Stephanie and Vince reside in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Vince is completing a neurosurgery residency at Indiana University and Stephanie is a pediatrician.

### 2010s



**KATE BACHELDER, '13, KKG**, married **ANDREW ODELL, '11, M.A.**, on August 20, 2016, at First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs, Michigan. Alumni in the wedding party included **SAM BRANCHAW, '11, STEPHEN FORD, '10, KATHARINE SPENCE, '12, ELIZABETH HAMILTON, '13, and RACHEL FERNELIUS, '15**. Kate is a journalist in New York; Andrew, a pilot in the U.S. Navy, is preparing for a deployment aboard the *USS George H.W. Bush*.

## Births

### 1990s



**BRANDY MOCK NELSON, '98, CO**, and her husband Richard welcomed their third child,

Owen Wayne, on August 2, 2016. He joins his proud sisters Evelyn Belle, age 5, and Rose Florence, age 2. The Nelsons currently reside in Friendswood, Texas. E-mail: [blmock17@hotmail.com](mailto:blmock17@hotmail.com)



**DAVE and JODIE AUTRY STANTON, '98, SC**; '98, KKG, welcomed a daughter, Katherine Grace, on July 3, 2016. She joins older siblings

Christine, age 11; Joanna, age 8; Margaret, age 6; and David, age 3. Dave continues his work as a public school administrator, and Jodie homeschools all of the kids. The Stantons can be reached at [stantondnj@aol.com](mailto:stantondnj@aol.com) (Jodie) or [drdavidjstanton@gmail.com](mailto:drdavidjstanton@gmail.com) (Dave). They reside in White Lake, Michigan.

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## 2000s



**NICHOLAS and HEIDI JOHNSON BROUWER, '06, '06,** welcomed their daughter, Mikayla Lynn, on June 12, 2016. Mikayla weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 3/4 inches long. She was welcomed to the family by big brother, Noah, age 2. The family lives in Nunica, Michigan.



**GABRIEL and JANE REINER HALEY, '04, '04,** welcomed their daughter, Iris Josephine, on December 19, 2015. Iris has been happily welcomed by

her siblings Vesper, age 7; Leo, age 5; and Gloria, age 2. Her godparents are Caleb and **TARA REINER BECKER, '09.** Gabriel is an assistant professor of English at Concordia University, Nebraska. Jane homeschools the kids and enjoys making things occasionally. E-mail: [gabrielhaley@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielhaley@gmail.com), [janehaley@gmail.com](mailto:janehaley@gmail.com)



**DEAN and SARAH STEVENS FLETCHER, '11, SC; '10,** welcomed their second child, Britton Henrick, on April 23, 2016. Britton, who came 3.5 weeks early, weighed 6

pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19 inches long. The family resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

worked as principal of the City Nursery School in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where she met and married Charles F. Allen, a physicist. Schenectady was home for the Allen family for 50 years until Katherine relocated to Beth Shalom Terraces in Virginia Beach to be near her only daughter. As a faithful Christian, she remained committed to the Lord throughout her life, with a sincere love for the Jewish people. She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Charles, and their daughter, Katherine Margaret.



**MARY JANE WARD ALLEN KELMAN, '47, CO,** died on May 23, 2016.

She was born on July 13, 1924, in Highland Park, Michigan, to Arthur and Louise Ward. She lived in Michigan until 1990 when she moved to Naples with her husband, Robert Kelman, now deceased. After graduating from Cooley High School in Detroit, Michigan, she attended Hillsdale College. She left school before graduating to marry her first husband, Peter Allen. Returning to Wayne State University, she graduated with honors in 1958, and began her 29-year teaching career. Later, she received an M.A. from Oakland University and became a reading specialist. After moving to Florida and teaching in Naples for three years, she returned to Michigan and received a second M.A. in special education. She taught in Farmington, South Redford, and Pontiac, Michigan; and Naples, Florida.

Mary Jane had four sons: Peter R. Allen (Linda), Richard W. Allen, Joseph Allen (deceased), and Ward S. Kelman. She has six grandchildren: Kim, Kirk, Katherine, Elijah, and Isaiah Allen, and Alexia Kelman. Her grandchildren remember the summer family fun weeks at their Interlochen, Michigan, summer home—"Lochside"—on Green Lake. Her seven great-grandchildren are Tara, Julia, Spencer, Murphy, Kelsey, Landon, and Leland.

Mary Jane was a former member of Women of Bloomfield, AAUW, Welcome to Florida, ECW at St. John's Episcopal Church, and the Optimists Club of Florida. She was an avid reader and enjoyed golf, swimming, and playing bridge.

**ANTOINETTE DEPEW "TONI" MERCHANT CALDWELL, '48,** of Jonesville, Michigan, passed away on October 26, 2016. She was born on May 22, 1927, in Hillsdale to Harold and Winifred Holland Merchant. Toni married James W. Caldwell Sr. on January 13, 1952, and he preceded her in death on July 6, 1995.

Toni graduated from Jonesville High School in 1944 and from Hillsdale College in

1948. She taught school for many years in Quincy and Jerome Schools and she also subbed for Jonesville Schools. Toni was a member of the Jonesville First Presbyterian Church for over 72 years, where she enjoyed singing in the choir. She volunteered for the Buddy Reading Program, was a grandmother mentor for many children, and was a member of the Happy Seniors. Together with her husband Jim, she enjoyed volunteering for the Jonesville Booster Association and watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports. Toni was an avid reader and she enjoyed word search puzzles.

Toni is survived by two daughters, Barbara (Terry) Groves and Valerie (Greg) Myers; two sons, James W. (Michelle) Caldwell Jr. and Harold (Connie) Caldwell; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; one sister, Carol (Tom) Kent; and two brothers-in-law, Bob (Judy) Caldwell and Lee (Donna) Caldwell.

In addition to her husband, Toni was preceded in death by her daughter Susan in 1963, grandson Joey in 1977, and her brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Margie Merchant.

## 1950s



**WILLIAM REAM ULLENBRUCH, '50,** passed away on September 24, 2016, at age 90. He was born on July 21, 1926, in Port Huron, Michigan. He

attended Western Michigan University, graduated from Hillsdale, and received his master's degree from Springfield College. During this time, he also served in the U.S. Air Force. He made a large impact on many students' and athletes' lives during his successful career as a high school teacher and coach in Michigan, serving at St. Clair, Walled Lake, Bay City, Caro, Bloomfield Hills, Leelanau, Pinconning, and Marlette. He ended his career at West Catholic in Grand Rapids. He also created the Pistons Basketball Camp and later helped develop the Wolverine Basketball Camp. He loved all sports, but was actively involved in running, tennis, sailing, and golf into his later years. In 2008, he was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Louise; daughters Sandra Ullenbruch, Teri Kukla, and Patti Redner; son-in-law, Greg Redner; five grandchildren: Brooke and Phil Visser, Sarah Kukla, Paige Redner, and William Miles Ullenbruch; sister, Margaret (Honey) Stoudt; brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Marion Ullenbruch; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his son, Jimmy; brothers James, Donald, and Robert Ullenbruch; and his parents, Carl and Esther Ullenbruch.

# Obituaries

## 1940s



**KATHERINE BRADSTREET ALLEN, '41,** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, died on July 17, 2016, at the age of 99. Born and raised in Rochester, she

received a B.A. from Hillsdale College and an M.A. from Columbia University. Honorably serving the U.S. Navy during World War II as a pharmacist's mate, she later

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**QUENTIN HOMER WATKINS, '50**, died on July 18, 2016, at his home in Hamilton, Indiana, at the age of 90. He was born on August 16, 1925, to

Roscoe and Georgia Todd Watkins. Quentin graduated from Hamilton High School in 1944 and then joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving with the 4th War Dog Platoon, 1st Marine Division in the Pacific. After graduating from Hillsdale College, he joined the Central Intelligence Agency, serving in Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Turkey, Pakistan, and three times in Vietnam and Washington, D.C. He retired in 1975 and returned to Hamilton, where he took an active role in local service groups. He was a life member of the Angola Masonic Lodge and the Hamilton Veterans of Foreign War. He was a member of the Association for Intelligence Officers, Hamilton Odd Fellows Lodge, and the Hamilton American Legion Post 467. Surviving are seven nephews and nieces and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Lyle, Robert, and David Watkins; and sisters Virginia Friend, Marjorie McFadden, and Mary Lowe.



**RAYMOND MOLL, '53, DTD**, of Ada, Michigan, passed away on May 9, 2016, at age 86. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph

and Gertrude Skelding Moll, along with brothers Russell and Kenneth Moll and great-nephew Zachary Moll. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, MaryLou, daughters Judy Linn (Gordy) Simon and Lori Ann (Craig) Saurman, son Greg Moll, granddaughters Erin and Kaitlin Simon, brother Jack (Margaret) Moll, along with a great family of brothers- and sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews. Ray was a graduate of Muskegon High School and Hillsdale College and proudly served his country in the United States Army. His accomplished business career in the paper industry included serving as president of Quimby Walstrom Paper Co. and Hobart McIntosh, and founding RJM Associates. A lifelong avid golfer, Ray was a member of Egypt Valley Country Club, a photographer, a master woodworker of clocks and furniture, the architectural designer of two beautiful family homes, and a certified instrument rated pilot who flew his own Cessna airplanes.



**JOHN A. "JACK" HOHMAN, SR., '54, ATO**, of Pigeon, Michigan, and Stuart, Florida, formerly of Monroe, Michigan, died on October 18, 2016,

following an 11-month illness. Jack was born on October 30, 1932, in Hillsdale, Michigan, the only child of Agnes and William Hohman. While at Hillsdale College, he met his future wife **MARJORIE MCINTYRE HOHMAN, '56**. They married on June 26, 1954. Jack and Marjorie had four children, all of whom survive him: Lydia (Mark Jones), John Jr. (Annemarie), Michael (Sarah), and Robert (Terri).

Following graduation from Hillsdale, Jack worked at Monroe Auto Equipment Company. At the time he retired in 1979, Jack was a vice president of the company and headed up the OEM sales division. In 1970, Jack joined with a few local businessmen and founded Monroe Cablevision. The Monroe cable system grew rapidly over the next ten years and was sold to Buckeye Cable in 1980. In 1979, Jack purchased Monroe House of Travel, which he continued to own and operate until 2009. In 1988, Jack, in partnership with his son Robert, founded Hohman Battery Supply, Inc.

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Second to his family, Jack's greatest love was Northwood University. He served on its board of trustees from 1976 until his death, including ten years as chairman. He received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Northwood University in 1986. In 2000, he received the Tower Award from Hillsdale College.

Jack volunteered his leadership talents to many community organizations in Monroe, including the United Way of Monroe County (serving as chair of the 1966 campaign), the Salvation Army, and the Custer School Board. Additionally, Jack enjoyed golf, boating, hunting, and fishing. He was a loyal fan of all Detroit sports teams as well as the University of Michigan.

In addition to his wife and children, Jack is survived by 11 cherished grandchildren: Catrin, Nate, and Alex Jones; Riley Hohman (Kristina), Jordan Hohman (Sheena), Oliver Hohman, Andrew Hohman (Morgan), James Hohman, Steven Hohman, Robert Hohman Jr. (Rebekah), and Bradley Hohman; and two great-grandchildren, Lilly Hohman and Robert Hohman III.

**NELSON F. ALWARD, JR., '55**, of Sandusky, Ohio, and Fort Myers, Florida, passed away on March 2, 2016, with family by his side. He was 83. Nelson was born on November 29, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan. He received his master's degree from Central Michigan University and his doctorate of education degree from Western Michigan University. Nelson worked in the health care field for the majority of his career and retired from Firelands Regional Health System in Sandusky as president and CEO. He also served his country in the United States Navy.

He was the beloved husband for 61 years of Nancy Alward, loving father of **JULIE ALWARD GRECO, '83, KKG**; father-in-law of **R. DALE GRECO, '81, ATO**; and cherished grandfather of Alex Alward, Blaine Alward, Bryan Greco, and Ali Greco. He was predeceased by his son **KEITH N. ALWARD, '79, DTD** (Missy). Nelson loved golf, sailing, tennis, and most of all, spending time with his cherished family and grandchildren.

**EVELYN F. ILES, '55**, passed away on July 2, 2016, in Jackson, Michigan. She was born on April 30, 1934, in Reading Township, Michigan, to Dwight and Lela Good Warner. Evelyn graduated from Reading High School in 1952 and became a teacher after graduating from Hillsdale College. She taught in Jonesville, Quincy, at Jerome Country School, and in North Adams-Jerome Schools until retirement. Evelyn was a leader in the Allen Modern Workers 4-H Club, a member of South Litchfield Baptist Church and the NRA, and was active at the Hillsdale County Fair and the 4-H small animal barn. Her hobbies included farming, deer hunting, and ceramics.

On June 9, 1956, she married LeRoy Iles. Together they owned Iles This 'N That Farm and raised mini horses, donkeys, peacocks, and other animals. LeRoy preceded her in death on June 26, 2012. Survivors include her daughter, Rhonda Sauber; son, Randy Iles; sons-in-law, Charlie Sauber and Dave Cutchall; sister, Shirley (Don) Williams; brother, Merle (Jean) Warner; six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Also preceding her in death were her son Jeffery, daughter Pam Cutchall, grandson Ryan Sauber, and daughter-in-law Sherrie Iles.

## 1960s



**BARBARA BREWER WOOD, '61**, of Caro, Michigan, passed away on October 5, 2016, at her home following a courageous battle with cancer. Barb was born

on April 14, 1939, in Ohio, Illinois, the daughter of the late Donald and Irma Baumgartner Brewer. She moved to Battle Creek as a child and graduated from Battle Creek Central High School before attending Hillsdale College. Barb worked at a variety of secretarial jobs prior to becoming a homemaker. She married Wendell Wood on August 13, 1960, in Battle Creek. The Wood family moved to Caro in 1964, and Barb devoted herself to her family along with the neighborhood children. She was a faithful member of the Caro First Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Women, and the Caro Arts Society. Barb enjoyed gardening, crafts, knitting, sewing, ceramics, and collecting bells.

Barb is survived by her husband of 56 years, Wendell; three daughters and their spouses, Wendy and Mark Bales, Julie and Duke Barrows, and Sherry Wood; grandchildren Riann Bertrand, Amanda and Michael McGee, Kaitlyn Bertrand, Jackie Barrows, and Cody Barrows; one great-grandchild, Mason McGee; and twin siblings and their spouses, Donnie and Jeannie Brewer and Nancy and James Vaden. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one aunt, Margie Baumgartner.



**JOHN F. BEST, '64**, of Massillon, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly on May 27, 2016. He was born on October 13, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio, the

son of the late Frederick and Kathryn Taggart Best. John was a graduate of Rocky River High School, Hillsdale College, and Eastern Michigan University. He retired after a 30-year career in education, first as a counselor and administrator in Canton City Schools and then as an administrator and

vocational director with the North Canton City Schools. John enjoyed the teachers, parents, and, most importantly, the students he worked with in both districts. In retirement he found a new career as an owner of B & B Restaurants, the food service provider for the Legends of Massillon Golf Course.

Those who knew John fondly remember his easy-going personality, his acceptance of people from all walks of life, and his love of sailing and motorized vehicles. John loved helping his family and friends and was skilled in fixing many things. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ruth E. Price Best; his sons, Geoffrey (Elizabeth) and Eric (Marla); his daughters, Beth Lewis and Tracy Lewis; and his grandchildren, Griffin, Graham, Miranda, and Evan Best, and Max, Sasha, Mitchell, and Ava Umlauf.



**ROBERT MALCOLM MING, '64**, of Saint Cloud, Florida, passed away on August 26, 2016. He was born on September 10, 1939, to Elton and Iona

Lightsey Ming in Okeechobee County, Florida. He graduated from Ft. Lauderdale High School where he played football for the "Flying L's." He played semi-pro football and was recruited to play at Hillsdale College, where he was co-captain of the Chargers. While attending Hillsdale, "Malc" met the love of his life, Patricia "Patty" Doyle. They married after graduation, setting up residence in Ft. Lauderdale. In 1970, the Mings moved to the Florida Keys where they raised four children and began their family business, Ming Seafood, alongside Malc's two brothers.

Malc and Patty celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April 2016. Malc loved to fish, hunt (especially duck), and play cards. Friday nights were always saved for friends, cocktails, and dancing in the kitchen with his love Patty! He kept in touch with many childhood and college friends.

He is survived by his sons, Robert (Sydney) Ming and Elton (Cathy) Ming; and daughters, Fay (Ratso) Pennington and Mary (Tim) Debrecht. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Paige and Steven Pennington, Lillian and Samuel Ming, Garrett, Heath, Haley, and Hannah Debrecht, Isabella and Jackson Ming, and brothers Jack (Helen) Ming and Donald (Rebecca) Ming. Malcolm was preceded in death by his wife Patty on August 6, 2016, and his parents.

**WILLIAM WHATMOUGH, '64**, passed away on September 9, 2016. Born in 1942, Bill was the son of Ralph and Anne Whatmough, now deceased. Bill is survived by his wife of 51 years, Helen. They resided in Fountain Hills, Arizona, and formerly lived in Fox Hills, Washington. Bill was retired since 2005 from his financial management com-

pany, Portfolio Strategies, in Tacoma, Washington. He was principal owner and had been rated in the top 343 Money Managers. Bill developed the asset allocation model now called Fundguard. Upon retirement, he pursued his love of duplicate bridge and became a Bronze Life Master.

Bill received his B.S. degree in mathematics from Hillsdale College, where he was a member and vice president of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He pursued graduate studies in finance and economics at Pacific Lutheran University. He and his wife Helen traveled extensively and collected fine wines from all over the world. Bill excelled in bowling as a young man and loved baseball all his life.



**A. MELVIN ALEXANDER, M.D., '65**, passed away on September 20, 2016, in St. Petersburg, Florida, following a brave battle against ALS. An exceptional physi-

cian, artist, and athlete, Melvin was born on February 4, 1943, in Cleveland, Ohio, the eldest son of the late Alvin Melvin Alexander, Sr. and Grace Caver Alexander. He graduated from Howard University College of Medicine in 1968. He specialized in dermatology, and after a tour of duty in the U.S. Army in Okinawa, Japan, he opened practices in Maryland and the District of Columbia. He gained international recognition for his research on pseudofolliculitis barbae (PFB). Later in his life, he practiced medicine in Arizona and Florida. Melvin is survived by his loving wife, Janet Sloane Alexander; two daughters, Hollie Alexander Roche (Frank) and Allison Leslie Alexander (Gregory Coleman); his brother, Mark Vincent Alexander, M.D. (Lula); and his grandchildren, McKinley Grace Roche, Devin Francis Roche, Avery Shaine Coleman, and Ainsley Elise Coleman.

**DR. MICHAEL W. OGBORNE, '65**, passed away on October 24, 2016. He was born in Laurelton, New Jersey, on October 31, 1939, to James and Nadeen Ogborne. His early years were spent in Lakewood, New Jersey, attending Lakewood and Freehold Regional High Schools. He then attended Valley Forge Military Academy on a track scholarship, Wake Forest University on a football scholarship, and graduated premed from Hillsdale College. He excelled in football and track, receiving many awards as well as breaking various school records. Upon graduation at Valley Forge, Michael was awarded the prestigious Superintendent's Award, recognizing his outstanding achievements in both his academic and military endeavors.

In 1970, Michael graduated from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. During his 46 years of dental practice, he continued to learn about general dentistry,

orthodontics, surgery, and most recently, mini implants. For the last 19 months, Michael was employed at DentNow in Greenville, South Carolina, where he cherished his staff and patients.

Michael enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, and learning. Above all, he loved flying and accumulated over 4,000 hours of flight time during which he earned his Airline Transport Pilot certificate.

In 1975, Michael married Joyce Williams of Beaufort, North Carolina. They enlarged their family by traveling to China in 1992 and adopting their beloved daughter, Maggie Mei. Michael is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, James Ogborne. In addition to his wife and daughter, he leaves behind a sister, Terri Vinck, and many family members and friends.



**LINDA APPLGATE RILEY, '65**, passed away with loving family present in Foothill Ranch, California, at the age of 72. She fought a courageous battle

against leukemia and will be missed by her husband Richard Riley, sisters Mary Christopher and Kathleen Applegate, and grandson Joey Barnett III. Linda was born in Detroit, Michigan, graduated from Hillsdale College, and subsequently received her administrative credential. Linda devoted her career to education at the primary and secondary level, advancing to the position of assistant principal at Fontana High School. After a stellar career, she retired and discovered the joys of cruising around the world with her husband Richard.

**CORAL LYNN LOUDEN HILTY, '66**, passed away on September 2, 2016, surrounded by family and friends. She is preceded in death by her youngest son, Chris. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Jerry Hilty; brother, Rick Loudon (Linda, Laura, Rich); sons, Tre' (Monica, Abigail, Julia) and Scott (Tracy, Alex, Kyle), and daughters, Kimberly (Matt, Cade, Mackenzie), Jill (Catherine, Brady, Emily), and her Brazilian "daughter" Cristina Govier (Jonathan, Christopher, John Edward). Coral was born in Toledo, Ohio, on July 18, 1944. A gifted artist, she graduated from Hillsdale College with an art degree and taught art in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in the early days. She adored education and served on the Lansdale North Penn School Board for several terms. Coral enjoyed spending time with her friends and "partners in crime" at Cedarbrook, Crystal Springs, Mission Valley, and finally Gulf and Bay Country Clubs, where you could often catch her in a card game with friends.



**KATHRYN PATRICIA BUGBEE HANNIBAL, '68**, of Hillsdale, Michigan, passed away on October 3, 2016. She was born on October 20, 1933, in

Hillsdale, the daughter of Ralph and Blanche McKibbin Bugbee. Kathryn is survived by her husband of 63 years, Loren H. Hannibal. A graduate of Hillsdale High School and Hillsdale College, Kathryn earned her master's degree in education from the University of Michigan and taught elementary school at Reading Community Schools. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, and history, but she loved spending time with her family and friends most of all. Besides her husband, she is survived by three children, Luann Bacon, Gregory Hannibal, and Eric (Denise) Hannibal; grandchildren Angelique (Ernie) McKimmy and Erika (Matt) Powers; and great-grandchildren Wyatt, Gavin, and Gaige. Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents and an adopted sister, Phyllis Speith.



**LOUELLA "LOU" CURTZE HARMAN, '69**, of Bryan, Ohio, passed away on June 15, 2016, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was 68 years

old. She had been a resident at Hillside Country Living for the past seven years. Louella was born on August 10, 1947, in Erie, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Alban William and Virginia Marie Shissler Curtze.

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# The Storyteller

## Kevin Shinkle Honored FOR CAREER IN COMMUNICATIONS

**HILLSDALE COLLEGE** awarded Kevin Shinkle, '87, the Distinguished Alumnus Award at Homecoming this year—and for good reason. Shinkle has had a far-ranging career in journalism and corporate communications. Currently senior vice president and chief communications officer at Delta Air Lines, he previously served as business editor of the Associated Press and business editor of the *Star-Ledger* newspaper in Newark, New Jersey.

“When you’re working on a big story, or there’s a big breaking news event, or you’ve got a big scoop that nobody else has, nothing is more fun,” Shinkle says of his love for journalism. “And when you get the lede just right and you get the nutgraf just right and it sings—there are few things more gratifying than that.”

Shinkle, a native of Tucson, Arizona, began his journalism career at the Hillsdale *Collegian*. During his four years at the paper, he worked his way through nearly every editorial position, eventually rising to editor-in-chief.

“It was great fun,” Shinkle says. “I remember being a freshman covering the football team. I’d walk down to the field house every Sunday night and Dick Lowry, the head football coach, would sit with me as long as I wanted and talk about the game.”

From those humble journalistic beginnings, Shinkle went on to work for news organizations like *Bloomberg News*, the *Tampa Tribune*, the *Star-Ledger*, and the Associated Press—where he has reported on some of America’s most defining stories of the 21st century.

“I was an editor at the *Star-Ledger* when 9/11 happened,” he says. “Driving into work, I heard about it on the radio. I saw the smoke from the towers when I neared Exit 12 on the



Kevin Shinkle

New Jersey Turnpike, and as I got closer to Newark, I saw the first tower go down. The next three months, it was nonstop stories. You knew it was history, and you’re trying to get it just right.”

Before he reported history, Shinkle studied history, along with political theory, while at Hillsdale.

He credits professors such as John Willson, Kendall

Brown, Rob Pearigen, and Tom Conner for inspiring him during his time at the College.

“Hillsdale had one of the best history and political science departments in all of academia,” he says. “These professors were brilliant and yet they opened their homes to us—they brought us into their social circles as students, and I remained in contact with many of them for a long time.”

Shinkle and his family—wife Barbara and daughters Julie and Callie—reside in Ewing, New Jersey, where Shinkle is still telling stories (and finding creative ways to do it) for Delta Air Lines’ communications department.

“We all love stories, especially in this day and age,” he says. “Now they’re different—maybe it’s a video or a Facebook live event—but people are craving stories, and to do old-fashioned communications with a press release or something like that doesn’t get the job done anymore.”

Now Shinkle is telling stories about the most successful airline in the world. “Delta has become the best because of its unique corporate culture that puts a premium on having each others’ backs and doing our best for customers. To showcase what our 80,000 employees do each day is a blessing.”

To young, aspiring journalists, Shinkle says to “forget what you read about the demise of journalism.”

“For dinosaurs like me, who are used to a metro newspaper, that world is going away,” he says. “But there’s still a lot of good journalism out there—follow your passion, follow your heart. Focus on the story, focus on holding people accountable, focus on learning the craft, and focus on readers.”

■ RAMONA TAUSZ, '17

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# Walk of Gratitude

## Alumni Walk

## RECEIVES RENOVATIONS

**ON YOUR MOST** recent visit to Hillsdale's campus, you may have noticed a change: the Alumni Walk has undergone renovation.

Dedicated in 1994, the brick walk commemorates hundreds of alumni and Hillsdale supporters—as well as past presidents of the College and of the Alumni Association—with names, dates, and brief messages engraved on its bricks. When the walk was first created, the designers placed many blank bricks among the engraved bricks, thus spreading out the tributes over a broad space.

This year, however, the College decided to update the walk's layout to make room for newly purchased bricks. The renovators lifted the bricks and laid a concrete foundation, then created curving sides that keep the bricks contained. When they reinstalled the bricks over the concrete, they rearranged them, tightening each sec-



tion by removing the plain bricks that were interspersed among the engraved ones.

As a result, a long stretch of the Alumni Walk has been opened up for new commemorative bricks. Moreover, the renovations improved the walk's appearance. The smoothed surface and curved edges will prevent bricks from shifting. Now that the renovations are complete, the walk has room for continual growth.

Bricks cost \$150 each, and the proceeds benefit the Alumni Legacy Scholarship. This fund provides \$1,000 annual scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Hillsdale alumni. If you are interested in purchasing a brick, please contact the Alumni Office at (517) 607-2461 or [alumni@hillsdale.edu](mailto:alumni@hillsdale.edu). ■

RACHELLE FERGUSON, '17

### Buy a Brick!

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Lou was a 1965 graduate of Strong Vincent High School in Erie, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Hillsdale College in 1969, earning her bachelor's degree in secondary education, with majors in English and German. While at Hillsdale College, she met Dennis S. Harman of Bryan, and they married on May 26, 1970, at Hope Lutheran Church in Fostoria, Ohio.

Lou was active in civic affairs her entire life. She was a past member of Newlyn Quest, Bryan Civic League, Williams County PanHellenic, and the Bryan Rotary Club. Lou served on many committees and was very active with the YMCA. She was designated in 1996 as the YWCA Woman of Achievement in Civic Affairs. Lou was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the former Orchard Hills Country Club.

Lou is survived by her husband, Dennis; one sister, Jean Curtze Carroll; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Edward Curtze.

## 1970s

**JANET PUTNAM SENNETT, '74**, passed away on August 2, 2016. Her husband Paul passed away a few months prior.

## 1980s



**KENDAL RAY HARDIN, '80**, passed away on November 18, 2015. Born on October 8, 1957, he was the son of Luther Ray and Peggy Joyce Hardin, devoted brother of Linda Helder, and the proud uncle of Joseph, Jacob, and Katherine Helder, all of whom survive him.

**HELEN PHENICIE PLATT, '83**, of Hillsdale, passed away June 15, 2016, at the age of 78. She was born on December 18, 1937, in Flint, Michigan, to D. Lyle and Grace Sturges Phenicie. She is survived by her husband, Ted Platt, whom she married on December 23, 1956.

Helen graduated from Mendon High School and received a bachelor of science degree at Hillsdale. She was employed as a social worker for Jackson and Hillsdale County Community Mental Health, where she also served on the board. Helen was a member of Bankers Baptist Church and enjoyed crocheting, quilting, and listening to sports, especially Detroit Tigers games.

In addition to her husband, Ted, Helen is survived by four children: Ben Platt, Lorraine (Yoni) Najera, Jennifer (Sri) Panguluri, and Marvin (Victoria) Platt; and four grandchildren. Helen was preceded in death by her parents; two children, Donald Frederick and Shirley Marie; one child in infancy; and her brother, Dale Phenicie.



# From Waldron to Wasilla and Back

## Darcie Salmon's LIFETIME STUDY



Darcie Salmon in his Wasilla office.

**IN HIS LIFETIME,** Darcie Salmon, '79, has been a real estate broker, a social worker, a serviceman in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam era, a faithful husband and father of three children, and even mayor of Sarah Palin's Alaska borough. It's a list of accomplishments of which any Hillsdale alumnus would be proud. Nevertheless, Salmon admits he was a bit of a "freak" during his time at Hillsdale.

"I had really long hair and a really long beard," he laughs. "During my first year, students and professors were skeptical, but then they saw what a good student I was, and they loved me."

Born in nearby Waldron, Michigan, Salmon spent 1971-1975 serving in the United States Air Force, stationed in the United States. Afterward, he attended Hillsdale, graduating in 1979 with a "straight-A" in psychology.

"My mind is the only laboratory I've ever had," Salmon says of his passion for psychology. "I enjoyed my own mind and I wanted to know a lot of things about myself. It was a way to examine who I was and make myself a better person."

After graduating, Salmon spent some time working as a social worker with a focus on mental health, but that didn't last long. He had been stationed in Alaska for a time while in the Air Force, and in 1981 decided to return.

"Alaska is the land of opportunity," he says. "Oil and gas, mining, timber, tourism—no matter what you would like to be, there's opportunity for you."

Salmon and his wife Theresa worked in the mental health field for a time in Alaska, but after a car accident claimed Theresa's life in 1984, Salmon went into real estate full time. He continued in real estate—eventually owning his own

business—and stayed in Alaska for 34 years.

"Once you've examined it and appreciated it, there is no more beautiful place in the world than Alaska," Salmon says.

In 1997, Salmon had an eventful year. He nearly died in a car accident and then became mayor of one of Alaska's boroughs.

"When I got out of the hospital, I got into a regimen of going to the gym four times a week," Salmon says. "It didn't come easy, but at some point I realized this is as good as it gets."

Salmon decided to run for mayor of the Mat-Su Borough in Alaska from his wheelchair—and won.

"I'm exactly like FDR, except that I'm not a Democrat," he laughs. "I got elected and ran the borough from the wheelchair."

One of the communities in the borough is Wasilla. "Wasilla was the home of 2008 vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin," Salmon says. "She was mayor of Wasilla when I was the mayor of the borough—so I was Sarah's mayor. We were good friends."

In 2015, Salmon moved back to Michigan, and is now happily settled in his hometown of Waldron. He and his second wife Bettie have been married for 26 years, and his children have all found success in their fields: Amanda, 34, is in real estate; Abraham, 32, is a teacher; and Donny, 29, is in the U.S. Navy.

"Waldron's a city of only about 600 people," he says. "Back in Alaska, people were asking me, 'Why Waldron? There's nothing in Waldron,'" Salmon laughs. "If you had lived half the life that I've lived of adventure and fun and experiences, 'nothing' is what you're looking for in retirement. I love Michigan—I've always loved it," Salmon continues. "I want to spend my days now in peace and tranquility around family."

■ RAMONA TAUSZ, '17



# A Leader in the Law

## Beth Deer Walker Wins

### STATE SUPREME COURT SEAT

**AS A HILLSDALE** student, Beth Deer Walker had a reputation for leadership. Serving as senior class president, co-founder of the Student Ambassadors program, *Collegian* reporter, *Winona* copy editor, Chi Omega officer, and jazz band musician, Walker readily sought out opportunities to better campus life while also challenging herself and developing her skills, believing that “the more engaged you are, the more you can accomplish.” Thirty years later, she continues to lead, but this time on a much larger stage. At the 2016 Alumni Awards Banquet, she was recognized for her career in law and her latest accomplishment: in May 2016, she was elected to serve as a justice on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, West Virginia’s highest court.

“I knew in 7th grade that I wanted to be a lawyer,” Walker recalls. As the daughter of alumni John and Ronda Doane Deer, ’58, ’60, Walker also knew from a young age of the high regard her parents had for Hillsdale. An English and political science double major, she recalls the positive influence of her professors, who helped her “learn to think and to hold my own,” as well as the extensive writing experience she gained not only through her classes, but also through her work for the *Collegian*. After Hillsdale, she attended The Ohio State University, earning her law degree in 1990. She accepted a job at the law firm of Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love in Charleston, West Virginia, where she worked for 22 years in labor and employment law and mediation. Five years ago, she took a position as associate general counsel for the West Virginia United Health System. “I’ve enjoyed the challenge of doing different things within the field of law, but it’s still always about people,” she says.

In 2008, Walker decided to take her passion of working for people to the state level by running for a seat on the West



Beth Deer Walker receives an Alumni Award from Alumni Board President Patricia Rooney and President Arnn.

Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. In that partisan election, three individuals ran for two seats. Walker finished third, with less than one percent separating her from second place. “I never thought I’d run again,” she recalls. But when the West Virginia state legislature voted in 2015 to make judicial elections nonpartisan, Walker reconsidered. This time, five individuals, including the incumbent, ran for one seat. Pitching herself as a jurist who would follow the rule of law and not legislate from the bench, Walker received numerous endorsements and distinguished herself from the field as she spent 11 months campaigning across the state. Her message resonated with voters: on May 10, 2016, she won 40 percent of the vote, 17 percentage points higher than the second-place candidate. She began her 12-year term on January 1.

As she looks ahead to her new role as a justice, Walker reflects on her Hillsdale classes and activities. “I am so proud to be a Hillsdale graduate!” she exclaims. “Hillsdale provides an amazing intellectual foundation to do anything. The skills you learn give you the confidence to make decisions and defend them.” Furthermore, Walker brings to the bench a “noble pride in our Hillsdale’s name,” as the *alma mater* proclaims. “It’s so gratifying to meet people around the country who recognize Hillsdale College and who care about defending the Constitution,” she says. “It gives me hope. As a judge who will interpret the law, I hope I can make a difference in West Virginia.” ■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, ’95

# Remembering

## Edward Facey

**OVER THE SUMMER,** Hillsdale College mourned the passing of a retired longtime member of its Economics Department, one who helped shape the free-market focus that still characterizes the program. Dr. Edward Facey passed away on August 16, 2016, at the age of 86. Facey, along with his wife, Professor Emerita of Accounting Febes Facey, taught at Hillsdale from 1973 to 1995.

Facey was born in Buffalo, New York, on October 6, 1929. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He received a B.S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an M.A. from Boston College, and a Ph.D. in economics from New York University. While at NYU, he studied under Austrian economist Ludwig von Mises, whose personal library is housed at Hillsdale College and whose teachings contribute significantly to the focus of the Economics Department. While at NYU, Facey met someone else who would have a significant impact on him: his future wife, Febes. The couple married after graduation and taught at St. John's University for a number of years. In 1972, then-Hillsdale president George



Ed Facey

Roche recruited the Faceys to come to the College, as Roche wanted Ed Facey to help develop a free-market-based economics program.

The Faceys raised two children—Eddie and Betty—who both graduated from the College in 1986. “My dad loved engendering learning in others,” Eddie said in an

interview with the *Collegian*. “What made him happy was seeing others mastering the material that he was teaching.” Facey’s students, in turn, were grateful for his teaching, and in 1978, they voted him Professor of the Year.

One of those students, Carol Morley Beck, ’77, remembers his superior intelligence, thorough instruction, and dedication to his students. “Every student, in every class he taught, knew they had been in the presence of a commanding teacher, one that would forever stand out,” she said. “This past Homecoming, many classmates shared their memories of struggling through economics with Dr. Ed. We all admitted the learning opportunity at the time was probably underappreciated and lamented not having the maturity to absorb all Dr. Ed had to offer us. We will never forget him.” ■

MONICA VANDERWEIDE, ’95

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## Hans Zeiger, '07

As senior class president, Hans Zeiger addressed his classmates at the 2007 Commencement.

- Voted Outstanding Senior Man and President's Ball King while at Hillsdale
- 2015 co-recipient of Gabrielle Giffords Award for Civility in State Governance
- Named 2013 Legislator of the Year by Associated General Contractors
- Officer in Washington Air National Guard

## “Make A Difference There”

### Hans Zeiger Serves in Washington State

**WHEN HANS** Zeiger, '07, learned that he had been chosen as the recipient of this year's Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, he felt a bit surprised. “Getting a distinguished alumni award is something you imagine getting toward the end of your career, not the beginning,” he says. “It feels like I have a lot more to accomplish.”

At this stage of his career, however, Zeiger already has an impressive record of accomplishments. Now finishing his third term as a Washington State Representative for the 25th district, he was elected to the state senate in November

and was sworn into office in January. He was the ranking member on the House Higher Education Committee and the assistant ranking member on the Community Development, Housing, and Tribal Affairs Committee. He was also a member on the Rules Committee and served for five years on the House Transportation Committee.

Zeiger became interested in politics at a young age, seriously participating in a campaign for the first time when he was 13. His enthusiasm and involvement only increased as he matured and eventually came to study at Hillsdale College.

During his undergraduate years, Zeiger participated in the Politics Club on campus and College Republicans. He was actively involved in the Hillsdale Christian Fellowship and led Bible studies in Simpson residence hall. An American Studies major, he was a member of Delta Pi Nu American Studies honorary, Phi Alpha Theta history honorary, and Mu Alpha music fraternity.

Zeiger says he was an ambitious young person “eager to make a name for [him]self,” and he remembers President Larry Arnn (for whom he worked as a research assistant) challenging him “to settle down and study.” With President Arnn as a mentor, Zeiger learned that “if I really want to make a difference in this world, I have to prepare myself intellectually.”

During his last year at the College, Zeiger served as senior class president, which he describes as “the title I’m most hon-



Hans Zeiger, '07, his wife Erin, and daughter Clara at the 2016 Alumni Awards Banquet.

ored to have had.” By the time he graduated, he had already published two books and had guest-written for the *Seattle Times*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Baltimore Sun*. After leaving Hillsdale, Zeiger studied public policy at Pepperdine University and political science at Claremont Graduate University.

His choice to return and build his career in his home community of Puyallup, Washington, fulfilled his desire to support the place and the people that shaped him. He encourages young people, during and after their college experience, to stay connected with their home community: “Aspire to go back and make a difference there.” ■ RACHELLE FERGUSON, '17

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# Charger Golfer Wins

## MOTOR CITY INVITE

**ON OCTOBER 17,** sophomore Joel Pietila won a playoff on the first hole with a birdie to take home medalist honors at the two-day Motor City Invite, held at the TPC Michigan in Dearborn. Pietila is the first Charger golfer to win an event since the program was revived in the fall of 2014.

Hillsdale finished fourth overall with a team score

of 612, shooting a 307 in the first round, followed by a 305 in the final round. Grand Valley State won the event with a 597, followed by Saginaw Valley State and Bellarmine, who tied for second with a two-round score of 600.

Pietila, who went to a playoff earlier in the season at the Kyle Ryman Memorial at Tiffin, shot an even-par 72 in the



Joel Pietila

first round and fired a 74 in the second round. Logan Kauffman, '18, had a spectacular second round and climbed the leaderboard with a 72, his best round of the season,

to finish seventh overall with a two-round score of 150. Liam Purslowe, '19, also performed well in the second round, improving from an opening-round 80 to a second-round 72 to finish. Andy Grayson, '19, helped get the Chargers off to a good start with a 74 before finishing with an event score of 154. Freshman George Roberts rounded out the team with a 159.

Hillsdale also sent a "B" team to the event, and that team finished ninth out of 15 competing teams. Peter Beneteau, '19, led this group by carding an 81 on both days, finishing with a 162. ■ BRAD MONASTIERE

## Sweeney Receives TEACHING AWARD

**PROFESSOR** of Accounting Michael Sweeney has been named the recipient of the 2016 Michigan Association of CPAs (MICPA) Accounting Teaching Excellence Award. The award "recognizes educators who excel in teaching accounting and promoting the CPA profession." It also "emphasizes the importance of accounting education to the profession [and] exemplifies the role professors play in supporting the CPA profession."

Sweeney holds the Evert McCabe/UPS Memorial Endowed Chair of Economics at Hillsdale College, where he has taught for the past 20 years. In addition, Sweeney serves as chairman for the Hillsdale Hospital Authority Finance Committee and teaches "Decision Making for Managers" as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland. Sweeney also coordinates the College's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

(VITA), an IRS-sponsored program that pairs students with local community members in need of tax-preparation support. Throughout his career, Sweeney has emphasized the importance of an accounting education.

"Michael Sweeney's excellence as an accounting educator has long been known to those of us who work alongside him," says Provost David Whalen. "We are honored and delighted that this excellence has been recognized by the MICPA, and we heartily congratulate Dr. Sweeney on this prestigious award."



Mike Sweeney



## Rich Péwé

- Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
- Joined Hillsdale staff in 1989
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# If These Walls Could Talk...

## Form and Function

### IN HILLSDALE'S FACILITIES

**THE PURSUIT** of Hillsdale's mission extends beyond our classroom walls. All who serve the mission and cherish freedom, faith, truth, high learning, and moral character endeavor to exemplify these traits in every pursuit. As the College strives to be the standard for teaching the liberal arts, we must pay special attention to the form and function of our facilities. Symmetry, style, and structure must be

purposefully blended in showcasing a cohesive campus, one that presents students and guests with a collegial atmosphere that fosters opportunities to discuss ideas centered on the preservation of the best things.

In recent years, the College has made a concerted effort to improve our oldest dormitories. As part of the traditional fabric of the College and its culture, they are worth preserving and beautifying. Simpson Hall and McIntyre Hall have undergone complete renovations, and a renovation of Mauck Hall, now in progress, should be finished soon. We are considering plans for a renovation of Galloway Hall in the near future. In addition to improving the overall living conditions, these renovations are facilitating a greater sense of community and establishing spaces where students can live, gather, discuss, and grow.

The College continues preparing for the construction of a chapel. Hillsdale remains steadfast in its commitment to and the teaching of the tenets of the Christian faith. The chapel,

in accordance with its location on the College's main quadrangle, will emphasize a central purpose: a space for the campus community to gather, for sacred music to thrive, and for worship to take place.

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Since opening in 2015, the Searle Center has allowed the College to expand the experiences of student life and increase its outreach efforts by providing a grand space for holding events. The College hosts over 9,000 visitors to campus each year. The Searle Center has proven to be a valuable asset in serving these visitors, as well as our students and staff, with an

elegant space to meet, converse, and entertain. Phase Two of this project will see the adjacent auditorium renovated into a state-of-the-art 700-seat venue. Upon its completion, the Searle Center will be utilized to its full potential, working in tandem as a beautiful dining and lecture facility.

An additional pending project for this area of campus involves renovating all 36 Dow Hotel rooms by next August as well as transforming the upper level of the Knorr Center into a Business and Professional Development Center. This will provide a seamless tie-in to events in the Searle Center and afford the Dow Hotel greater opportunities for hospitality and service. The plans call for a pub, a café, new spaces for the Writing Center and Career Services offices, high-tech presentation rooms, an expanded radio studio, and classrooms.

As these projects take shape, we continue to cherish the support of those who value the pursuit of truth and defense of liberty. We count it a blessing to serve the College and its mission. ■





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### The 2017 Alumni “National Tour” of receptions and events

Alumni are invited to a wide range of Hillsdale receptions, speaker events, and other programs across the country, many of which are exclusively for alumni. The following schedules are subject to change, but they provide a general overview of when and where these events will take place. Please make plans to join us when we are in your area.

Invitations will be sent via mailed postcards and e-mail blasts to local alumni well in advance of each event and, as details are confirmed, complete information will be posted to the Alumni Events page on the alumni website. Please note: while these events are free of charge (unless otherwise noted), RSVPs are required.

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| March 5-7   | Santa Barbara, CA — Alumni Road Trip            |
| March 13    | Nashville, TN — “Meet the Professors” Reception |
| March 15    | Austin, TX — “Meet the Professors” Reception    |
| March 31    | Dallas, TX — Alumni Reception                   |
| April 20    | Atlanta, GA — Alumni Reception                  |
| May 18      | Portland, OR — Alumni Reception                 |
| May 20      | Seattle, WA — Alumni Reception                  |