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Attention Classes of 1956 and 1966!

Please mark your calendars for the 50- and 60-year class reunions on April 13-15, 2016. You should have received an invitation in the mail with the event details, as well as a registration form and a biographical information form that must be completed and returned by February 20. All lodging and meals are complimentary. This promises to be a memorable few days filled with opportunities to renew friendships, and enjoy the beauty of spring on campus.

For questions, please contact the Alumni Office at (517) 607-2461, or refer to the reunion pages on Hillsdale's website at:

- alumni.hillsdale.edu/50
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*We look forward
to seeing you!*



Staying Connected in the Digital Age

THE ALUMNI OFFICE sponsors dozens of alumni-specific off-campus events each year—many more, I suspect, than most alumni realize. These events range from career-oriented networking receptions to regional luncheons or dinners, and from informal get-togethers with professors or members of the College staff to football tailgates and “meet-n-greets.” There are about 30 such events on this year’s schedule in cities from coast to coast.

Moreover, there are at least as many alumni-oriented events here on campus including class reunions, academic receptions, and activities for teams and Greek Houses.

These alumni events are in addition to scores of other College programs—academic conferences and seminars, Hostels, luncheon and dinner receptions, travel programs, and so on—aimed at a wider Hillsdale audience of friends and donors as well as alumni.

Given the number of events and the considerable expense of printing and mailing invitations, many alumni events are now promoted exclusively via e-mail and text messaging. So it is imperative that the Alumni Office have your e-mail address and a cell phone number on file if you wish to receive notices of these events.

We also use social media and the Hillsdale College website to post news and information for alumni. If you are a Facebook user, consider liking “Hillsdale College” and “Hillsdale College Alumni Association.” Several graduation classes and regional groups also maintain Facebook pages. For information and contacts of a more professional nature, go to any of several Hillsdale College LinkedIn pages. LinkedIn is an especially good way to locate alumni in your geographic area or within your profession.

Please take a moment now to update this information (or your home address if you have recently moved or have not been getting our mail) by completing the attached business reply envelope and returning it to the Alumni Office.

My best,

Grigor “Scot” Hasted, ’74, Director of Alumni Relations



Searle Center Dedication luncheon.

Searle Center

- A 20,856-square-foot addition and expansion of the old Curtiss Dining Hall
- Named in honor of the Searle family, founders of G.D. Searle and Company
- Can be rented out for private events such as weddings and business meetings

Searle Center Dedication

A Program Venue for Increasing NUMBERS OF VISITORS

HILLSDALE COLLEGE held a dedication ceremony for its highly anticipated Searle Center on October 5, 2015. This 20,856-square-foot addition expanded the old Curtiss Dining Hall to seat 800 and created a new entrance and lobby, as well as a completely renovated kitchen. Held in conjunction with the first Center for Constructive Alternatives seminar of the school year, the ceremony drew hundreds of guests, faculty, staff, and students.

Senior Eric Walker expressed his gratitude on behalf of the student body for the “selfless generosity” of the College’s benefactors. “Everything I do at Hillsdale can



President Arnn with guests at the Searle Center Dedication.



President Arnn with the Klarr family: Nathan, '19; Sally, '12; Silas; Louise; and Gunnar, '75.

only happen because of the gifts from donors, most of whom I do not know," he said. "Their gifts are much appreciated."

Hillsdale College Trustee Gunnar Klarr, who with his wife, Louise Searle Klarr, gave a leadership gift toward the construction, spoke on behalf of the Searle family. He told the story of how G.D. Searle and Company rose from a small, struggling pharmaceutical to an industry giant that developed widely used products such as Dramamine and Metamucil. "The story is still unfolding," he said. "Our decision to support this building was just a small step. The next step will happen as people gather here to exchange ideas that will help celebrate freedom and improve our country."

President Larry Arnn echoed that sentiment, noting the increased capacity for hosting guests at College events.

"Some of the most important things in history happened around the dinner table," he said. He also noted that while many colleges were originally built to protect students from the outside, Hillsdale welcomes all who are willing to learn. "We are opening the College to the whole world," he said. "This building will foster conversation around meals and events, and the learning that leads to freedom, the cause that gave this College life."

Now that the Searle Center is complete, the College will turn its attention to raising funds for an expansion and renovation of Phillips Auditorium. The \$4.3 million project will expand the auditorium's capacity to 700 seats and create a private viewing area, a balcony, a study room, and offices.

■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, '95



Hillsdale College is now offering additional lodging options!

Hillsdale College Home Connection is a joint venture with local residents that is designed to give visitors more choices of where to stay while attending Parents Weekends, athletic games, Homecoming, Commencement, concerts, CCA seminars, and other College events.

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A New Direction in Teacher Education

Update on Hillsdale's Education Program

HILLSDALE COLLEGE is no stranger to making difficult decisions. From its nondiscriminatory charter to its refusal to accept federal or state funds, Hillsdale has demonstrated a willingness to buck trends and take risks for the sake of its mission. Six years ago, Hillsdale decided to stop authorizing candidates for state teacher certification and to focus its efforts instead on preparing students to teach in classical private and charter schools that do not require certification. That decision initially caused some concerns, but those who made it are quite satisfied with the results.

As the story is related by Education Department Chairman Jon Fennell, Hillsdale's teacher preparation program was considered exemplary by the state of Michigan. But in 2007, the Michigan Department of Education changed its policies so that all state teacher certification programs would have to receive accreditation from one of two national accrediting organizations. This process would incur substantial costs and consume copious amounts of time for a department with only four full-time faculty members. "We had to ask ourselves, 'What is the best use of the College's resources?'" Fennell recalls.

As Fennell and his colleagues wrestled with that question, they discovered, in consultation with Career Services, that at least half of Hillsdale's recent graduates who were teaching had bypassed the Education Department and were teaching at private schools that did not require state certification. "We realized we were missing an opportunity to serve an important constituency," Fennell says. "Hillsdale could take on a new role in teacher education by becoming a leader in preparing teachers for classical schools, a role that coincides perfectly with the College's mission and independence."

The department revamped its course offerings by eliminating tedious method courses, strengthening existing education



Emily Shutz, '14 (right), worked as an apprentice at Hillsdale Academy.

courses, and adding a comprehensive course on English grammar. Finally, the department developed the Liberal Arts Teacher Apprenticeship in partnership with Hillsdale Academy. Students who pursue this apprenticeship spend a semester, part time or full time, first observing a teacher and then gradually taking on increased responsibility in the classroom.

"With certification, students have to take about 20-25 credits before they can do their student teaching," Associate Professor of Education Daniel Coupland explains. "The apprenticeship has only one prerequisite. Students can get actual classroom experience much sooner, which in turn helps them determine if they really want to teach."

Since its launch in 2009, the apprenticeship has skyrocketed in popularity, with about 20 students participating each year, most of them at Hillsdale Academy. Due to the limited capacity of local schools to host apprentices, the department has established several remote locations as well, providing additional opportunities for students. "Our apprenticeship is gaining a positive reputation among classical schools," Coupland says. "I was describing it at a conference I attended, and a school headmaster said, 'I'll take three apprentices!'"

Classical school headmasters are doing more than hosting Hillsdale apprentices—they are hiring Hillsdale graduates. For six years, the Education Department, in cooperation with Career Services and the Barney Charter School Initiative, has hosted a Classical School Job Fair in February. In 2015, representatives from 42 schools in 20 states visited campus and conducted interviews with over 100 students. Forty-six of last year's graduates are working as teachers in classical, charter, or private schools; and over several years, about 15 to 20 percent of graduates in each class are pursuing teaching careers—a number greater than that prior to Hillsdale's discontinuation of its state certification program.

Gannon Hyland, '14, teaches 7th through 9th grade literature at Sacred Heart Academy in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His decision to become a teacher came about late in his college career, a decision he credits to his professors and his friends. He completed his apprenticeship at Hillsdale Academy, where he says he discovered that "love is the principal driving force of education." Furthermore, Hyland learned the demanding yet rewarding aim

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Delta Sigma Phi Celebrates Chapter Centennial



Alumni visit the Delta Sigma Phi house at the rededication.

ALUMNI of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity returned to campus for larger-than-usual festivities on Homecoming Weekend as the chapter celebrated its 100th consecutive year of activity.

“The centennial has been talked about for years,” says Chapter President Zachary VanOrman, ’17. Although Delta Sigma Phi is not Hillsdale’s oldest fraternity chapter, this centennial celebration marks an important milestone. Tau Chapter, first chartered on May 16, 1915, is the oldest continuously operating chapter of Delta Sigma Phi in the country.

The anniversary festivities included the re-dedication of the chapter’s house and a commemorative luncheon. Professor of Biology Anthony Swinehart, the chapter’s faculty advisor, showed a brief video he created highlighting Tau Chapter’s 100-year history on campus. In addition, the chapter recognized three alumni—Ed Swanson, ’60; Bud Tishkowski, ’59; and John Cervini, ’74—for ongoing service to the fraternity.

Tau Chapter, first chartered on May 16, 1915, is the oldest continuously operating chapter of Delta Sigma Phi in the country.

Tau Chapter has contributed much to Hillsdale’s campus, including many creative and spirited parties. VanOrman recalls learning of one of several “exquisite date parties” at which an artist drew portraits of each woman as she entered, and couples later had to guess the subject of each portrait. During the Great Depression, the chapter held an open-house “Prosperity Party,” featuring programs shaped like miniature pocketbooks and cakes decorated with dollar signs. More recently, the chapter has used its house basement for Haunted Houses, donating admission fees to charitable organizations.

Delta Sigma Phi also has a long tradition of athletics. “There are guys that come back from the ’50s and ’60s who

played basketball, golf, football, all across the spectrum,” VanOrman says. Tau Chapter alumni Jared Veldheer, ’10, and Andre Holmes, ’11, currently play in the NFL for the Arizona Cardinals and the Oakland Raiders, respectively.

The fraternity has not always had smooth sailing. During World War I, nearly all of the chapter’s members enlisted in the service, leaving only one member to keep the chapter alive. Membership was similarly depleted in World War II, when alumni stepped in to maintain the chapter’s activity until the end of the war. More recently, the chapter struggled to recruit new members when in 2012, after a series of policy violations, college administrators revoked the chapter’s right to have a house. Despite this difficulty, Tau Chapter remained active, and VanOrman reports that since the house reinstatement in 2014, recruitment is rising and the future of the chapter appears bright.

Honorees Tishkowski and Swanson both served as chapter presidents while attending Hillsdale, and both have served many years on the fraternity’s alumni board. John Cervini, currently Hillsdale’s vice president of Institutional Advancement, served as the chapter’s advisor for over 20 years.

Swanson describes his time in the fraternity as “a life-changing experience,” and says that he was encouraged by the participation of younger alumni in the centennial celebration. “Fraternities don’t play the role today that they did, because you have so many other activities,” he says. “You have to reach out, and you have to sell the fact that these organizations are really worthwhile.”

VanOrman and Swanson both hope that the chapter will continue to grow and diversify its membership. “It’s cool that we’re having the centennial, because we’re getting to see what the chapter was like in the past, and how we can draw on that for the future,” VanOrman says. ■ MEGAN SCOTT, ’16

The Making of a Masterpiece

Tower Players Perform TWELFTH NIGHT

AFTER A LONG DAY of classes and work, most students find a place to study, relax, and regroup for the next day. Students preparing for a Tower Players production, on the other hand, disappear into the Sage Center for the Arts for several hours every Sunday through Thursday evening. The Hillsdale motto, “Strength rejoices in the challenge,” is clearly evident in the process of designing, rehearsing, and performing a play.

The challenge of producing Shakespeare’s comedy *Twelfth Night* began last school year, when it was decided that the Tower Players would perform their first show of the 2015-2016 season over the fall semester Parents Weekend, only five weeks after the start of classes. A normal rehearsal period at Hillsdale typically lasts six or seven weeks, so Director George Angell had to work quickly to get the production into shape. In order to facilitate the process, Angell cast most of the show the previous spring. Design plans, which Angell chose to set in 17th-century Bermuda in order to explore the nautical themes of the play, took shape over the summer as well.



Grace Link, as Viola, greets the countess Olivia, played by Glynis Gilio.



Nikolai Dignoti as Sir Toby Belch goes head to head with Elly Guensche, as Antonia, in a choreographed sword fight.

Because Hillsdale’s Theatre Department does not require a major or minor in theatre for students to participate in productions, each show draws talented students from a variety of disciplines. The cast of *Twelfth Night* included both experienced theatre majors and students completely new to acting. These students met together only once before the end of the spring semester to receive their scripts and conduct a read-through of the play. They then had the summer break to memorize their lines and develop their characters before starting rehearsals at the end of August.

“I’ve never done a show where we came in knowing the lines,” junior theatre major Dani Morey says. “It was different because everyone had thought about their characters beforehand.” Morey, who took on the role of Olivia’s handmaid Maria, says that putting down the scripts early on in rehearsals gave the actors much more freedom to move around the space and try different ways of presenting their lines.

Watching other actors experiment with their roles encouraged sophomore Quentin Herman, who had never acted prior to being cast in *Twelfth Night*, to work hard at discovering how to play his character, Sebastian. “The other actors were so professional and so good natured that rehearsal never became stressful. They inspired me to give it my best,” he says.

Another unusual challenge was the show’s fight choreography. It featured several scenes of exciting stage combat choreographed by alumna Caitlyn Hubbard Larsen, ’12, who has performed professional stunt work since graduating from Hillsdale. Herman, one of the cast members who worked with Larsen, says that learning stage

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Making French Fun and Accessible

Anne Theobald Embraces Hillsdale

WHEN ASSISTANT Professor of French Anne Theobald first stepped on to the Hillsdale College campus, she knew it would be a place where she could grow professionally and personally.

A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Theobald studied French as an undergraduate at the College of St. Benedict, going on to receive her Ph.D. in French from the University of Wisconsin–Madison, specializing in 17th century French literature. She has visited France many times and has worked as an English teacher-assistant in French schools.

Prior to Hillsdale, Theobald taught for four years at Ithaca College in central New York. “But I was looking for a smaller school,” she says. “I really wanted to teach at a school with a strong core curriculum and where studying a foreign language is important.”

She first heard about Hillsdale through *Imprimis*. When she learned about two openings in Hillsdale’s French Department, she applied and was interviewed at the Modern Languages Association Convention in January. Out of 100 candidates, Hillsdale’s committee interviewed only 25. Theobald, as well as Assistant Professor of French Sherri Rose, were hired.

After her first month of teaching at Hillsdale, Theobald says she feels at home. “It has been wonderful so far,” she says. “I am very impressed with the students. My colleagues have made me feel very welcome, and I’m just really happy here.”

Theobald currently teaches three classes: one large section of Beginning French and two sections of Speaking and Writing French.

“I started learning French when I was in 7th grade,” Theobald says. “I just loved learning a foreign language, and I always knew I wanted to be a teacher.”

Theobald enjoys getting to know her students both inside and outside the classroom. Besides her French classes, she also teaches a spinning class on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. She says students get to see her in “French mode” and in “cycling mode.” “My favorite part of teaching is the interaction with the students,” Theobald says.

Sophomore Katie Scheu, who is in Theobald’s Speaking and Writing French class and is considering a major in French, appreciates Theobald’s enthusiasm. “She loves to interact with the students. She likes to be involved with our lives,” Scheu says.

Scheu characterizes Theobald’s teaching style as casual but organized. “She sets up a friendly class dynamic so students are encouraged to share and participate,” Scheu says.

Although she took French in middle and high school, Scheu says she did not really enjoy the language. But her French classes at Hillsdale, especially with Theobald, have changed her mind. “We have these amazing French professors who have really made me fall in love with the language and experience it on a whole new level,” she says. ■ EMMA VINTON, '16



Anne Theobald

- Assistant Professor of French
- B.A., College of St. Benedict, 2002
- M.A., University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2005
- Ph.D., University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2011
- Joined Hillsdale faculty in 2015



Hillsdale College Trustee Stephen Barney received the Adam Smith Award at the Academy's anniversary dinner.

Hillsdale Academy

- Established in 1990 as K-8 school; Upper School added in 1998
- Ranked in the 99th percentile of schools that take Iowa Tests of Basic Skills
- Curriculum available online through the *Academy Reference Guide* (academy.hillsdale.edu)
- Current enrollment of 186 students

Hillsdale Academy Celebrates 25 Years

ON OCTOBER 2-3, 2015, Hillsdale Academy students, parents, faculty, alumni, and supporters gathered to commemorate its 25th anniversary. A formal dinner on Friday featured recitations and songs by current students, remarks by Hillsdale Academy Parents Association president John Waldvogel, '91, a speech by Hillsdale President Larry Arnn, and a tribute by U.S. Representative Tim Walberg. Dr. Arnn presented the Adam Smith Award to Hillsdale College Trustee Stephen Barney, whose family foundation—which focuses on supporting elementary education—provided the leadership grant for Hillsdale's Barney Charter School Initiative.

On Saturday, students and their families enjoyed an all-school barbeque and cheered on the Colts boy's soccer team, which played Oakdale Academy, an Academy model school located in Waterford, Michigan. ■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, '95

Tower Light Spotlights Student Creativity for 60 Years

Former Editors Reunite AT HOMECOMING MIXER



Past and present *Tower Light* writers Fred Miller, '55; Forester McClatchey, '16; Mary Catherine Meyer, '16; and Richard Hill, '56.

THE TOWER LIGHT, Hillsdale College's student literary publication, has featured students' poems, short stories, book reviews, art, and photography for 60 years. Founded in January 1955 by Richard Hill, '56, the publication has been cherished by students ever since.

"The *Tower Light* is so named because of the floodlights which point out our Central Hall tower for many miles around," early editions of the publication state. "If interest is shown and this publication can continue through the semesters," Hill wrote in the first issue, "it will mark another 'first' in the college's vast wealth of 'firsts.' It is the *Tower Light*'s hope, desire and aim to bring forth the more creative forms of writing and art in the publication area."

In 1955, a subscription to the *Tower Light* cost \$3.75 per year. The first edition also featured local ads from R-J Record Shop, Palace of Sweets ("Hillsdale's leading confectionery"), Royal Portable Typewriters, and Pontiac. Although the times have changed considerably, *Tower Light* continues to publish excellent student writing and photography.

Over Homecoming Weekend, a mixer took place in celebration of the publication's 60th anniversary. Hannah Strickland, '14, who works as the social media coordinator at the College and who set up the event, was a past editor and contributor to the *Tower Light*. When she contacted Hill about the mixer, he was surprised to learn that the *Tower Light* was still going strong.

"He didn't even know it was still around," Strickland says. "He didn't think it would

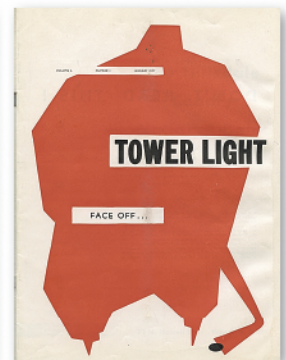
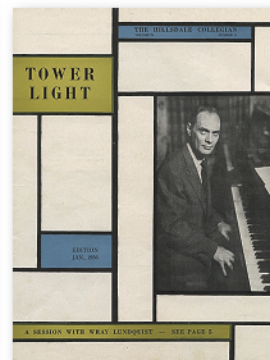
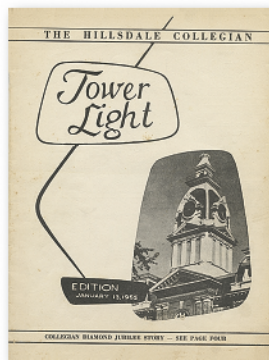
last for more than three years. The mixer was a great way to reconnect with people who really loved it when they were here."

Hill and Fred Miller, '55, another early staff member, both spoke at the event. "I'm so proud of all of you who have contributed to this great endeavor," Hill said. "It was clearly a team effort."

There were many Korean War veterans on campus when the *Tower Light* was first published, and they contributed heavily to the magazine, which featured stories on foreign affairs, music, poetry, theater, war, and other topics. Many professors also contributed and helped. Hill said he could not have done it without such support.

Miller said that he was grateful that the publication has thrived and endured. "Here we are today," Miller said. "Who could have seen that far ahead!"

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Tower Light, 1955-1957

A “Saga” Steve Thank You

STEPHEN CASAI, better known to generations of students as “Saga Steve,” has worked for four decades at Hillsdale College’s food service. His infectious smile and warm greetings have had an impact on thousands of students and guests coming through the dining hall. Just days into the fall semester, Steve became seriously ill and



“Saga” Steve Casai

has been hospitalized since then. The Hillsdale College community has responded with an outpouring of support and concern for Steve, and plans are in the works to establish a scholarship in his honor.

In November, Steve dictated the letter below to his friend Heather Tritchka, '98, to express his gratitude to his Hillsdale family for their kindness. ■

Hello Friends,

As many of you know, I have been having health issues that have placed me in the hospital for some time now. The illness came upon me quite suddenly and very unexpectedly. I found myself in a position that I was not prepared for, a position of needing help, not being able to do for myself, and relying on others. The hardest and most unexpected thing was to look back at my life and wonder what more I could have done...did I do enough? I felt in my heart that I might leave this world without having made a difference. And then I started to hear from all of you.

Cards, calls, and gifts came, and visitors and friends stepped up to help. My nurse has been compiling my many cards and letters into an album. I never imagined such a flood of compassion. I have heard from so many people that the simple kindness of smiling while checking people in for meals meant so much to them. The words written in these cards touch me more than you could ever know. The homemade

meals have nourished my heart as well as my body, especially through the kind smiles as they were brought in. (I'm still accepting meals.) I am wrapped every day with a quilt made by the students at The Suites and signed by caring friends. I have a helmet sitting here, signed by the Charger football team; very cool! Visitors come and sit with me to let me know that I am not alone. My heart is filled with gratitude.

You all have reached out to me in an amazing show of kindness and support. I am so very thankful for my friends and especially to Gloria and Bud Vear for taking care of the things that I cannot. I am also glad to see that my Right to Life family is taking care of things and continuing the fight to save the unborn; never tire, friends, from doing good. I am eternally grateful for my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and ask you all to “Magnify the Lord with me; and let us exalt His name together.”

Thank you, friends.
Steve Casai

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of a classical education. “Students are cultivated in body, mind, and soul to become full participants in their God-endowed humanity and contributors to true community,” he says.

Amy Fleming, '14, on the other hand, had always wanted to be a teacher, but was worried that the lack of a certification program would hinder her. She met Coupland her first week of her freshman year, however, and discovered that Hillsdale offered exactly what she wanted—“a good yet succinct program that would allow me to gain knowledge and skills important to becoming a teacher while still allowing me to choose my own major.” Fleming fulfilled her apprenticeship at a remote location—Immanuel Lutheran School in Alexandria, Virginia—where she now teaches kindergarten.

Fennell is quick to add that students wishing to receive public school certification may still do so through a post-

baccalaureate university program, an option that has several advantages. “Students can choose a program close to home, and the credits they receive get them very close to having a master’s degree,” he says. “This is a better arrangement because you still receive the full four-year Hillsdale experience.”

Hillsdale is becoming a leader in classical school teacher preparation. Fennell and Coupland note that other colleges have taken notice and are implementing similar programs. Hillsdale also plans to launch an administrative apprenticeship that will prepare students to manage classical schools.

The increasing numbers of students enrolling in education courses and completing apprenticeships, as well as the placement of graduates in teaching positions and the positive feedback from their employers, affirm the College’s decision to follow a new direction in teacher preparation.

■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, '95

Growing in the Right Direction

Renovations Expand and ENHANCE CAMPUS

VISITORS TO Hillsdale College have noticed many recent changes. From student residences to athletic facilities, the College has improved and expanded its physical plant.

In keeping with the goals of the Rebirth of Liberty and Learning Campaign, the College modernized two dormitories built in the 1960s and 1970s—McIntyre Residence for women and Simpson Residence for men—and replaced Mauck Hall's windows.

In response to the growing number of campus visitors, the College added two new parking lots on West Street, one across from the Searle Center and the other across from Moss Hall. The lots add nearly 300 parking spaces.



The new patio and fire pit at McIntyre Residence.

Finally, the College constructed new tennis courts on Union Street, adjacent to the Biermann Athletic Center. These replace the old courts located south of the sports complex.

Remaining to do is the renovation of the Knorr Student Center and construction of the Chapel. The College also has plans to construct an indoor turf field and add an archive center to Mossey Library.

For more information about supporting capital projects, please contact Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Cervini at (517) 607-2670 or jcervini@hillsdale.edu.



Dawn Tibbetts Potter Arena features a rock-climbing wall adjacent to the Student Fitness Center.



Mauck Hall's 88-year-old windows were replaced in 2015.



New outdoor tennis courts on Union Street opened to student use during the fall semester.



Exterior renovations to Simpson Residence include a new covered entry and a hip roof.

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Radio host Hugh Hewitt, U.S. Senator Tom Cotton, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Paul Ryan, Hillsdale President Larry Arnn, Bold Gold Media President and CEO Vince Benedetto, and Associate Vice President of the Kirby Center Matthew Spalding in the Boyle Radio Studio.

Hillsdale Radio Program

- Radio Free Hillsdale (WRFH) station manager Scot Bertram will assume his duties on campus in January
- Boyle Radio Studio named in honor of Dr. Paul Tudor Jones and Paul Tudor Jones Boyle
- President's Club member Vince Benedetto provided funding and advice
- Benedetto also established the Bold Gold Media Group Scholarship at Hillsdale

Hillsdale College Launches Radio Program

Studios Dedicated
on Campus

AND AT KIRBY CENTER

“RADIO IS AN ART form, just like a good album or a good book. It takes a lot of practice; you have to be an expert. That’s why it’s hard to get young people into it.”

This is how Vince Benedetto, president and CEO of Bold Gold Broadcast and Media Foundation and friend of Hillsdale College, describes the importance of the College’s new radio station and the Kirby Center’s Boyle Radio Studio.

On October 26, Benedetto came to campus to join in the dedication ceremony for Hillsdale’s radio station, FM 101.7, Radio Free Hillsdale. A week later, on

November 2, President Arnn and radio talk show host Hugh Hewitt celebrated the dedication of the Kirby Center's new Boyle Radio Studio. Hewitt then broadcast his three-hour show from the studio, which included interviews with U.S. Senators Ted Cruz and Tom Cotton, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, and journalists Fred Barnes and Morton Kondracke.

The dedication of the Boyle Studio included talks by Kirby Center Associate Vice President Matthew Spalding and Director of the Dow Journalism Program John Miller. Spalding said that Hewitt had been very enthusiastic about building the studio.

"Whenever I'm in town, this is where I'm going to be broadcasting from," Hewitt said. "I'm very grateful to be a partner with Hillsdale College."

Benedetto helped the College set up the Boyle Radio Studio, as well as the radio station on the main campus in Michigan. Though the effort is still in its infancy, the Dow Journalism Program will soon be incorporating radio broadcasting into its program.

"Students will be able to participate in the program and learn broadcast radio," Benedetto says, adding that the Boyle Studio has three main functions: it is a recording and editing facility for staff and students, it is a remote broadcast studio for visiting radio hosts, and it has the ability to connect with the studio on the main campus in Michigan, enabling students in the broadcast program to continue their studies while interning in Washington, D.C.

"It's a piece of the dynamic picture we're trying to create, and the radio station fits into that picture of expanding the presence of Hillsdale in the nation's capital," Spalding says.

Miller says that he hopes for wide student participation, with



Vince Benedetto with Bold Gold Media Group Scholarship recipient Lois Leshner, '17.

radio shows ranging from talk news to music. He says that the ability of the Boyle Studio to pair with the station on the main campus is a helpful feature.

"It can be a great resource at the College that we can do recording from Washington," he says. "It will help the College spread its message and help the journalism program accomplish its goals."

"One of the reasons I got involved in supporting Hillsdale's efforts to get into the radio education business is to help prepare the next generation of talk radio hosts," Benedetto says. "That's something we need more young people to get into."

Although students will not be able to participate in the program for a number of months still, Benedetto has high hopes for how the program will influence students and the nation.

"Someone who will graduate from this program will go on to be this generation's next Sean Hannity or Rush Limbaugh," he says. ■ EMMA VINTON, '16

TWELFTH NIGHT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

combat required a lot of focus and a calm mind. "Every single motion is planned, and you repeat the moves until you can do everything without thinking," he says. "You had to separate it from the scene before you could infuse any passion into it."

Working behind the scenes has its share of challenges as well. Senior and first-time stage manager Heather Linder, '16, was responsible for calling the show's light and sound cues. "It was interesting having a job where you had to be 100 percent focused the entire show, but I enjoyed it and came to understand all the little quirks of the play," she says.

As a stage manager, Linder also got an insider's look at the

work that goes into designing the set, props, lights, sound, and costumes. "As a stage manager," she says, "I got to listen to the panic of 'We have to build two halves of two pirate ships in five weeks!' But, as always, everything came together."

Morey attributes some of the production's success to the audiences, saying that "they were really good each time"—adding that *Twelfth Night* had the most consistently good performances of any show she has acted in at Hillsdale.

After months of hard work and five well-received public performances, the cast and crew gathered to strike the set. Although the actors looked forward to having their evenings back, many were wistful. "It kind of makes you wish we had another week," Linder says. ■ MEGAN SCOTT, '16

Taking to the Airwaves

Students on the MIKE GALLAGHER SHOW



Emily Runge, '16, on *The Mike Gallagher Show*.

FIFTEEN Hillsdale students added their voices to the national radio conversation during one of this fall's presidential debates.

Talk show host Mike Gallagher came to campus to moderate a panel of students and air their reactions to the CNN Republican Presidential Debate on his nationally syndicated radio program, *The Mike Gallagher Show*. He broadcast his show from campus on September 15-17, and talked with the students during his show.

"This is a chance for our students to shine," said Media Relations and Communications Manager Emily Davis, '05, who helped plan the event.

Gallagher posted a photograph on Facebook of himself beside Hillsdale's statue of Ronald Reagan before the debate, writing: "Can't think of a better place to be watching the debate than at Hillsdale, one of the great colleges in the USA."

Bailey Arlinghaus, a senior majoring in political economy and Spanish, was invited to participate and considered it an important opportunity. "It was a fabulous experience to connect with Mike Gallagher," she says. "He is really passionate about promoting liberty, but I don't think he has that many chances to interact with students on a face-to-face basis."

Arlinghaus, who was the first student to speak during the debate panel, says that as she was stepping up to the microphone, Gallagher told her not to think about the fact that she was about to speak to 7.3 million people.

"We had the opportunity to speak to millions of citizens with whom we don't have the chance to connect in such a direct way," she says. "You definitely recognize the

limitations of radio, though. You get 30 seconds, which might mean one or two sentences."

Further, she says, "It was a reminder to us as students that we have a voice, and we have a responsibility to use our voice to promote freedom and the founding principles to the world beyond Hillsdale College."

Arlinghaus interned at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., last spring and worked during the summer for Ted Cruz, whom she supported in the debate. "I believe he is a man with a strong record and a man of principle whom I can trust," she says.

Other students expressed support for other candidates, from Carly Fiorina to Marco Rubio. Alex Buchmann is a senior studying politics who supports Donald Trump. Buchmann, who gained on-air radio experience during a summer internship at Denver's AM 560 KLZ, was asked to co-host *The Mike Gallagher Show* the morning of the debate.

"Radio is fast-paced and exhilarating," Buchmann says. "The adrenaline is very real as you approach the mic."

He says that it is important that the College host such events because it shows that students actually know about politics and can offer strong analysis. "Hillsdale is legendary on the airwaves, especially because of Rush Limbaugh, Mark Levin, Sean Hannity, and Hugh Hewitt," he says. "That radio presence solidifies a person's understanding of what Hillsdale College actually is."

Although Hillsdale students disagree on specific candidates, Buchmann says they are all working toward the same goal of defending liberty and restoring the American dream. ■ EMMA VINTON, '16

Remembering

Professors Sutton, Townsend, and Van Eaton

Marjorie Sutton

PROFESSOR Emerita of Education Marjorie Sue Sutton passed away on October 23, 2015, at her home under the loving care of her family and Hospice of Hillsdale County. She was 94 years old.

Raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sutton entered Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1938. There she met and later married her college sweetheart, Traver Sutton. After her graduation from Miami, she taught elementary school in Cincinnati, Dayton, and Hamilton, Ohio, over a period of 12 years. After completing her Ph.D. at Ball State University, she moved in 1965 to Hillsdale, where she and Traver were hired as professors. The Suttons both served in Hillsdale's Teacher Education Department for 25 years.

At Hillsdale, Sutton specialized in instructing elementary educators, through courses such as "The Teaching of Reading in the Elementary Classroom" and "Methods in Teaching Social Studies and Science." "Her courses were tough," says Lecturer in Education Kathy Connor, who studied under Sutton in the late 1970s. "She had high expectations for her students, and I believe she really prepared us to be great teachers."

Sutton's years of experience teaching in elementary classrooms before pursuing her Ph.D. made her organized and knowledgeable in her classroom and a helpful voice of experience for her students. "She was a very classy lady," Connor recalls. "She was always dressed to the nines and commanded much respect."

Connor also remembers Sutton's remarkable foresight concerning the use of computers in education. "She talked a lot about how computers would one day become an important teaching tool in the classroom," Connor says. In an age when computers were still very new and few people had access to them, Sutton anticipated their future importance and took entire classes to the college library to teach them how to operate the new technology.

When not in the classroom, Sutton was very involved in the

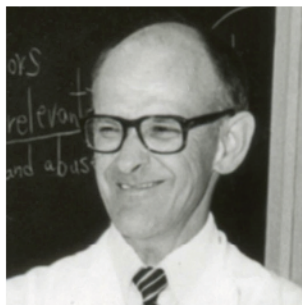


Marjorie Sutton

Hillsdale community. She loved gardening and was an active member of the Hillsdale Garden Club, raising prize-winning dahlias. An avid traveler, she visited six of the seven continents with her husband, family, and friends during her lifetime. At various times, she served as a deacon and an elder at the Hillsdale

Presbyterian Church. She belonged to Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Women Educators, the American Association of University Women, the Hillsdale Woman's Club, and the Hughes Society of Miami University, and she was a charter member of the Lenawee Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, another society for education professionals.

Sutton was preceded in death by her husband in 2007. She is survived by her two sons, four grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. ■ MEGAN SCOTT, '16



Samuel Townsend

Samuel Townsend

PROFESSOR Emeritus of Biology Samuel Franklin Townsend died on June 9, 2015, in Hillsdale. He was 80 years old.

Townsend was born on March 22, 1935, in Montague, Michigan. In 1958, he married Harriet Schafer, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his two children, Gail and Douglas, his brothers Jack and Charles, grandchildren, and step-grandchildren.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in biology from Kalamazoo College and a Ph.D. in human anatomy from the University of Michigan, Townsend returned to teach at Kalamazoo, ultimately becoming chairman of the biology department. In 1969, he moved to Cincinnati to teach at the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine.

Townsend came to Hillsdale College in 1981 as a professor of biology and chairman of the Natural Sciences Division. He taught classes such as cell biology, comparative anatomy, embryology, histology, and morphology, and he was very

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SUPERCHARGED HOMECOMING UNIFIES CAMPUS

ALUMNI RETURN FOR REUNIONS,
AWARDS, AND ENTERTAINMENT

HILLSDALE College's Supercharged-themed Homecoming celebrations took on the mission of reuniting old friends. The weekend of October 23-24 was filled with many festivities, including reunions for the classes of '75, '85, '95, and '05. Special parties for those classes were held Friday evening at Hillside Lanes and Broad Street Underground and featured stand-up comedy by 2010 alumna Katherine Timpf.

The Alumni Awards Banquet on Friday took place in the new Searle Center. Daniel Wisner, '55, and Dr. Lloyd Bond, '64, received Distinguished Alumnus Awards for their outstanding professional achievements. Will Dunham, '07, received the

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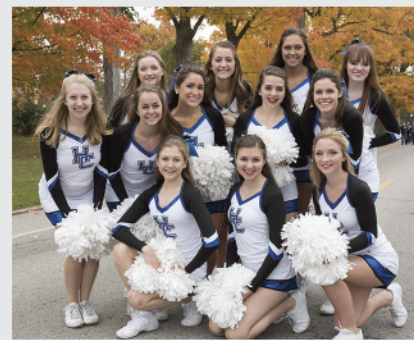


REUNION PARTY AT THE UNDERGROUND



REUNION PARTY AT LANE 17

**PARTY LIKE IT'S 1975,
1985, 1995, OR 2005!**



PREGAME FESTIVITIES

Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, and Susan Cervini the Honorary Alumna Award.

Daniel Wisner is a retired electronics engineer, inventor, and holder of 15 U.S. patents. He fondly remembers his years at Hillsdale and the teachers and mentors who influenced his life. He never thought of being a scientist when he was young. "My dream as a youth was to work with engines and machinery," Wisner recalls. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army and then began his career in electronics at IBM. He holds patents for electronic cruise control and the sensor scheme for antilock brakes, among other inventions.

Dr. Lloyd Bond is a retired professor and senior scholar of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. After studying psychology at Hillsdale, Bond went on to earn his Ph.D. in psychology and psychometrics from the Johns Hopkins University in 1976. He taught at the Universities of Pittsburgh and North Carolina (Greensboro), as well as at Stanford University. He has also researched and written much in the area of teaching and learning assessment.

Will Dunham, the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award recipient, is executive director of the House Republican Study Committee and was a 2015 honoree for *Forbes* magazine's "30 under 30" for Law and Policy. He studied English at Hillsdale, and was president of the Men's Council, a student ambassador, and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honorary.

Susan Cervini received the Honorary Alumna Award for her service to the College as a non-graduate. Her parents, Charles and Irma McIntyre, serve as a Trustee and a Woman Commissioner for the College, and her husband John is vice president of Institutional Advancement. She graduated from Northwood University and has owned her own Doncaster clothing company for many years. She gave up a career as a fashion buyer

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ALUMNI AWARDS RECIPIENTS



LLOYD BOND WITH
JOEL SCHELLHAMMER



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DAN WISNER



WILL DUNHAM WITH
PRESIDENT ARNN



1985 FOOTBALL TEAM



CAREER CANTINA



CHOIR REUNION



KING MATT SAUER WITH QUEEN ANNA BARFANOVIČ

**HOMECOMING
WAS SUPER
AWESOME!**



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in Toledo to help her husband with College events, but remains involved in the industry and has clients all over the country. She also offers “Dress for Success” seminars to students, and she sings in a trio. Although Cervini says she is flabbergasted to be considered an honorary alumna, she jokes that she could have an advanced degree for all the seminars she has attended.

On Saturday, gloomy skies and periodic rain couldn’t dampen the “supercharged” day.

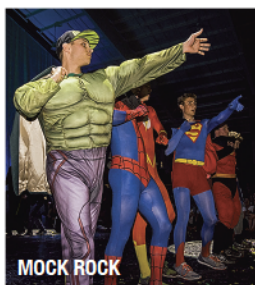
The morning included an alumni choir reunion and rehearsal, as well as a 60th anniversary reception for the student publication *Tower Light*. Other events included the annual Wild Bill Homecoming 5K Fun Run, an alumni shooting fest at the College’s Halter Shooting Sports Education Center, and the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity’s 100-year



AND EVERYONE HAD A BLAST!



BONFIRE



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UN-TENT PARTY



PRE-GAME



JOE REVERMAN



SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



KATHERINE TIMPF



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anniversary luncheon and house rededication ceremony. Students also celebrated the culmination of a week of competitions and participated in the Homecoming parade.

The Hillsdale Chargers defeated the Tiffin University Dragons 38-24, the first Homecoming win in five years. Seniors Matt Sauer and Anna Barhanovich were crowned King and Queen of the Homecoming Court. That evening, students participated in the Mock Rock competition at the

Un-Tent Party in the Biermann Center. Simpson Men's Residence won the Mock Rock competition and the Homecoming Cup for their overall Spirit Week victory. The party continued into the evening with dancing to the music of the Blue Water Kings.

Mission: unite old friends and celebrate Hillsdale College. Mission accomplished. ■ EMMA VINTON, '16



The women's cross-country team was ranked in the nation's top three all season.

Women's Cross-Country

Places Third at NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOR THE SECOND year in a row, the Charger women's cross-country team finished in the top three at the NCAA Division II national championship meet. Hillsdale placed third behind first-place Adams State and second-place Grand Valley State. This is the second-best NCAA Division II

finish ever registered by a Hillsdale College athletic team, trailing last year's women's cross-country and

women's indoor track teams, which both took second.

Senior Emily Oren capped her brilliant cross-

country career by placing eighth overall with a time of 20:17.4 and earning her eighth career All-American honor, counting indoor and outdoor track. Earlier in the season, she won both the regional and GLIAC cross-country championships.

Sophomore Hannah McIntyre ran a tremendous race at nationals, finishing second on the team and 20th overall at 21:01.2. She was closely followed by senior Kristina Galat, two spots behind, at 21:04.7. Junior Molly Oren was Hillsdale's fourth All-American performer at the meet, taking 28th overall with 21:10.

The team lived up to expectations all season long. It never left the nation's top three all season, even garnering a No. 1 ranking during the middle of the regular season. Hillsdale finished second at the GLIAC and Midwest regional championships, standing with the nation's best on the stage. Head Coach Andrew Towne has stressed the process, rather than the outcome, to this talented team for years. Back-to-back national finishes show that not only is the process effective, but the results are excellent.

■ BRAD MONASTIERE

Staying in the Game of Charger Football

Andy Losik Authors Book on Fellow Charger Alum
JARED VELDHEER

“I’VE BEEN a Hillsdale Chargers fan since I was a little kid,” says Andy Losik, ’94. His dedication to Charger football has only grown over the years. But when he began following the career of Hillsdale College football player Jared

Veldheer, ’10, he had no idea it would lead him to write a book—*Stay in the Game: Jared Veldheer’s Journey to the NFL*.

The story goes back to Losik’s time at Hillsdale, where he was a walk-on for the Charger football team and a member of the scout team. His father also attended Hillsdale and played for the Chargers. An education major and an English minor, Losik now teaches elementary-level technology in the Hamilton Community School District in Michigan.

In 1999, Losik started the website Chargerblue.com, which follows Charger football news. It is the longest running NCAA Division II fansite on the Internet and gets thousands of views per day from alumni, parents, and players during the football season. “It was a

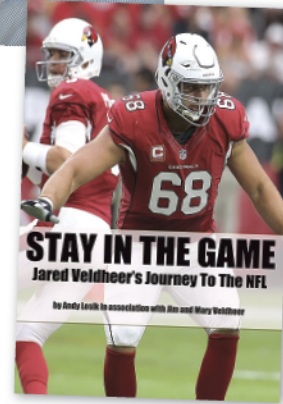
way for me to create a spot where it was easy to follow what was being reported about Charger football on a very primitive Internet,” Losik says. He remembers starting the web page using a dial-up modem connected to his television.

“What is rewarding for me is that people who coached and played with Jared have read the book and loved it. That is the ultimate reward, knowing that we got the story right if these guys are excited and enjoying it.”

It was through his website that Losik met the Veldheer family. Jared was



Andy Losik



how Jared’s perseverance, smart choices, and strong principles got him to where he is, but it also serves as a roadmap to the process.”

Losik says he had many conversations with the Veldheers in order to learn about Jared’s life and childhood, and to figure out what kind of story they wanted to tell. “I’ve had a great relationship with them over the

course of writing the book,” Losik says. “It’s a great honor to tell their story and their son’s story.”

Stay in the Game was published last fall through Lulu.com. Losik says the feedback he has received has been encouraging.

“What is rewarding for me is that people who coached and played with Jared have read the book and loved it,” he says. “That is the ultimate reward, knowing that we got the story right if these guys are excited and enjoying it.”

For Losik, this book and Chargerblue.com are ways to share his passion for Charger football. “It is a great way to write about things that I love,” Losik says. “This is my way of contributing to Hillsdale football, and it’s an honor to get to do that.”

Losik says he had many conversations with the Veldheers in order to learn about Jared’s life and childhood, and to figure out what kind of story they wanted to tell. “I’ve had a great relationship with them over the course of writing the book,” Losik says. “It makes a good story anytime someone comes from the Division II ranks and is drafted at a high level,” Losik says.

Losik’s book, *Stay in the Game*, was written in collaboration with Jared’s parents, Jim and Mary Veldheer. Connected through Chargerblue.com, Jim began talking about writing the book after Jared’s rookie year with the Raiders. “We had no idea it would take us five years to tell the story,” Losik says.

The book serves a dual purpose, according to Losik: “It tells the inspirational story of

an honor to get to do that.”

■ EMMA VINTON, ’16



Volleyball Coach Chris Gravel Reaches 400th Win

HILLSDALE COLLEGE head volleyball coach Chris Gravel sometimes reflects on his first season at Hillsdale in 1996. “We had a home game and there were three people in the stands. Three,” he says with a semi-amused grin. “Steph and I looked at each other and wondered what we were doing here.”

Gravel, the longest-tenured head coach currently at Hillsdale College, made history when he won his 400th career match on

October 30, 2015, becoming just the third current volleyball coach in the GLIAC to achieve that mark.

Both Gravel and the Chargers have come a long way from those lackluster days of the mid-1990s. He

and “Steph”—his wife, Stephanie—are in their 20th season at the helm of the Charger volleyball team.

“Coach and Steph are visionary leaders. They provide the knowledge, call for discipline, and inspire the

team to work toward long-term goals,” says Brogan Wells Henderson, ’12. “We created life-long friendships and a sisterhood with our teammates, and we have Coach and Steph to thank for that.”

Gravel’s first career win came in August 1996, a 3-0 win over Kentucky Wesleyan in the team’s first tournament that season. It was one of just 11 wins that season.

The freshmen on that team grew into seniors by the 1999 season, the “corner turning” season for the Gravels. Hillsdale put together its best record since becoming an NCAA Division II program, going 24-11 and winning the GLIAC South Division title. Gravel won his first (of

four) GLIAC Coach of the Year honors.

In 2002, however, the team slumped to 3-14 in the GLIAC. The conference was rapidly becoming deeper and more teams were becoming relevant on the national stage. The Gravels set out on the recruiting trail with intensity and brought in a class of five freshmen in 2003: Tessa Bloemers, Taryn Rudland, Becky Grzegorski, Audra VanderMolen, and Katherine Jones.

In 2004, the team got its first taste of postseason play, qualifying for the NCAA Division II regionals for the first time. That debut ended with a five-set loss to Northern Michigan University. Another trip

to regionals came in 2005, but the 2006 team put the Gravels onto a new level.

The 2006 senior-laden volleyball team destroyed all competition, highlighted by a 3-0 sweep of defending national champion Grand Valley State on its own home court. The Chargers finished the regular season 26-0 and ranked third in the nation, and Gravel earned his second GLIAC Coach of the Year honor. All five members of the 2006 senior class have continued in the sport as a coach at either the high

school or club level, a testament to Gravel's influence.

In 2009, the team finally won a GLIAC tournament title on their home court. A hard-fought 3-2 win over Saginaw Valley State sent the Hillsdale bench and crowd into delirious celebration. The Chargers had finally reached the top of a competitive mountain.

Hillsdale repeated as GLIAC tournament champions in 2010, this time knocking off the rival GVSU Lakers in another five-set classic on the



Chris Gravel

Chargers' home court. The 2010 team finished with a 29-2 record, highlighted by a 28-match winning streak. Stephanie Gravel, whose behind-the-scenes work can never be overstated, was also

named the AVCA Division II National Assistant Coach of the Year. It was a fitting award to "Steph," who is team mother, nurse, nutritionist, coach, shoulder-to-cry-on, and motivator.

The 2011 season marked the high point not just in the Gravels' careers, but also in the history of team sports at Hillsdale College. "I'd like to think we were always following a top-secret plan created by Coach and Steph from the moment my class walked in the door until our

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Hillsdale to Transition to New Athletic Conference in 2017

IN JUNE, Hillsdale College announced that it will join the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) effective July 1, 2017. Hillsdale, currently a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC), will join

four other institutions—University of Findlay, Walsh University, Lake Erie College, and Ohio Dominican University—in transitioning to the G-MAC. These schools will compete in the G-MAC beginning in the 2017-2018 academic year.

"Hillsdale College student-athletes have benefited from the GLIAC's high standards of athletic competition and sportsmanship for the past

40 years," said Hillsdale President Larry P. Arnn. "We are grateful for the opportunities the GLIAC has provided for Hillsdale College and our athletes, and we are excited to begin this new chapter in Hillsdale's athletic history."

Joining the G-MAC will not affect Hillsdale's NCAA Division II status or its current athletic programs.

"Being a member of the



G-MAC will be good for our student-athletes while maintaining Hillsdale's high standards of athletic excellence," said Don Brubacher, Hillsdale College director of athletics. "Competition with students in similar academic settings will enable our student-athletes to prioritize their studies without sacrificing opportunities to compete at the Division II level."

The G-MAC was approved by the NCAA Division II Membership Committee in February 2012 as a member conference

and earned active status in July 2013 after completing an educational assessment program. The conference began competition as the 24th active NCAA Division II conference in 2013-2014.

The G-MAC, headquartered in the Indianapolis metro area, sponsored 17 championships in 2014-2015. Its current members are Cedarville University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Trevecca Nazarene University, Ursuline College, Alderson Broaddus University, Davis & Elkins College, Ohio Valley University, and Salem International University. Malone University is scheduled to join the G-MAC in the 2016-2017 academic year.

■ BRAD MONASTIERE

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News

1950s



TOM AND MARY ALICE GREENBERG ARMSTRONG, '55, '57, celebrated Mary Alice's

80th birthday in February. Their daughters **DENISE ARMSTRONG HART, '76,** Michelle, and Colette, as well as their sons-in-law, joined the festivities. It was quite the celebration!

JUDITH CRANE ROSS, '56, drove her 87-year-old husband to California and back to Downers Grove, Illinois (5,520 miles) in April 2015. They celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on the way home. Judith spent a semester abroad at the University of Vienna while a student at Hillsdale, so she and her husband are now spending retirement seeing "America the Beautiful." They are proud to say they've seen all 50 states, a project they began with their children 48 years ago!

1960s



GAIL LANZEN NORRIS, '69, retired in 2009 after 32 years in various legal and communications management positions with The Lubrizol Corporation.

Since her retirement, she has volunteered extensively, handling communications and public relations for her local American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and working with adults with disabilities on a monthly newsletter for their Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities adult activities center. After her husband Jay passed away unexpectedly in June 2014, Gail moved closer to her grandchildren and many friends. She would love to hear from classmates. Address: 105 Beery Drive, Willowick, OH 44095. E-mail: 1127norris@gmail.com

1980s

JOHN KRUEGER, '80, released his second solo CD, "I Stand Amazed," with jazz pianist Paul English in July 2013; it is available on CD

Baby. In July 2014, he completed a certificate in liturgical studies at the University of Notre Dame. In December 2014, he premiered a cantata for small choir, "Once He Came in Blessing," which can be heard on YouTube. His paper, "Two Rites and a Hymn: Martin Luther and Baptism," was presented at Congress XXV of Societas Liturgica in August. He was then elected to full membership in the Societas, and invited to the National Association for the Advancement of the Liturgy conference in Houston in January. He wrote a second Advent cantata, "Savior of the Nations, Come," which was performed at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Houston, where he serves as music director, in December. E-mail: operajohn@att.net

DR. SHARON "SHARI" ROONEY-GANDY, '80, received the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) Humanitarian Award, which recognizes members' outstanding voluntary service to their community or state, the nation, and/or the international community. Certified in general surgery by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery, Shari currently practices in Sturgis, Michigan, with a strong emphasis on wound care. She spent the bulk of her career in solo private practice in Jackson, Michigan, where she first learned of HELPS International and the Michigan HELPS medical team—a surgical mission group that provides basic surgical care for poor indigenous Mayan people in the highlands of Guatemala. Her first mission trip to Guatemala with Michigan HELPS was in 1998, and she has returned each year for the past decade, bringing along high school and college volunteers to give them exposure to surgery and medicine and a third world country. She also has recruited medical students from the Student Osteopathic Surgical Association to join in the experience. Her greatest joy has been working with general surgery residents. She has watched Guatemala and its people change the lives of all who have gone on these missions, and she has witnessed how basic surgical care has changed the lives of Guatemalans. She is most proud of one Guatemalan high school student, Claudia, who served as her interpreter and was a bright and inquisitive student. Claudia is now completing medical school in Guatemala City. An active member of the ACOS, Shari has served on the Membership Committee since 1999 and as committee chair since 2010. She became a Fellow of the ACOS in 1998 and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in

2012. Shari's father, the late Dr. **RAYMOND ROONEY**, '54, encouraged her to become a doctor, along with two of her three siblings, and all attended Hillsdale: **DR. PATRICIA ROONEY**, '77; **DR. DAVID ROONEY**, '79; and **JAMES ROONEY**, '83.



DENNIS M. BARNES, '83, an attorney at Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, has been elected as the next Treasurer of the State Bar of

Michigan in recognition of his leadership and his dedication to protection of the public, promoting improvements in the administration of justice and advancements in jurisprudence, and improving relations between the legal profession and the public. Dennis was initially elected to the State Bar Board of Commissioners in 2010, and has served on its Executive Committee since 2012. He is a past president of the Federal Bar Association's Eastern District of Michigan Chapter. He concentrates his practice on complex business litigation. In addition, he has become a go-to mediator, facilitator, and arbitrator sought out by lawyers, clients, and judges around the state when they need to resolve controversies outside of court. Dennis received his law degree from Notre Dame Law School.

JACK BOUDLER, '85, was hired as a senior vice president in Walker & Dunlop's FHA Finance group in Bethesda, Maryland, where he will specialize in arranging agency mortgages and interim financing for the national seniors housing and long-term care market. He held previous positions as a senior banker at KeyBank and BB&T Corporation, and as an independent strategic advisor engaged by financial institutions. He received his master of business administration degree from Wake Forest University.

2010s



JAYME LOUISE WEBER, '12, graduated summa cum laude and as valedictorian from the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University

of Arizona in May 2015. She is one of two graduating law school students hired by the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C. At Hillsdale College, she graduated magna cum laude, had a 4.0 grade-point average in her psychology major, played on the tennis team, and was awarded the Scholar Athlete Award in 2012.

CODY SMITH, '14, joined Rea & Associates' Lima, Ohio, office as a staff accountant. "Cody has already done great work for us as an intern and we are happy to have him on our team on a full-time basis," said Mark McKinley, CPA, principal, and manager of Rea's Lima office. "He's a great fit and we look forward to helping him as he continues to seek further opportunities for professional growth." Cody earned his bachelor's degree in accounting. As an intern with the firm, he helped prepare tax returns and manage bank reconciliations, assisted with audits, and provided additional assistance throughout the office. He resides in Lima.

Weddings

2000s



MICHAEL OHLY, '07, PMA, married Lisa Bonetti on May 30, 2014, at Woodside

Bible Church in Troy, Michigan. In attendance were **CHRISTOPHER MERCHICH**, '07, PMA, and many other Hillsdale alumni of that era. The couple resides in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Michael practices law at The Erskine Law Group, and Lisa is a social worker with Orchards Children's Services.



JESSICA CLINGERMAN, '09, married Michael Carey on May 17, 2014, at Ivanrest Church

in Grandville, Michigan. **JACKIE CLINGERMAN HAYS**, '07, was a bridesmaid. The couple lives in Grandville, Michigan. Jessica works as a gift planning legal assistant for Calvin College, and Michael works for Inontime Logistics.

2010s



ANTHONY BEHE, '09, SC, and **CAITLIN GRESENZ**, '10, CO, were married on June 13, 2015, in Hubertus,

Wisconsin. Hillsdale alumni in the wedding party included **JIM BELEY**, '10, SC; **CASEY GRESENZ RINALDI**, '13, CO; and **MOLLY**

GRESENZ, '16, CO. Alumni in attendance included **ANNSLEY STOLL GRESENZ**, '07, CO; **KATIE O'DONNELL**, '09, PBP; **JOY MILLER O'DONNELL**, '10, PBP; and **JOE RINALDI**, '09. The couple resides in Hubert, North Carolina, where Anthony is a product engineer at SPX Flow Technology and Caitlin is teaching eighth grade science.

Births

2000s



PETER and KRISTEN JOHNSON GREGORY, '03, '01, welcomed

their son, Simeon Robert, on July 8, 2015. He was baptized into the Christian faith on July 12. Their other children—Mary, Marta, and Lazarus—eagerly welcomed their new brother. The family recently moved to Westminster, Massachusetts, where Peter is pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church. E-mail: pfgregoryhillsdale@yahoo.com



MICHELLE SYBESMA CARPENTER, '04, and her husband Richard welcomed their first child, Luke Wesley, on February 26, 2015. He weighed 6

pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20½ inches long. The family resides in Hillsdale where Michelle teaches first grade and Richard works at Crossroads Farm, a local youth ministry.



SHAWN and KATE SIMMONS SANDNER, '06, '05, welcomed their

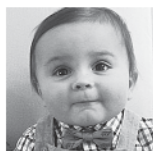
fourth daughter, Quinley Gray, on October 2, 2014. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces. Her older sisters Charlotte, age 5, Mikayla, age 4, and Rozelyn, age 2, immediately fell in love with her!



ROB and SARAH MCCOLLUM SMITH, '06, '05, KKG, welcomed their daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, on August 10,

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2015. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and measured 19¼ inches long. Big siblings Robert Colum and Samantha Maree are thrilled! Great-grandparents are the late **BOB SMITH, '52, DSP**, and **BETTY ENDRES SMITH, '52, PBP**. Sarah is a trusts and estates attorney, and Rob is a legislative advocate for the North State Building Industry Association. The family resides at 10170 McCarron Way, Sacramento, CA 95829. E-mail: robertdrakesmith@gmail.com; sarahmccollumsmith@gmail.com



STEVEN and KELLY HEGARTY TOURISON, '06; '05, KKG, announce the birth of their son, Henry Arthur, on July 5, 2014. Henry weighed

7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 18 inches long. Grandparents **CHUCK and PAM WULF HEGARTY, '77, ATO; '78, PBP**, are enjoying their first grandchild. The family resides in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, where Steven works in software sales and Kelly has taken on the role of stay-at-home mom after teaching kindergarten.



NICHOLAS and HEIDI JOHNSON BROUWER, '06, '06, welcomed their first child, Noah Adam, on November 26, 2013.

Noah weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19.3 inches long. The family lives in Lamont, Michigan.

AMELIA OSBOURNE-LAMBRIGHT, '06, and her husband Kyle announce the birth of their second child, Jack Killian, on May 2, 2015. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 21½ inches long. He was welcomed to the family by big brother Kael, age 2. The family resides in Portage, Michigan.

2010s



TRAVIS and SHANNON ODELL LACY, '13, '13, welcomed their first child, Edith Grace, on April 28, 2015. She was born in Chapel Hill,

North Carolina. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19½ inches long. The Lacys live in Durham, North Carolina. E-mail: travis.r.lacy@gmail.com and shannon.m.lacy@gmail.com

Obituaries

1940s



MILLARD A. FERGUSON, '42, passed away at home on September 19, 2015, at the age of 94. He is survived by Mary Ellen,

his wife of 65 years; a sister, Elsie Playford; his daughter, Nanette Rufo; son-in-law Dino Rufo; and one grandson, Christopher Rufo. A son, Clark, preceded him in death in 2001. He was born in Hillsdale, Michigan, and completed his B.S. at Hillsdale College. He served in the U.S. Army as a cryptographer during WWII. Following the war, he obtained his electrical engineering degree from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology. Millard was employed by Consumers Power Co. of Michigan and by General Motors at its Technical Center in Warren, Michigan. His work at GM resulted in over a dozen patents. He transferred to work on the GM Moon Vehicle Project in Santa Barbara, California. Choosing to live in a warm climate, he then conducted development work for Magnaform in San Diego, finishing his career as local manager for Imperial Irrigation District in Coachella, California. Millard became an active member and served as president of the Indian Palms Country Club Homeowners Association. He was also past president of the Coachella Valley Rotary Club. He studied French, Italian, and German during his retirement. He and Mary Ellen, a teacher with Desert Sands Unified School District, spent several summers in Europe and traveled worldwide during his retirement.



BEVERLY LEACHMAN MANN, '46, passed away on May 2, 2015. She was born on May 6, 1924. Raised in Lakewood, Ohio, she attended public

schools and was awarded a scholarship to Hillsdale College, where she won a horse for equestrianism in her freshman year. She transferred to the University of Kentucky and graduated in 1946 with a B.S. in psychology. She was an airline hostess until 1948 when she married Edmund (Ted) Mann. They moved to St. Louis and had six children. The family relocated several times; while living in New Orleans, she earned a master's degree in early childhood development at Tulane University. Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, Milton and Wilma Leachman, and her oldest child, Leslie Catherine Smith. She is survived by her loving husband, Ted; their children, William, Rebecca, Christine,

David, and Sarah; grandchildren, Richard, Douglas, Thomas, Margaret, Joseph, Kelsey, Shannon, Justin, Jeremy, Jason, Farron, and Baldwin; great-grandchildren, Oliver and Beth; children's spouses, Beverly, Billy, Robert, Debbie, and Brian, and her brother, Dr. Robert B. Leachman.



VIRGINIA MITCHELL MARTIN, '47, of Severna Park, Maryland, died on October 5, 2015, at the age of 91. She had moved from

Sarasota, Florida, last year to be closer to her family. Her husband of over 60 years, William Martin, died last year. Virginia is survived by her son, William, and daughter, Deborah Vaughn, as well as four grandchildren—Billy, Sarah, Michael and Bryan—and two great-grandchildren, Dreavyn and Zander. A long-time resident of Severna Park and an active member of Chartwell Country Club, Virginia loved to play golf and bridge and always enjoyed a good party. Virginia and Bill moved to Sarasota 25 years ago for the nice weather. They were active participants in the Sarasota social life and loved their time there. She was a proud member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at Hillsdale College.

MARJORIE SCHMITT MERCHANT, '48, formerly of Allen, passed away on October 1, 2015, in Ionia, Michigan. She was 88 years old. Marjorie was born on March 19, 1927, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Willard and Esther Abe Schmitt. On May 15, 1948, she married Benjamin F. Merchant II, and he preceded her in death on January 8, 1991. She is survived by her daughter, Catherine Merchant; three sons, Benjamin F. (Karen) Merchant III, Willard Allan (Faith) Merchant, and Paul Merchant; one sister, Carol (Richard) Petersen; two sisters-in-law, Toni Caldwell and Carol (Tom) Kent; three grandchildren, Jennifer Harbaugh, Elisa (George) Grace, and Derek Merchant; three step-grandchildren, Mike (Monica) Alkema, Rosie (Mike) Trindle, and Kristin Van Vliet; ten great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Marjorie is remembered as a talented pianist, gardener, and flower lover.

THOMAS H. WARD, '49, passed away on August 10, 2015. He was 93 years old. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Margaret, and his four children, Cassie (Lanny) Cotner, Thomas M. (Carol) Ward, Margaret (Jeff) Dickson, and Nancy Ward. He has six surviving grandchildren, Richard, Reif, Carra, Tracy, Kayla Grace, and Nancy Lynn, and was preceded in death by his granddaughter Ali. He was honored to be inducted into the Hillsdale College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013.

1950s



THOMAS E. "TOM" NUSBAUM, '50, DSP, age 87, of Elkhart, Indiana, passed away on August 19, 2015, at his residence.

Tom was born on April 3, 1928, in Lake County, and was the adopted son of the late Warren R. and Esther N. Kegg Nusbaum. On December 30, 1950, he married the love of his life, Mary E. Whiteis, in Alexandria, Louisiana. She died on November 2, 2007. Survivors include two sons, Timothy (Phyllis) Nusbaum and Todd (Debbie) Nusbaum; four grandchildren, Megan (Sean) Ryan, Troy (Cherie) Nusbaum, Ross Nusbaum, and Derek Nusbaum; four great-grandchildren; two nephews, and one niece. Tom proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1950 until his honorable discharge in 1952. He was the owner and president of Exacto Products, Inc., and co-owner of Wire Design. Tom enjoyed woodworking and traveling. He and Mary spent many winters in Tucson, Arizona.



ANN W. PALMER, '51, age 86, of Centerville, Ohio, passed away on August 23, 2015. She was born on July 9, 1929, in

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to the late William and Elizabeth Walker. Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Dean Palmer. She is survived by her daughters, Karen (David) Smalarz and Elizabeth Palmer; and grandchildren, Brian and Michael. Ann received her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, and she taught in Plymouth, Michigan, and Centerville, Ohio, for 25 years. She was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Dayton College Women's Club, and Montgomery County Literacy Council. She was past vice president and president of Beta Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Ann was an active volunteer with Meals on Wheels, Castle Ministry, and tutoring.

VIRGINIA "JINNY" HUNGERFORD DONOVAN, '52, passed away on October 3, 2015, at her residence in Prospect Heights, Illinois. She was born on September 11, 1929, in Evanston, Illinois, to Becher and Dorothy Davis Hungerford. Jinny graduated as valedictorian of her class at Hillsdale College. She taught high school math at Sacred Heart of Mary High School, in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, for 17 years. She was a member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Glenview where she was actively involved in her guild. Jinny enjoyed the Chicago arts, theater, and symphony and college football, especially Northwestern

University. She loved to travel, read, and entertain with family and friends. She is survived by children, **MARK DONOVAN, '75** (Jeannette), and **KERRY DONOVAN CUMMINGS, '77** (Rick); grandchildren; Drew R. (Kristen) Donovan, **ROSS DONOVAN, '06** (Corrie), Luke Donovan, **JAKE DONOVAN, '09** (fiancée Liz James), **CORTNEY DONOVAN, '11**, Charlie (fiancée Lori Barker) Cummings, Tim (Megan) Cummings, Anne Cummings and Doug Cummings; great-grandchildren, Brady Donovan, Quinn Donovan, Clive Donovan and Gilbert Donovan; nephews, Thomas (Janine) English, John Edward (Sharon) English and niece, Kay Faulkner-Penrod; and her dog and best friend, Seymour. She was preceded in death by her husband, **ROBERT F. DONOVAN, '53**; sister, Roberta English; and nephew, Donald English.

MARY SANDRA "SANDIE" SHERK ROBELL, '54, CO, passed away on July 30, 2014. She was born on January 29, 1933, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Fred and Elizabeth Sherk. Her father was a 1926 Hillsdale College alumnus. She spent her childhood in Grand Haven, Michigan, graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1950. While at Hillsdale College, Sandie majored in sociology, belonged to Chi Omega sorority, and prepared to become a teacher. At the beginning of her senior year, Sandie served as a mentor to a group of new students at freshman orientation. As students boarded a bus to take a tour of the town, one freshman, **ART ROBELL, '57**, sat in the front seat with the bus driver and Sandie. Thus began a friendship that soon became a courtship. Art joined Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and in April 1954, he and Sandie were pinned.

Sandie taught in Lincoln Park, Michigan, for two years while Art continued his education at Hillsdale. They married in 1956 and resided in Litchfield, where Sandie's grandparents lived and where she took a teaching job during Art's senior year. After Art graduated in 1957, they moved to Detroit where he accepted a job. She returned to teaching in Lincoln Park until their first child was born. They have three sons—Richard, James, and Matthew. Sandie served as a den mother while their sons were involved in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. The boys also played hockey and baseball and received constructive criticism from their mother, who was very knowledgeable about sports. Sandie also served as a substitute teacher in Lincoln Park and as a matron at the local police department, where Art was a reserve officer. She was known for her keen intellect and her gregarious personality. In 1999, Art and Sandie retired to the town of Leroy in northern Michigan. They enjoyed traveling to many states, England, and Scotland, and

participated in events for the American Cancer Society. Sandie was very proud of her three sons, her 12 grandchildren, and her two great-grandchildren, all of whom survive her, along with her loving husband of 58 years. Art would enjoy hearing from Hillsdale friends, who can write to him at 14239 Lake Street, Leroy, MI 49655.

ALICE GARGANO DAVIS, '55, KKG, formerly of Sturgis, Michigan, passed away on May 6, 2015, after a short battle with lung cancer. Born in Detroit in 1933, she has lifelong friends from every part of the country. A 1951 graduate of Denby High School in Detroit, she went on to Hillsdale College, where she was named homecoming queen. After graduation, she continued to volunteer with her sorority for nearly four decades. Before her retirement in 1997, she worked as head cashier for Lehman Brothers (E.F. Hutton) for 15 years.

Alice wanted to send a message—one that she lived by—to others: "live the life you love—love the life you live." Books were one of her many passions, and she read several thousand over the years. She was a longtime resident of Parkview Hills in Kalamazoo, and her presence will certainly be missed. Alice was preceded in death by her parents, James Vincent Gargano and Emily Ashton Gargano; a sister, Gloria Gargano, and recently her son, Roger James Davis. She is survived by a daughter, Emily Ann Davis Gareis and her husband, John; a daughter-in-law, Laura Coshun Davis; grandchildren, Alice Elizabeth Siddall Crenshaw, who is

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her namesake, and her husband Michael, Daniel James Siddall, and Ty Ashton Davis; great-grandchildren Charles Roger Crenshaw, Catalena Michelle Crenshaw, and Aubrey Jae Siddall; and her former husband, Roger C. Davis.



DON B. WIEGANDT, '55, a retired KCBS financial editor, passed away on September 24, 2015, surrounded by his family. Don had a 37-year

broadcasting career. KCBS was his last and most loved position. Prior to KCBS, Don was on KMPC, KSFO, KEMO-TV and worked as a columnist at the *San Francisco Examiner*. He routinely reported 20 live broadcasts daily and wrote a column for the *San Francisco Examiner* in the 1980s and 1990s. Don was proud of winning a Peabody, which was awarded to him and the team at KCBS for on-site reporting in San Francisco during the Loma-Prieta earthquake of 1987. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Don served on the USS Ingersoll in the South Pacific. He was also an Eagle Scout and former commander at the American Legion, Mt. Cobb post. Don received his master's degree in broadcasting in 1959 from Michigan State University. He graduated from the Edison Institute (Henry Ford High School in Dearborn, Michigan) in 1951.

Don was an accomplished runner and a state champion his senior year of high school. He competed in college, setting several track records, and was named the captain and MVP. He also participated in the Olympic trials at the Boston Marathon in 1959. Don is survived by his daughter Jan, his son Jim, grandsons Michael and Joshua, his brother Richard and his wife Darlene Wiegandt. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Sondra Jean Wiegandt.



JILL McLEAN STOVER, '56, age 81, passed away on August 24, 2015, surrounded by family at Lakeland Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center

in Milford, Indiana. Born in Hillsdale on July 6, 1934, Jill graduated from Hillsdale High School in 1952 and married her husband of 60 years, **BOB STOVER, '56**, at the end of their junior year at Hillsdale College. After graduating cum laude, Jill taught high school English for a year and then focused on raising her family. Jill was a loving mother and devoted many years to raising and nurturing her daughters. She had a passion for the arts and theatre and was active for many years in the Nappanee Civic Theatre. She took graduate courses in English literature at

the University of Notre Dame and classes in theatre at St. Mary's College. Jill and Bob purchased the Enchanted Hills Playhouse in Syracuse, Indiana, and Jill ran the operation for nine years, producing primarily musicals. She then opened the *Plain and Fancy* productions at Amish Acres in Nappanee and went on to form her own theatre company called Playhouse Productions. She produced Mystery Theatre Dinner performances for 11 more years before retiring. Jill and Bob have three daughters, **JULIE STOVER, '79**, Laura (Eric) Basset, and Sallie (Tim) Hanson; and grandchildren, Isabelle and Robert Hanson and Luc Basset. Jill also has a surviving sister, **MARCIA VAN DEUSEN, '60**. Jill was preceded in death by her parents, Alan and Inez Baker McLean.

JACK L. JOHNSON, '58, DTD, passed away on June 30, 2015. He played on the basketball team at Hillsdale and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He retired as a major in the Marines after a 20-year career. He is survived by a daughter in Indiana and a son in California.

1960s



GENE McFADDEN, '62, passed away on November 12, 2015. Born in Hope, Arkansas, on December 14, 1939, to Jesse and Vora Lee Roach McFadden,

Gene attended Northern High School in Flint, Michigan, where he was voted All State in football. Gene attended Hillsdale College on a football scholarship where he earned Little All-American honors. He went on to be inducted into the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame in 1994. He earned both master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan, and began his career in education in Flint. By age 26, Gene was the City of Benton Harbor, Michigan's Director of Community Education. As a result of his hard work, Gene was the youngest assistant superintendent of schools in the country by the age of 27, and he was selected "Man of the Year" in 1968 by the Twin City Jaycees, voted one of the nation's most eligible bachelors by *Ebony* magazine, and listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America*. At age 30, he was voted the Most Outstanding Community Educator by the National Community Education Association.

Lured to Indiana by a good friend, Gene served as the director of both Flanner House and Community Development for the city of Indianapolis. He opened and operated "Big Fellas" Restaurant, featuring the legendary Super Big Fella Burger. He founded Freight Masters Systems Trucking Company,

one of the first national and international transportation minority companies. He was named in the 1998 Fortune 500 as an entrepreneur. He eventually operated more than 400 trucks, transporting for several companies, including General Motors, Ford and Chrysler. Freight Masters Systems was awarded the "Pentastar Award" by Chrysler Corporation for superior supplier performance three times, and in 2006, Freight Masters Systems was given the Q1 Preferred Quality Status award from Ford Motors. Gene was also part owner of BHMM, a minority energy supplier for the new Indianapolis Airport. BHMM received the "New Entrepreneur Award" from the Indianapolis Black Chamber of Commerce in 2006. He built wells in Africa and supported the homeless through Shepherds Pathway Ministries. His philosophy was "It's not my money; it's God's money." Gene attended Nu Corinthian Baptist Church.

He leaves behind his wife, Dalene Keno McFadden; two sons, Thurgood Marshall McFadden and Jon Paul McFadden; two stepchildren, Philip Keno and Erin Keno; two brothers, Monroe (Gloria) McFadden and Lahroy McFadden; sisters-in-law, Debra McFadden and Carolyn McFadden; one aunt, Viola King; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Rev. Aaron McFadden and Sylvester McFadden.



DR. ROBERT JAMES GRAHAM, '63, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away on September 10, 2015, in Big Rapids, Michigan, surrounded

by his family. Dr. Bob, as he was known, was born on November 15, 1940, in Highland Park, Michigan. He was a 1958 graduate of River Rouge High School and a 1968 graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine. He served as a flight surgeon in the United States Air Force and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Dr. Bob began his 46-year career in medicine in Trenton, Michigan, where he worked at Riverside Osteopathic Hospital with his father, Dr. Victor Graham, and his brother, Dr. Bill Graham. He practiced medicine across the state of Michigan, but spent the majority of his career in Sault Ste. Marie. He served as a physician for the Chippewa County Jail, the Michigan Department of Corrections in Kinross, the Lake Superior State University Lakers, the Soo Indians, the Soo Eagles hockey teams, and countless boxing matches. Dr. Bob was a teacher, counselor, advocate, and learned friend for thousands of patients. He loved his family dearly and passed on the tradition of service to the community to his five children. Dr. Bob loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting. He spent many birthdays hunting

in Bay Mills with his best friends, Ralph and Shirley Wilcox. Bob is survived by his mother, Kathryn, his brother Bill (Mary Lynn); children, Will, Rebecca (Wayne) Rogers, Robert (Julia), Ian (Andrea Covert), and Callie (Jeff) Hodges; 15 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



H. PAUL CARTER, '66, of Longboat Key, Florida, and Hillsdale, Michigan, died on December 23, 2014, in Bradenton, Florida.

He was born October 27, 1944, in New York City. Paul graduated from Lewiston-Porter Central High School in Niagara County, New York, in 1962 and Hillsdale College in 1966. He taught in the North Adams-Jerome Public Schools from 1966-1996. On January 20, 1967, Paul married the former Maryann Zilonis of Grand Rapids, Michigan, who was his wife of 48 years. She survives, as does their son Dr. Geoffrey V. Carter, their daughter-in-law, Sara Jacobs Carter, and their granddaughters, Vivienne, Lilith, and Grace Jacobs Carter. He was preceded in death by his parents, Stewart and Verna Carter of Leesburg, Florida. Paul was a member of the Hillsdale Moose Lodge 921 and was a life member of Hillsdale Elks Lodge 1575. He was also a former board member of the Hillsdale Community Theater, where he was the 1988 recipient of the Clint Johnson Memorial Award for his contributions.



BEVERLY CLARK DAGGETT, '67, passed away on September 6, 2015, after a long battle with kidney disease. Her father, Rev. John G. Clark,

and her mother, Rev. Dr. Beth P. Clark, predeceased her. Her love of learning, keen intellect, and strong faith were passed down from both parents. She is also predeceased by her brother John G. Clark Jr., with whom she shared a mischievous sense of humor. Born in Florence, South Carolina, Beverly spent most of her childhood in Virginia and North Carolina. Her Southern influences could be seen in the cornbread and fried okra she served at the dinner table. She graduated from high school in Radnor, Pennsylvania, and earned a B.S. in biology from Hillsdale. After college, Beverly worked as a social worker in Augusta, Maine. She met Thomas Alden Daggett in 1969, and they married in 1971. During much of the 1970s and early 1980s, Beverly spent her time raising her three children, John Thomas, Page Marie, and Paul Clark. Beverly's kitchen was a special place; she was known for her buttery breakfast pancakes or rolls made from scratch, and rhubarb everything in the spring. In between cooking and helping with

homework, she somehow found time for her own athletic activities, including tennis and softball. Beverly served on the Augusta School Board, and in 1986, she was elected to represent District 88 in the Maine State House of Representatives. She would go on to serve five terms in the House and four terms in the Maine Senate, culminating with her term as Senate President from 2002 to 2003. This allowed Beverly to combine her passion for advocacy and lifelong support of the less fortunate with her love of conversation. In addition to teaching Sunday school and serving as a substitute organist at Green Street United Methodist Church, Beverly remained active in local politics as a commissioner for Kennebec County. Beverly is survived by her loving husband Tom; her three children; daughter-in-law Beth Daggett; sister-in-law Stephanie Daggett Nichols; nephew Danny Nichols; cousins Marilyn Simmons, Peter and Elaine Simoneau, Cyndie Banks, and Janice Pratt; aunt Evelyn Banks, grandsons Charlie and Henry Daggett; numerous other cousins; and many close friends.

1970s



EDWIN "TED" ARNOLD SPRAGG, '70, age 68, of East Peoria, Illinois, passed away on September 20, 2015, at the OSF Richard L. Owens

Hospice Home in Peoria. Ted was born on January 7, 1947, in Alpena, Michigan, to the late Warren C. Spragg Sr. and Alma Black Spragg. He married LaDonna Pope on April 19, 1975, and she survives. Also surviving are their children, Mark (Becky) Spragg, Danell (Bryson) Sultz, and Bryan (Tiffany) Spragg; grandchildren, Natalie, Chloe, Sarah, Jonah, Emily, Rebekah, Josiah, Joshua, Raylan, Isaac, and Samuel; brothers, Warren (Nancy), James (Patricia), Wayne (Barbara), and Michael; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Ted was a Class A state wrestling champion for Alpena High School in 1965. He went on to wrestle for University of Wisconsin-Superior. He played football for Hillsdale, where he received his degree in 1970. He worked for 30 years in the food service industry for companies including Big Boy restaurants and Marriott Food Services, and most recently, OSF Food Services. He was on the board of directors at Heartland Community Health Clinics and was a member at Richwoods Christian Church, where he served many years as the lead of the hospitality ministry.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family.

AYN CABANISS, '78, age 56, of Belgrade, Montana, died on October 18, 2015, following a brain hemorrhage. Born March 5, 1959, in Birmingham, Alabama, she spent her early years moving frequently, including three years in Germany, due to her father's military career. She graduated from St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Virginia, attended Mt. Vernon College, and graduated from Hillsdale College. She later earned a master's degree in journalism from the University of Florida.

Ayn spent several summers as a horseback riding instructor and counselor at Camp Nakanawa in Tennessee and worked briefly in television news before serving in the Peace Corps in Western Samoa. For several years, she ran a home-based business selling hot sauces from around the world. A Southerner at heart, Ayn was known for her love of nature, reading, and foreign cultures, her generous heart, and her kindness to the many animals that she rescued over the years. Her greatest love was for her three sons who survive her: Alexander Cabaniss, Jelks Henry Cabaniss IV, and Leigh Cabaniss. She is also survived by her mother, Anne Mudd Cabaniss, her brother, Jelks H. Cabaniss III, and her sister, Nabers Cabaniss Johnson. She was predeceased by her father, Jelks H. Cabaniss, Jr.



KIM WILLIAM BECK, '75, ATO, a native of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away on November 16, 2015, after a battle with cardiac amyloidosis at the

age of 62. He was born to William L. and Margie (Groll) Beck on January 16, 1953. A 1971 graduate of Napoleon High School, he was captain of the football team, president of the N Club, member of the wrestling team, and participant in theater productions. He was inducted into the Napoleon High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 2014. Kim graduated cum laude from Hillsdale College in 1975 with a degree in business management. At Hillsdale, he met **CAROL ANN MORLEY, '77**, whom he married on June 5, 1976. They are the parents of four children: **CAITLIN BECK, '01**, **CHASE BECK, '07**, and Cortney and Morley, who predeceased Kim in 1992. Kim's parents also preceded him in death. Kim's wife, siblings, Robin Snyder (Kevin) and Peter Beck (Sheryl) survive him, as well as nieces and nephews.

Kim began his professional career in purchasing and sales at Automatic Feed Company, the family business started by his grandfather. He was elected president and CEO of the company in 1982, a position he held until his death. Under Kim's leadership, Automatic Feed Company became one of the premier designers and manufacturers of coil-

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Matick Scholarship

Honors Late Alumnus and Businessman

GEORGE MATICK JR., a 1951 alumnus and founder of George Matick Chevrolet in Redford Township, Michigan, passed away in February 2014, but his legacy lives on, not only at his dealership, but also at Hillsdale College, where a full tuition scholarship bears his name.

Matick, who served in the U.S. Army in 1945-46 as a paratrooper, had a deep and abiding love for his country and America's founding principles. The son of a Croatian immigrant, he learned the value of hard work and an entrepreneurial spirit from his father, who owned a car dealership. Matick received a degree in business from Hillsdale and worked his way up through the automobile business. In 1977, he opened George Matick Chevrolet in Redford Township, just outside of Detroit. The 13-acre complex still boasts Michigan's largest indoor new car showroom.

To honor the American flag and pay homage to the principles Matick held so dear, Matick Chevrolet employees decided to erect a massive flagpole at the dealership. The flag



George S. Matick Jr.
Scholarship recipient
Justin D'Agostino, '16

went up just a month before Matick passed away. At a height of 150 feet, the flag itself measures 30 feet by 60 feet and weighs 54 pounds.

Matick's wife and daughters established a full tuition scholarship at Hillsdale in his memory. Preference goes to children or grandchildren of George Matick Chevrolet employees or residents of Redford Township. This fall,

the College awarded the first George S. Matick Jr. Scholarship to senior Justin D'Agostino of Livonia, Michigan. An accounting major with a minor in finance, D'Agostino is studying for the Series 7 certification exam. After college, he plans to pursue the Certified Financial Analyst credential while working for an investments firm.

"The George Matick Scholarship has helped me greatly," D'Agostino says. "While playing football and going to school full time, it is difficult to find a job suitable with my schedule to help pay for rent and many other college expenses. The George Matick Scholarship has allowed me to focus more of my time on school." ■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, '95

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handling and press-feeding automation systems in the world. Automatic Feed Company was a 2004 General Motors Supplier of the Year and was awarded the Chrysler Gold Award and Ford Q1 in 2000. Kim and his brother Peter were recognized as Northwest Ohio Entrepreneurs of the Year in 1994, and received the Governor's E Award for Excellence in Exporting. Kim and Peter started many other business ventures together including High Production Technology LLC with Verson Corporation; Kasle Metal Processing LLC, a joint venture with Kasle Corporation; Greabener-Reika Inc., a partnership with longtime friend Dr. Theo Greabener; and Georg Automatic Feed, a partnership with friend Mark Georg. Kim's insight was also instrumental in pioneering laser blanking technology through LaserCoil Technologies LLC.

Along with his responsibilities at his companies, Kim served on boards of organizations for the United Way, Henry County Bank, Association for Manufacturing Technology, Master

Chemical Company, and Erie Press Systems. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Kim was an active church member. His greatest love was teaching and mentoring the youth. Kim and Carol served on the Hillsdale College Parents Board and received Hillsdale's Distinguished Alumni of the Year Awards in 2000. They were named "Champions of Children" by the Symphony of Trees organizing committee recently for their support of CASA, Henry County Hospital, and the Center for Child and Family Advocacy services to families and children. Kim was an accomplished telemark skier, multi-engine rated airplane pilot, and avid bicyclist, and he enjoyed spending time at Lakeside Camp in Higgins Lake, Michigan. His faith and personal testimony of Jesus Christ, his family, and his employees remained Kim's priorities throughout his life.

1980s

BYRON WELLINGTON DUKE, '86, passed away on August 21, 2015, in Granbury,

Texas. He was born on December 26, 1962, in Logansport, Indiana, to Richard and Dottie Duke. Byron served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 13 years. During flight school, he met Kim Lee, and they married on January 14, 1989, in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Byron was an A6 and F18 pilot. He served in the Desert Storm Gulf War as well as in Iraq, and he was awarded many medals. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Byron enlisted in the Marine Reserves. He was a pilot for American Airlines for more than 15 years.

Byron enjoyed attending his sons' high school and college football games. They were his pride and joy. He is survived by his wife Kim; twin sons Denton and Dexter; mother Dottie Duke; siblings Veronica Duke and Warren Duke; mother in-law Ruby Lee; brothers in-law James M. Lee and wife Patti, Jeff Lee and wife Peggy; sisters in-law Vicky Burt and husband Steve, Pam McCoy and husband Jimmy, Connie Clark and husband Chad; and many nieces and nephews.

Byron is preceded in death by his father Richard Duke and his father in-law James O. Lee.

Jillian Melchior

Named to Steamboat Institute's BLANKLEY CHAIR

JILLIAN MELCHIOR, '09, was named the 2015-16 Tony Blankley Chair for Public Policy and American Exceptionalism at the Steamboat Institute. The Steamboat Institute honored her in August, citing Melchior's "impressive work as a journalist," and notify that "her reporting from around the globe exemplifies the determination, character and wit that made Tony so special." Melchior is the second recipient of this award, which was established in 2013.

"It is an immense honor to be awarded this Chair and have the opportunity to promote and build upon the memory of Tony Blankley," Melchior said. "I'm thrilled about all the adventures in the year ahead as a fellow for the Steamboat Institute."

Melchior writes for *National Review* as the Thomas L. Rhodes Fellow for the Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity, covering energy and environmental issues. She was also the 2011 Robert Novak Fellow for the Philips Foundation and has written for the *Wall Street Journal*, *The Weekly Standard*, and *Newsweek Japan*.



Jillian Melchior
Photo by Bec Amsar

"All of us at Hillsdale College extend our most gracious congratulations to Jillian," said Matthew Spalding, Associate Vice President at Hillsdale's Kirby Center and board member for the Steamboat Institute. "I am confident that Jillian will make an exceptional fellow at the Steamboat Institute and will strive to honor Tony Blankley's legacy."

The Steamboat Institute established the Tony Blankley Chair for Public Policy and American Exceptionalism "to provide high-profile recognition and financial support to emerging conservative thought leaders who share the principles and ideals espoused by the late Tony Blankley and the Steamboat Institute," including lower taxes, limited government, free market capitalism, individual rights and responsibilities, and strong national defense. Blankley served as press secretary to Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich in the 1990s, and also appeared regularly on *The McLaughlin Group*.

Selection committee members for the Tony Blankley Chair include Mr. Gingrich and former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese. ■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, '95

Centenarian Martha Jose Kuehn

ISSUES SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

MARKING THE milestone of her 101st birthday and the 77th anniversary of her graduation from Hillsdale College, Martha Jose Kuehn, '38, shared her gratitude for her Hillsdale education by giving \$50,000 toward the College's general scholarship fund.



Martha Jose Kuehn, '38

Furthermore, Mrs. Kuehn issued a dollar-for-dollar challenge grant, which alumni matched in early December. Mrs. Kuehn hopes her gift will inspire her fellow alumni to support current students at their alma mater.

For information about how to contribute to the scholarship fund, contact Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Cervini at jcervini@hillsdale.edu or (517) 607-2670. ■

Scholastic Success

Lloyd Bond Honored for Career in Educational Assessment

WHEN LLOYD Bond, '64, was young, he was held back in school because he had poor eyesight and a speech stammer. But during October's Homecoming celebrations, he was honored with the Hillsdale College Distinguished Alumnus Award for his exemplary work in educational assessment, research, and teaching.

"You would think the last thing someone who has a stammer would want to do is be a professor," Bond says, laughing. "But I determined that it would not hold me back."

Bond was born in Brownsville, Tennessee, and raised in Chicago. He received a substantial scholarship from General Motors to attend Hillsdale College, and he turned down universities like Harvard and Stanford because of this. He originally planned on studying chemistry at the College, but when an experiment went badly wrong one day, he decided he would major in psychology instead.

"I almost blew up the laboratory!" Bond exclaims. "It scared me so much that I thought I would get out of that."

Bond was also part of the college choir, reported for the *Collegian*, was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, and vice president of the College's NAACP chapter. His favorite activity was playing chess in the old student union.

After graduation, Bond served two years in the military before working for six years at General Motors. He then pursued his M.S. and Ph.D. in psychometrics and quantitative methods at Johns Hopkins University. Bond went on to have a successful scholastic career, teaching at the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Iowa, and the University of North Carolina. He says that his greatest joy comes from teaching, and he still enjoys it after 37 years. Though he retired in 2008, he continues to tutor children in California.



Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient Lloyd Bond.

Bond has done substantial work in the area of assessment, measurement theory, and testing policies. He says it was natural for him to gravitate toward this field with his psychology degree. His research has contributed to the fair measurement of teaching performance and student learning and reasoning. He has received many awards and honors for his contributions to education and psychology, as well as worked on editorial boards for journals in these subjects.

"There was a time when testing and assessment in education took off," Bond says. "It's an incredibly efficient way to assess students' knowledge, especially in science and math."

After teaching, Bond spent the last six years before retirement as a senior scholar at the Carnegie Foundation in California, where he conducted research and wrote.

Bond says that one great accomplishment was when a charter school in his childhood neighborhood in Chicago was named after him in 2009.

"The school board told me that another name they were considering was the Barack Obama School," Bond says, because it was the neighborhood where the president did his community organizing. "But they told me that by unanimous vote they had decided to name it after me."

And Bond, who found success in life doing what he loved, encourages students to follow their own passions. "Just follow your dream, follow what you like to do," he says. "The things that you like are probably the things in which you are talented. Don't worry so much about the financial payoff; you'll find a way to use your skills." ■ EMMA VINTON, '16

Colleen McGinness Transitions to Alumni Networking

New Efforts Aim to Foster ALUMNI-STUDENT CONNECTIONS

COLLEEN MCGINNESS, '04, has always loved connecting with people. She also loves Hillsdale, so it seems fitting that her new position at the College, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Student Giving, combines both of these passions.

“My job is all about networking,” McGinness explains. “I’m connecting people around the country for their own benefit.”

After graduating, McGinness worked for Hillsdale’s Admissions Department as a recruiter, first in Ohio and then on the West Coast, based out of the Seattle area. She left the position briefly in 2012 but returned in 2014.

Around the same time, Hillsdale began a number of efforts to reconnect with alumni. These efforts culminated in the creation of the new position McGinness has now assumed.

According to McGinness, the College has had a long-standing desire to cultivate better relationships with its alumni. “We have a lot of impressive alumni,” she explains, “but a lot of them are disconnected from the College.”

McGinness describes the College’s plan to reconnect with alumni as a three-pronged effort. First, Hillsdale hopes to develop a larger network of alumni who are willing to help the Admis-



Colleen McGinness

sions and Career Services Offices reach out to potential students and to current students searching for employment. To spearhead this effort, McGinness is gathering one network of alumni who want to help current students make job and internship connections, and another of graduates who are willing to help the Admis-

sions Office by representing Hillsdale at college fairs, conducting alumni admissions interviews, or making presentations at Admissions receptions.

The College also hopes to help alumni connect with the societies and extracurricular groups that they participated in at Hillsdale, including athletics, Greek life, musical ensembles, student publications, religious ministries, and more.

Finally, the College hopes to see an increase in financial support from its alumni. While Hillsdale receives significant support from donors, alumni giving

is relatively low. “We hope to see more alumni supporting the school within their means, whether that’s ten dollars a year or 500,” McGinness says.

The ultimate result of McGinness’s networking, she says, would be an alumni association for current students. She is working with students on campus to start a student-alumni philanthropy group called the 1844 Leadership Society.

McGinness truly enjoys talking to alumni. “I love asking people about their time at Hillsdale, what they did, what they liked, and what they didn’t like,” she says. In this way, she has expanded her already-large network of friendships with Hillsdale alumni, her own classmates, and those she has met working for Admissions.

Most of all, McGinness says she is pleased to work through Hillsdale to make these connections happen and accomplish greater goals. “I want to serve the mission of the College,” she says. ■ MEGAN SCOTT, '16

Spring Alumni Receptions

- Los Angeles, California
February 9, 2016
- Atlanta, Georgia
February 24, 2016
- Austin, Texas
March 3, 2016
- Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas
March 4, 2016
- Indianapolis, Indiana
March 24, 2016
- Denver/Colorado Springs,
Colorado
March 29, 2016
- New York, New York
April 17 or 20 (TBD)
- Seattle, Washington
April 24 or 25 (TBD)
- Portland, Oregon
April 29, 2016



Kat Timpf performs her stand-up routine at Broad Street Underground during Homecoming Weekend.

Katherine Timpf, '10

- Fox News contributor, mostly on *The Greg Gutfeld Show*
- *National Review* reporter
- 2012-13 Robert Novak Fellow
- Contributor to *The Orange County Register*, *Investor's Business Daily*, and *The Washington Times*
- Comedienne who has performed at New York's Gotham Comedy Club and The Improv in Los Angeles

Liberty and Laughter

Journalist Katherine Timpf Uses HUMOR TO MAKES HER POINTS

ONLY FIVE YEARS after graduating from Hillsdale, Katherine "Kat" Timpf, '10, is doing what she always dreamed she would do. As a reporter at *National Review*, a Fox News contributor, and a comedienne, Timpf uses her personality and wit to amuse audiences and educate the public on the virtues of limited government.

Timpf was passionate about politics from a young age. As a child, she listened to the radio with her father, asking him how the government could pass certain laws and why politicians were not held accountable. Timpf has also always enjoyed writing and performing, and a career in journalism and media has allowed her to combine these passions.

Timpf's commitment to liberty and limited government played a huge role in her decision to attend Hillsdale. She was drawn to the College primarily because of its

refusal to accept government funding. Timpf continues to believe even more firmly that Hillsdale's financial independence enables the College to provide a better quality education than is found in state-sponsored schools. "You'd be surprised how little people that went to these bigger schools know about history, or the way the government works," she says.

At Hillsdale, Timpf majored in English and minored in Spanish and speech. She was a *Collegian* staff member, participated in debate, and served on the Panhellenic Council as a member of Chi Omega sorority. She says she benefitted from Hillsdale's small size. "There are a lot of brilliant professors here, and I actually got to know them."

After graduating magna cum laude in 2010, Timpf moved to California to pursue journalism through an unpaid internship with Fox News while working at Boston Market to pay the bills. "That was my first paid job out of college," Timpf says. "I worked as a cashier and I cleaned bathrooms." Her internship ended when California enacted a state law prohibiting unpaid internships.

From there, Timpf's career path took several turns. She interned at a radio station and worked as a waitress and a traffic reporter. After being laid off from the traffic-reporting job, she was offered a digital editing position with the *Washington Times*. Although it wasn't what she wanted, Timpf took the job and continued to write and edit. She requested a few minutes on-air in the office's radio studio to gain more experience. "It would have been easier for me to do my shift and then go to happy hour and live like a normal human, but I didn't," she recalls.

After moving to Virginia to work for *Campus Reform*, an online news outlet that covers college stories, Timpf was invited to appear on Fox News after she wrote a piece on



Katherine Timpf is a regular contributor to *The Greg Gutfield Show* on Fox News.

feminism. She continued to appear on Fox and eventually took a position writing for *National Review*. She also does stand-up comedy, a side job without which, she says, she would not be where she is today. "It's scarier than national TV, because anyone can get up and heckle you," she says. "You have to be quick on your feet, and that helped me a lot."

Asked about future plans, Timpf responds jokingly: "When I get really old, I want to do a radio show from my house, with a cat next to me. I think it would be really cool to be some hardened, single, childless old woman with a cat who just shames politicians." More seriously, Timpf says that she hopes to continue expanding her audience. She explains, "I want to bring more people who normally wouldn't be involved in conservative or libertarian politics into thinking, 'Maybe there's something about this that I like.'"

Above all, Timpf feels grateful to have a job that she loves. "I work really hard, but it doesn't feel like work," she says. "I like being able to use my own creativity in a way that really matters." ■ MEGAN SCOTT, '16

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final game as Chargers," Henderson recalls. "During my senior year, Coach and Steph had created so many competitive drills in practice, we would often feel more pressure and tension during a drill than we would during our matches. We became our own biggest competitor."

Ashlee Crowder, '13, won her second straight GLIAC

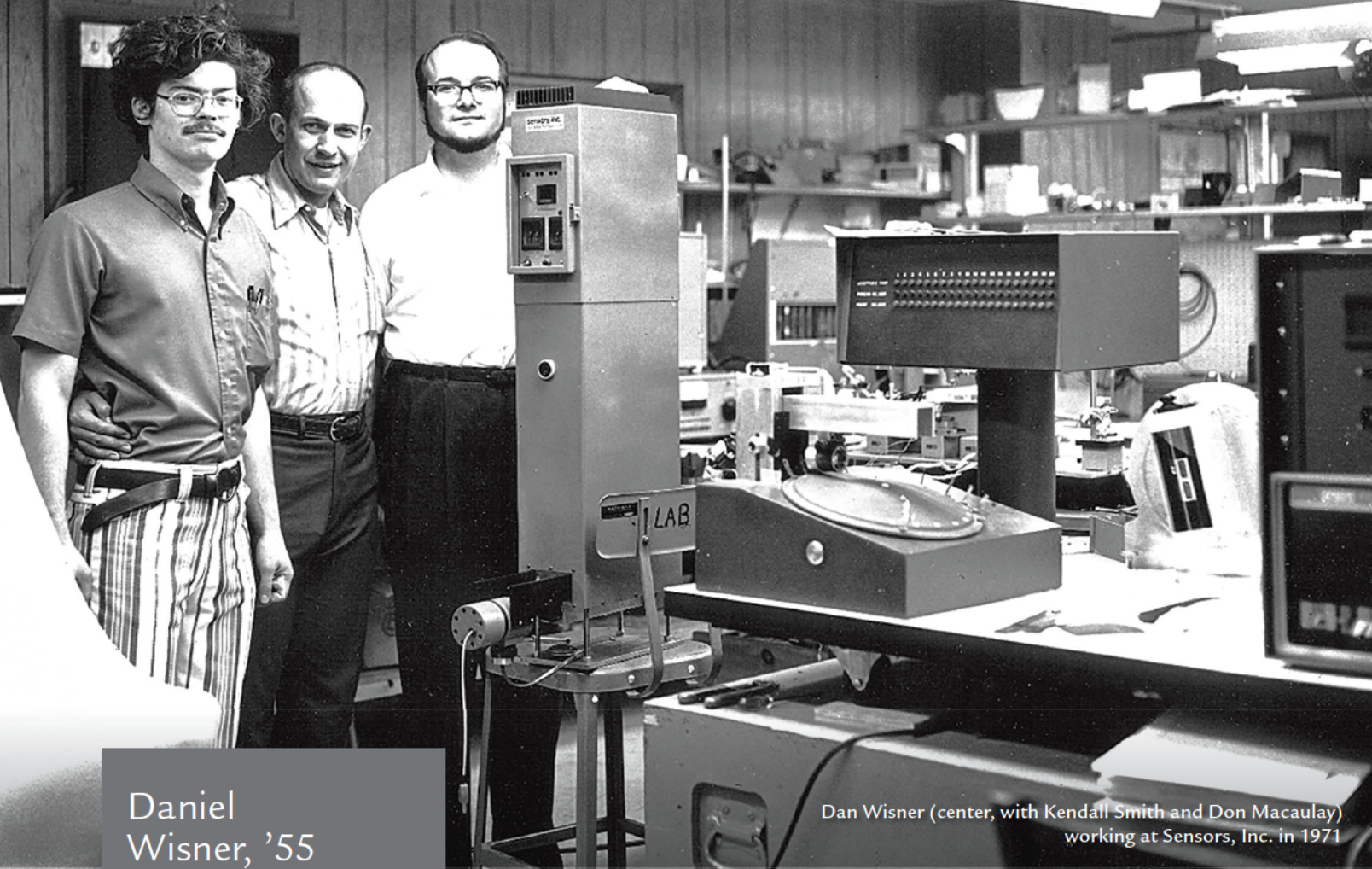
Player of the Year honor, a feat that remains unmatched. The team won a third straight GLIAC tournament title, a feat unmatched before or since by any program. Crowder, Apryl Schmucker, '12, and Clara Leutheuser, '12, were named All-American. And the team also won the first NCAA Division II Regional Championship in

school and program history. In contrast to the three fans at Gravel's first game in 1996, 1,000 fans crammed into the home arena to cheer the team to victory.

The Gravel's enjoyed a successful 2015 season. The Chargers advanced to the first round of the NCAA tournament and finished the season with a 23-8 record.

The road to 400 wins

isn't straight, and maybe shouldn't be. But through it all, Chris and Steph have remained committed to being the ultimate duo for their team. None of Gravel's 400 wins were possible without his ultimate teammate, Steph, and the wonderful players throughout the years that have made up his Hillsdale family. ■ BRAD MONASTIERE



Daniel Wisner, '55

- Attended radio school while serving in the U.S. Army
- Granted 15 U.S. patents for his inventions, including electronic cruise control and sensor scheme for antilock brakes
- Received Unisys Achievement Award for Excellence in 1987
- Has written extensively on three family genealogies

Dan Wisner (center, with Kendall Smith and Don Macaulay) working at Sensors, Inc. in 1971

Computer Revolution Pioneer

Dan Wisner's 40 Years IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

RAISED IN the small farming community of North Adams, Michigan, Daniel Wisner learned the art of improvisation, unintentionally building a foundation for his future career as an inventor and an electronic engineer. His childhood tinkering, coupled with strong mentorship from relatives and

neighbors and his Hillsdale College professors, paved the way for his achievements that include 15 patents, including the invention of electronic cruise control and the sensor scheme for antilock brakes. On October 23, Hillsdale College honored him with a Distinguished Alumnus Award for his achievements in science.

As a youth, Wisner dreamed of working with engines and machines. He spent considerable time working in his cousin's garage, becoming an adept mechanic. Meanwhile, he saw how his neighbors and widowed mother came up with clever solutions and fixed household gadgets through improvisation, mostly due to a lack of money. He sought the mentorship of such adults, who allowed him to work alongside them and encouraged him to attend college.

Although Wisner was awarded a tuition scholarship to the University of Michigan, he could not afford room and board. So he attended nearby Hillsdale College and lived at home. He majored in mathematics and physics because he enjoyed the subjects and wanted to pursue mechanical engineering. He fondly remembers his professors who invested so much in him. "My mathematics professor, J. Kenneth Evers, gave me special insight into the subject," Wisner recalls. "Dr. Jacob Olthoff, my physics professor and advisor, gave me almost prophetic guidance. He knew that my college deferment would expire upon my graduation and that I would be drafted immediately. He encouraged me to home study electronics so that it would appear to the Army on their screening tests that electronics was my hobby, thus enhancing my chance of getting sent to radio school." That is indeed what happened.

As he prepared to leave the Army, Wisner began receiving job offers in the electronics industry. "How things had changed in just two years!" he remembers. "I had the right credentials at the right time to get in on the ground floor of the computer revolution!"

Wisner began his career at IBM, scoring at a high level on IBM's screening test. He was hired on the spot for its military research lab in Poughkeepsie, New York. IBM also enrolled him in its computer engineering program, which taught courses in electrical engineering, mathematics, and physics, plus paid him a salary.

Over the next four decades, Wisner worked for large companies as well as small "alley shops." "Many inventions happen in the alley shops, and then the large companies buy the invention and market it," he says. In 1968, while working for RCA, Wisner developed electronic cruise control, for which he has two patents. His design

introduced digital memory, marking the beginning of the computer-controlled era in the auto industry. Within days of building the prototype, Wisner installed it on his car and demonstrated it to his family and neighbors. Although it would take some time for an integrated circuit to be developed and for the price to drop enough to allow for its widespread use, cruise control remains virtually the same today as Wisner's original design. "I am thrilled that nearly a half century after its invention, almost every car built in the world, as well as many trucks, are fitted with my cruise control design, and drivers around the world benefit from my invention," Wisner says.

"I am thrilled that nearly a half century after its invention, almost every car built in the world, as well as many trucks, are fitted with my cruise control design."

An invention that Wisner co-developed while working at Sensors, Inc. allowed him and his wife to take a ten-day vacation to France. The U.S. Department of Commerce selected Wisner's prototype-gauging machine as one of the top ten products of the year for export to be displayed at a world trade show in Paris. According to Wisner, the principles of this machine are used today in digital camera design, spy satellites, and document handling machines.

Wisner spent the last 20 years of his career at Burroughs Corporation, later known as Unisys. While there, he patented the wide-range reluctance tachometer, which is used to determine the speed of a rotating shaft, including wheel rotation, for the antilock brake system. "My co-inventor and I created the reluctance tachometer because we saw many potential applications for it," Wisner says. "There was no boss demanding us to work on it. That's how most of my inventions came about."

Wisner attributes his success to the mentoring he received as a youth and as a college student. "I was fortunate to have a lot of adult mentors in my hometown who really invested their time in me," he says. "Good mentoring is hard to come by. When I got to Hillsdale College, I pestered my teachers for extra guidance. They gave me as much mentoring as they did education." Smiling, Wisner reflects, "Hillsdale took a not-so-good student and produced a good result."

■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, '95

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influential in supporting scientific research at the College. He retired in 1997.

He authored and contributed to many books and publications, such as “Twenty Things You Didn’t Know You Could Do With A Cadaver,” coauthored with his fellow Hillsdale biology professors.

“He was the first one really to bring us into the modern era of biology here at Hillsdale,” says Dr. Frank Steiner, chairman and professor of biology at Hillsdale College. “He had the foresight to say we needed additional faculty to do what we wanted to do, and bring the sciences to the forefront of the College.”

Townsend was a close friend and mentor to Steiner, who met Townsend nearly 30 years ago when he came to Hillsdale in 1986. He says that Townsend was supportive in creating an environment in which faculty could thrive.

“He was a character,” Steiner says. “He didn’t pull any punches, he didn’t play any politics, he told you what he thought, but he was a kind and caring person and an excellent teacher.”

He also says Townsend was a brilliant scientist. “He was really an expert histologist, and his lab coat had the colors to prove it,” he says.

“He really revolutionized the sciences, and I’ve tried to continue what he started,” Steiner says. ■ EMMA VINTON, ’16

Charles Van Eaton

DR. CHARLES D. Van Eaton died on July 20, 2015, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at the age of 79. He was professor and department chairman of economics and business administration at Hillsdale College from 1978-1998. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Katharine, daughters Valerie and Charlotte, and son David, as well as two siblings and grandchildren.

Van Eaton was a graduate of Freed-Hardeman College in Tennessee, the University of Memphis, and Tulane



Charles Van Eaton

University, where he received a Ph.D. in economics. Besides Hillsdale College, he taught at various other schools including Northwestern State University in Louisiana and Western Kentucky University in Kentucky. He went on to hold the John M. Olin Chair of Economics at the Graduate School of Public Policy at

Pepperdine University in California.

Van Eaton published more than 1,500 articles on economics and public policy issues in newspapers such as the *Detroit Free Press*, the *Los Angeles Daily News*, and the *Washington Times*. He also was a founding member of the board of directors for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Michigan.

“He was a very quality guy, very thoughtful, a good economist, but a better person,” Professor of Economics Gary Wolfram says. “His strengths were as an administrator, primarily because he was a good person.”

Van Eaton was influential in Wolfram’s hiring in 1988 and made Wolfram’s transition back into academia easy, Wolfram says, adding that Van Eaton was also helpful in establishing the economics program at the College as it is today.

“He got along well with the students, and everyone had easy access,” Wolfram says. “He was very interested in the students and in the program.”

Another colleague, current Professor of Law Robert Blackstock, says that Van Eaton was not only steadfast in his conservatism and in his support of free markets, but was also a thoughtful and spirited teacher and a committed man.

“He was a faithful and caring husband, father, and friend and pastored a local church for many years,” Blackstock says.

■ EMMA VINTON, ’16

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Maria Servold, ’10, the faculty advisor for the *Tower Light*, says that she hopes the event helped spotlight the publication and its role on campus. “We want to make people aware of it and to celebrate it,” Servold says. To that end, a subscription for the publication is currently available to alumni at \$20 per year for two issues.

Servold also says that many groups—such as alumni, the Publications Office, the Creative Writing Club, the English Department, and the Marketing Department—have tried to

work together on the publication. “It’s fun to see how it has evolved,” she says. “I hope [Hill] likes what he sees.”

“It is so interesting to look at the transformation of this little magazine of 60 years ago to what it has become today,” Miller said. “Students are to be congratulated for carrying on the light of the tower.”

“The *Tower Light* is a symbol of Hillsdale College—creative, spontaneous, and produced entirely by students,” early editions read. “A good small college takes continual pride in those things the students create.” ■ EMMA VINTON, ’16



Deanna Ducher, '95

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A Common Heritage

AT HILLSDALE ACADEMY

“LAURA AND CARRIE knew the Declaration by heart, of course, but it gave them a solemn, glorious feeling to hear the words . . . their minds were saying the words before their ears heard them.” — Little Town on the Prairie

I enjoy decorating my 1930s home with vintage touches, but books are the distinguishing feature. The most dog-eared, spine-broken volumes are my set of the Laura Ingalls Wilder “Little House” series. Like Laura, a little schoolhouse in a little frontier town has become central to my experience.

I was a high school senior when Hillsdale Academy opened its doors in 1990. When I toured Hillsdale College that fall, I remember thinking that perhaps I’d teach at the Academy someday. I joined the Academy Upper School faculty in 1999, and I am proud to celebrate the 25th anniversary of what Headmaster Ken Calvert fondly calls “this good little school.”

The story of what Hillsdale Academy is and means began long ago, though. When the College was founded, prospective students were required to show proficiency in Greek, Latin, American history, and other subjects. Students unprepared for these rigors attended the College’s Preparatory Department, where they gained the necessary knowledge for admission to the College proper. In its focus on the classics, the Academy today mirrors the preparatory school of the College’s early years. We study history, Latin, literature, mathematics, and science through primary sources with the goal of fostering comprehensive understanding. Public memorized recitations

were common both at the College and in Laura Ingalls Wilder’s frontier school; at the Academy, our students also memorize beloved Psalms and poems.

The Academy Colts have grown in camaraderie and school spirit over 25 years. Banners proclaim individual and team victories in ten varsity sports. Our students’ successes are also evident in outstanding Iowa and AP test scores, state Quiz Bowl championships, musical productions, and volunteerism. Over the last 15 years, our 216 graduates have been accepted to over 300 trade schools, colleges, and universities.

Some may be skeptical of our old-fashioned approach, but our record proves otherwise. People hunger for the meaningful education that the country’s founders and Ingalls Wilder saw as necessary for the Republic. More than memorized poems or formulas, we seek to cultivate habits of good character. This desire is evident across the country in the more than 300 schools that have opened using the Hillsdale Academy model.

With the generous support of many, the Academy has freedom to implement the classical curriculum without overreaching control by state or system. We didn’t invent something unique, but rather pay homage to something deeply rooted in great American citizenship and scholarship. The red schoolhouse on the Academy logo shows our pride in and solidarity with those early frontier schools, in which were taught, as we proclaim in our Academy Mission Statement, “a survey of the best spiritual, intellectual and cultural traditions of the West as they have been developed and refined over countless generations.” We embrace this idea of local education that involves the collaborative effort of students, parents, and teachers in civic learning that accepts virtue as a necessary part of personal formation.

Hillsdale College and Hillsdale Academy are stewards of the American tradition of independence, classical instruction, and entrepreneurial spirit that makes our country exceptional. I am honored to be part of that heritage. ■

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