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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Alumni Office is busy preparing for next year's slate of alumni activities. We hope you'll join us! Here are a few of the events we'll be hosting:

- Homecoming Weekend will be on September 20–21. Preliminary schedules and hold-the-date announcements have been mailed to all alumni. Be sure to attend the Alumni Awards Banquet on Friday evening. Inspiring and fun, it has become a highlight of the alumni calendar. After that, you can attend one of the informal alumni reunions around town.
- Between 20 and 25 alumni receptions will be held during the 2019–2020 academic year. The complete schedule of these events (in addition to dozens of other College events around the country to which alumni are invited) will be mailed to all alumni. Invitations are mailed to local alumni approximately four weeks prior to each event.
- Alumni chapters in Chicago and Detroit are in the formative stages and local organizers are scheduling activities and communicating with area alumni. (See page 39 for more information.)
- Construction on Christ Chapel is nearing completion. (The chapel, the new Plaster Auditorium, and the extensively renovated Galloway Residence will be open for tours at Homecoming.) The chapel dedication will take place on October 3, 2019, in conjunction with a gala celebration of Hillsdale's 175th Anniversary.

ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Alumni Board will be electing several new members at its Fall meeting on September 20. If you would like to apply, or if you would like to learn more about serving on the Alumni Board, please contact Kayela Martin in the Alumni Office at kmartin@hillsdale.edu or call (517) 607-2723. Kayela will be happy to send you an application and will put you in touch with a member of the Alumni Board Membership Committee. **Applications are due by August 15.**

SO LONG . . . AND THANK YOU

Finally, it is with bittersweet emotions that I announce that I retired from Hillsdale College at the end of June. I have served three "tours of duty" at the College since graduating in 1974—working in four different departments—for a total of some 25 years. I could not have imagined when, at the age of 18, I decided to attend Hillsdale that my decision would so profoundly affect the rest of my life. It has been a rich and rewarding career, of course—and so much more. I cannot fully express the love and gratitude I have for my colleagues and for the alumni and Hillsdale friends I have met and worked with along the way. Thank you all for the countless ways you have enriched my life.

My wife Dee and I will continue to operate Grayfield, our bed and breakfast in the old train depot in nearby Jonesville, where we expect to continue to see many of our Hillsdale friends. And, of course, we will continue to attend events on campus. So this is not "goodbye" but "so long, for now, and thank you!" I look forward to being a guest at Homecoming this year. See you there!

Grigor Hasted '74
Alumni Director

COMMENCEMENT 2019





THREE THINGS FOR THE CLASS OF 2019 TO REMEMBER

Hillsdale College's 167th Commencement Weekend kicked off on Friday, May 10, with a prayer service for graduating students and their families in the soon-to-be completed Christ Chapel. Events that followed included a candlelight dinner in the Searle Center, a performance by the Hillsdale College Symphony Orchestra in Markel Auditorium, and a farewell reception in the Grewcock Student Union.

On Saturday morning, the Commencement speaker, U.S. Marine Corps Commandant General Robert B. Neller, commissioned three Hillsdale seniors—Joshua Bailey, Aubrey Brown, and Daniel McAlary—as 2nd lieutenants

in the U.S. Marine Corps in a ceremony held near the Civil War statue. At the Blue and White Luncheon, the College honored the top five graduates and Professor of the Year Lee Ann Baron, the Vincent and Anneliese Savona Professor of Natural Sciences.

During the Commencement ceremony that afternoon—held in the Biermann Center due to inclement weather—General Neller, the parent of a Hillsdale graduate (Brett '06), addressed the Class of 2019. Following the Marine Corps tradition of “keeping it to threes,” he gave three pieces of advice to the Class of 2019: effort matters, get used to adversity, and character counts.



At the end of the day, when it's all said and done, they're going to say something about us. And the first part of that sentence has already been written—it says your name, your hometown, and Hillsdale graduate. Then there's a space. And somebody is going to write something in that space. You own that space, so what do you want it to say? This College has given you the foundation to fill that space in the right and proper way, and I know you will take advantage of it. Make it count.

The graduating class numbered 351. Valedictorians were Catherine Bodnar,

Marina Bostelman, and Gill West. Salutatorians were Nicole Ault (also Outstanding Senior Woman) and Hope Jonker. The remaining top academic performers were Rebecca Carlson, Kathryn Duhadway, Ellen Friesen, Rebecca Kaiser, Chloe Kookogey, Daniel Maisonville, Amanda Marra, Samuel Roberts (also Outstanding Senior Man), Jessica Skoudis, and Abigail Trouwborst.

In addition to the 351 Bachelor's degrees awarded, 14 students earned an M.A. in politics and four were awarded a Ph.D. in politics. ■





“A FRIENDSHIP THAT SPANS THE AGES AND SEAS”

PAUL RAY '08

Paul J. Ray, a 2008 Hillsdale graduate, is Acting Administrator and Associate Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget. He went on from Hillsdale to attend the Harvard Law School, serving as an editor of the Harvard Law Review and graduating magna cum laude. He clerked for Justice Samuel Alito of the United States Supreme Court and Judge Debra Livingston of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Before joining OMB, he practiced law at Sidney Austin LLP in Washington, D.C., and served as counselor to the U.S. Secretary of Labor. When not in the office, Paul can be found hiking, participating in his church, or reading the poetry of Dante or Chesterton.

Paul returned to Hillsdale on May 3 to deliver the following talk to the graduating Class of 2019 at the senior dinner held at the Searle Center. This speech was given in his personal capacity and does not represent the views of the U.S. government.

* * *

Congratulations to all you seniors! You’ve done something tremendously difficult and profoundly good. You’ve spent four years studying with the wisest men and women I know.

There’s very little I can say that your professors haven’t already said better. So, I’ll simply repeat for you the first thing I learned at Hillsdale, from Dr. Birzer’s Western Heritage course.

Some of you may remember the story of King Alfred, who, fighting for survival against the Danes, receives a heavenly vision. He calls his chiefs to the battle-line, not with promised victory, but as Chesterton puts it:

Out of the mouth of the Mother of God
Like a little word go I.
For I go gathering Christian men
From sunken paving and ford and fen
To die in a battle, God knows when,
By God, but I know why.

It seems to me that much of what we learn at Hillsdale is precisely that: the *why*. Indeed, anyone who's studied Aristotle knows that wisdom is the knowledge of causes. *Why* a thing is done is the most important of causes—the final cause—and it's possible to mount from one final cause to another until you touch a reason for human action of such compelling clarity and splendor that it can give impetus to an entire life.

And this, I think, explains the paradox that many of you feel: you loved your time at Hillsdale intensely, but you are also intensely *ready to leave*. The explanation, I would argue, isn't exhaustion or boredom, but that you have encountered ideas worth living for, and now, quite simply, you want to live for them. This enthusiasm has a name, which is ambition.

Some of you are ambitious to serve your country in the legislative chamber or on the battlefield. Some of you aim to create or join a business that improves our lives and enables you to give generously. Many of you are ambitious to lay down your life in daily sacrifice for a beloved someone you've met here, for your pupils, or for your parishioners.

Whatever your vocation, I hope you pursue it zealously, even ferociously. Prudence will insist that you lay hold of certain tools that, while certainly

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SEVEN DOCTORS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDED AT COMMENCEMENT 2019

Seven honorary degrees of Doctor of Public Service were awarded at this year's commencement. Recipients were Steve '78 and Amy Van Andel (photo top left), General Robert B. Neller (photo bottom left), Robert B. Bruce, David and Margaret Grohne, and Shirley Sontheimer.

not themselves virtues, are necessary for your vocation. Raising a family requires an income; teaching requires an advanced degree; practicing law may demand attendance at a prestigious law school; public service requires building connections and political capital. And so on.

And here is the danger. Whatever commands our daily attention becomes, as a practical matter, the one thing needful. Perhaps a single glimpse of their end orients the angels for eternity. But men live by images; for us the Word became flesh.

By way of example: in law school, I wanted good grades to support a family someday and enter public service, but I found that, practically, I thought about grades constantly—and *wanted* good grades *more* than what they were meant to serve.

The riddle is this: how do you pursue the means necessary for your vocation with every ounce of strength while remaining detached from those means and focused on the true end? The answer, I submit, is friendship.

Such simple folly too often becomes habit. I can tell you, Washington is full of men and women who sought power or wealth or prestige originally as tools for some noble end, and now serve only these tools.

So the riddle is this: how do you pursue the means necessary for your vocation with every ounce of strength while remaining detached from those means and focused on the true end?

The answer, I submit, is friendship.

I don't think you can graduate from Hillsdale without learning from Aristotle that every friendship is *about* something. What makes Hillsdale special is that, here, friendships are about the most important things. It's precisely because you've spent the last four years discussing these most important things that so many of you are fired with the pure sort of ambition—an ambition to serve rather than to be served.

When you were sophomores, you may have believed your friendships were about the Great Books. But by now you know that the authors of these books are joined with you, your fellow students, and your professors in a friendship that spans the ages and seas and that has for its goal beholding reality itself.

Many of you believe, as I do, that this friendship reaches beyond the walls of this world to saints and angels and the Final Cause Himself, and that knowledge of causes and friendship are, at the end, two words for the same thing.

The key, then, is to foster friendships that are about the true end you pursue and therefore put the final cause constantly back before you.

That will be difficult; you are about to enter a world tailored to distract you from ends. (That will be old news, by the way, to those who've studied Dante with Dr. Smith.)

Stay in touch with your Hillsdale friends, both students and professors, and look for new friends who are like them: who take time to look at beautiful things; who find themselves asking questions like, "What is a good law, anyway?"; who are serious about sacrificing for things that matter; who like to read old books.

Speaking of old books: stay in touch with them, too! Their authors are your friends,

and as Eliot says, "The communication of the dead is tongued with fire beyond the language of the living." Commit yourself to read something beautiful or important or delightful—and *not related to work*—at least a few minutes each day. Take notes and talk about them with your friends as often as you can.

I began with the first thing I learned at Hillsdale; I'll leave you now with the last, from Dr. Arnn's Churchill class. Reflecting upon a university education, Churchill wrote, "Every life must be nailed to a cross either of thought or of action." These two lives—the life you live now, the life you will begin in a few days—differ in many ways, but are united in the demand for sacrifice.

Commit yourself to read something beautiful or important or delightful—and not related to work—at least a few minutes each day. Take notes and talk about them with your friends.

Here it has been the sacrifice of contemplation, of laying aside your pride and preconceived notions and seeking to understand what your teachers, living and dead, have to show you about reality, the good life, and the Ultimate End. Soon it will be the sacrifice of action, in which you attempt to make incarnate in the humdrum of daily life the beauty of what you've learned here at Hillsdale.

It's a difficult undertaking, more than you can imagine. Indeed, if there's one thing we all learn soon enough, it's that it's beyond our unaided ability. But with the help of our friends it can be done. ■



ON TREE BARK, TERROR, AND OTHER TRIFLES

LIFE LESSONS AND THE LIBERAL ARTS

Convocation Speech by Outgoing Provost and Professor of English David M. Whalen on April 11, 2019, in College Baptist Church.

* * *

Parents are practiced at panic. They live in crisis. They eat stress for breakfast. In revenge, they master the art of embarrassing their children, preferably in public. A presumably graduating senior, here right now, will have to endure my practice of this embarrassing art for a minute, as I recount an episode in his young life of some 21 years ago, an episode in which he began to see the world.

I had never heard of night terrors before becoming a parent. The unmarried here might think that being a parent is a night terror, and thinking so would be an understandable mistake. But night terrors are a strange phenomenon in which a very young child is roused by comfortless paroxysms of screaming terror in the middle of the night. Not a nightmare; not a sudden need for comfort and security. Night terror is an eruption of mad, unassailable, panicked horror, proof against any amount of parental comforting, caressing, cooing, bouncing, singing—even a mother’s breast fails to break the spell of insensibility and relieve the anguish. I am sure, of course, that someone has studied and explained all of this, and I am equally sure that the explanation, when one is trapped in the experience, is useless.

One night, many years ago, in a house

not far from here, my wife and I were awakened by the screaming of our then youngest child seized with these strange terrors. He was neither asleep nor awake. His eyes were open but saw nothing, and his infant sinews were taut but thrashing ropes. We had seen it before, and we knew the prayerful despair we were in for, which of course was nothing compared to the torture he was unreachably undergoing. If they can awaken, then all will be well. If they can come out of the cul-de-sac in which they are trapped, these children can be comforted, loved, returned to rest. But they will not awaken.

Desperate for an expedient, I prowled the ground floor, away from the other bedrooms, so his screams might not awaken (or terrify) his siblings. I’m not sure why, I’m not sure it was even a good idea in the abstract, but holding him in my arms I went out the front door and took this screaming irrational animal into the 3:00 a.m. night air. No change. I’m sure the neighbors were delighted by the novelty of infant screams in the street. But under the force of some weird inspiration, and without any theory about what might happen, I walked up to a tree, took his hand, and held it against the bark. He stopped. As I slowly moved his palm against the tree, stroking it, as it were, he turned, looked at the tree, and stopped. He was awake.



Now, I do not have a sophisticated, neuropsychological explanation for why and what happened. I cannot even assert that his awakening was caused by, rather than simply accompanied by, the touching of the tree (though, to tell the truth, subsequent experience seems to confirm the connection). All the things his senses customarily conveyed to him—his mother's touch and voice, the walls and floors and furniture of the house, my clumsy coddling—none of this had the novelty or radical unfamiliarity and impact that tree bark had in the outdoor night. This was the shock that broke the block that terror built.

I recount all this not to suggest that our fears can be dissolved by becoming tree-huggers, or that bark beats coffee as a stimulant, or even that, if you value sleep, celibacy is the answer. Rather, the episode captures perfectly how hard it is to wake up, metaphorically speaking, and see reality thoroughly—how, despite our intelligence and percipience and conceptual agility, we mostly move in

something like a dream or a fog. Even if we do not do so in terror, people ordinarily live in a state of dim or partial comprehension of the world and even of their own lives. The experience is universal: we take for granted our grasp of a thing only to find our hand suddenly touched to it, and we suddenly see it as if for the first time. I realize, of course, there is nothing new or original in this observation. "Why," says Annie Dillard in *The Writing Life*, "does death so catch us by surprise, and why love? We still and always want waking. We should amass half dressed in long lines like tribesmen and shake gourds at each other, to wake up; instead we watch television and miss the show."

Standing half dressed and shaking gourds at each other may be an odd image for liberal education, but so be it. This is exactly what it does. Our imprisoned and insensible souls are brought (somewhat reluctantly?) into the recognition—note the word—of the world, of God, and man. Not entirely or exhaustively or even

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satisfactorily. But what we are attempting to do here is to overcome the native slumber of our brilliant species and see if we can help each other enter reality itself.

The paradox is an arresting one, or ought to be. How is it that so magnificent a thing as man, described, reportedly by God himself, as “a little lower than the angels,” should be so impenetrably dense? Walker Percy in *Lost in the Cosmos* famously asked, “Why is it possible to learn more in ten minutes about the Crab Nebula in Taurus, which is 6,000 light-years away, than you presently know about yourself, even though you’ve been stuck with yourself your whole life?” This perfectly joins the brilliance to the density.

The paradox is real—we are brilliant beyond calculating, and dense beyond measure, at the same time, almost in the same way, and even about the same thing.

In a similar vein, my students have learned not to reply “fine” or “well” to my query, “How are you?” Because if they do, I am likely to ask how in the name of the seven mad gods they can call themselves “well” when they are two decades old and still in training for release into the world? Cats, dogs, pigs, and naked mole-rats (thermoconforming *heterocephalidae* that they are) all stride jauntily into the world less than a year into their nativity. And here you are, I tell them, meekly behind desks, wondering what will be on the test.

Professorial rantings aside, the query rests on the most serious possible grounds. The same being brilliant enough to grasp the physics of Brunelleschi’s dome or, through printed language, enter into a kind of conversation with people long

dead, is so dense and enamored of his dream-world, that it takes decades to lure him into reality. It takes families and institutions and bottomless effort and resource to usher man into something approximating a comprehension of the given world, the universe of things not fashioned by his own wishes, assumptions, tastes, or imaginings. (Including, by the way, the works of others’ imaginations.)

So what? And how is it that liberal education is likened to shaking the awakening gourd? Well, certainly not in the tendentious, ideological sense that the metaphor of “awakening” now is made to bear. Nor in some sentimental sense that either pursues enlightenment like a drug (the “wow, man” school of sentimentality) or the equally sentimental sense that thinks of education as power. Rather, the awakening that liberal education pursues is slow, gradual, two-thirds complete before you begin to realize what is underway. It has the character, oddly, of a by-product resulting from a thousand difficult or befuddling studies, inquiries, conversations, and battles, many seemingly unrelated to each other. Liberal education awakens us to reality in a way that seems indirect, sideways, in an elaborate dance where the object, that is, truth, is not transmitted or tackled but wooed and won.

John Henry Newman points out the counterintuitive yet obvious fact that we learn about reality not by swallowing it whole, but by breaking it up into pieces we call disciplines. We break it apart, study it bit by bit, and then reintegrate all these bits into a comprehensive, assimilating, unified, and expanding understanding of what is. Or, at a minimum, we acquire the habit of an assimilating, unifying comprehension of what is. The bits matter. Who can truly grasp what is real, incognizant of the principles of what we call economics? Or physics? Do you really think you even see the world if you do

not grasp history? Or that wild pursuit of beauty we call art? How susceptible are you to simple human reality if you are not at least minimally alive to the principles of politics? Are biology and ethics just decorations? Mental doilies or wallpaper? Is philosophy really the place where one scratches largely irrelevant thought-experiment itches, or is it where much of everything else comes home to roost? And what about theology?

Well, I rest my case. The bits matter. We need a plurality of them. The dirty little secret about liberal education, as Newman understood, is that the disciplines exist necessarily in order for us to understand reality, broadly. Study just one, even a most important one, and one becomes a misshapen grotesque, a hammer to whom everything looks like a nail. To be sure, we are not talking about liberal education making one well rounded, as if the object of education were corpulence. The superficial knowledge of the dilettante is not the point. The enlightened capacity to see reality itself is the object.

But as Newman also points out, liberal education does not rest in these disciplines—it depends upon them, but rises above them. And, I have to admit, this can rub us—academics—quite

the wrong way. Academics are, out of necessity, happy idolaters. We love our own disciplines to distraction and are jealous for their honor. This love is necessary and defensible, as such devotion makes possible the long study necessary for expertise. But loving to distraction has its own dangers.

Etymologically, distraction means pulling apart. Disciplines exist, finally, not for their own sake but in service of something higher—the integrating habit of mind whereby we are all moved to wakefulness, wakefulness to Reality with an upper-case R.

And so we perpetual sophomores—wise fools, all—plod gradually on, studying and arguing and forgetting a thousand things, any one of which deserves a lifetime of wonder and devotion, and slowly awaken to find we are not the insensible braying donkeys we were just a few years ago. It's not that we are all that wise. But we can tell that what was once a two-dimensional surface now possesses some depth. It may be dimly seen at best, but it is there. Or, to change the figure, our hand has been touched to the tree, and as the poet knows, we then find "tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything." ■

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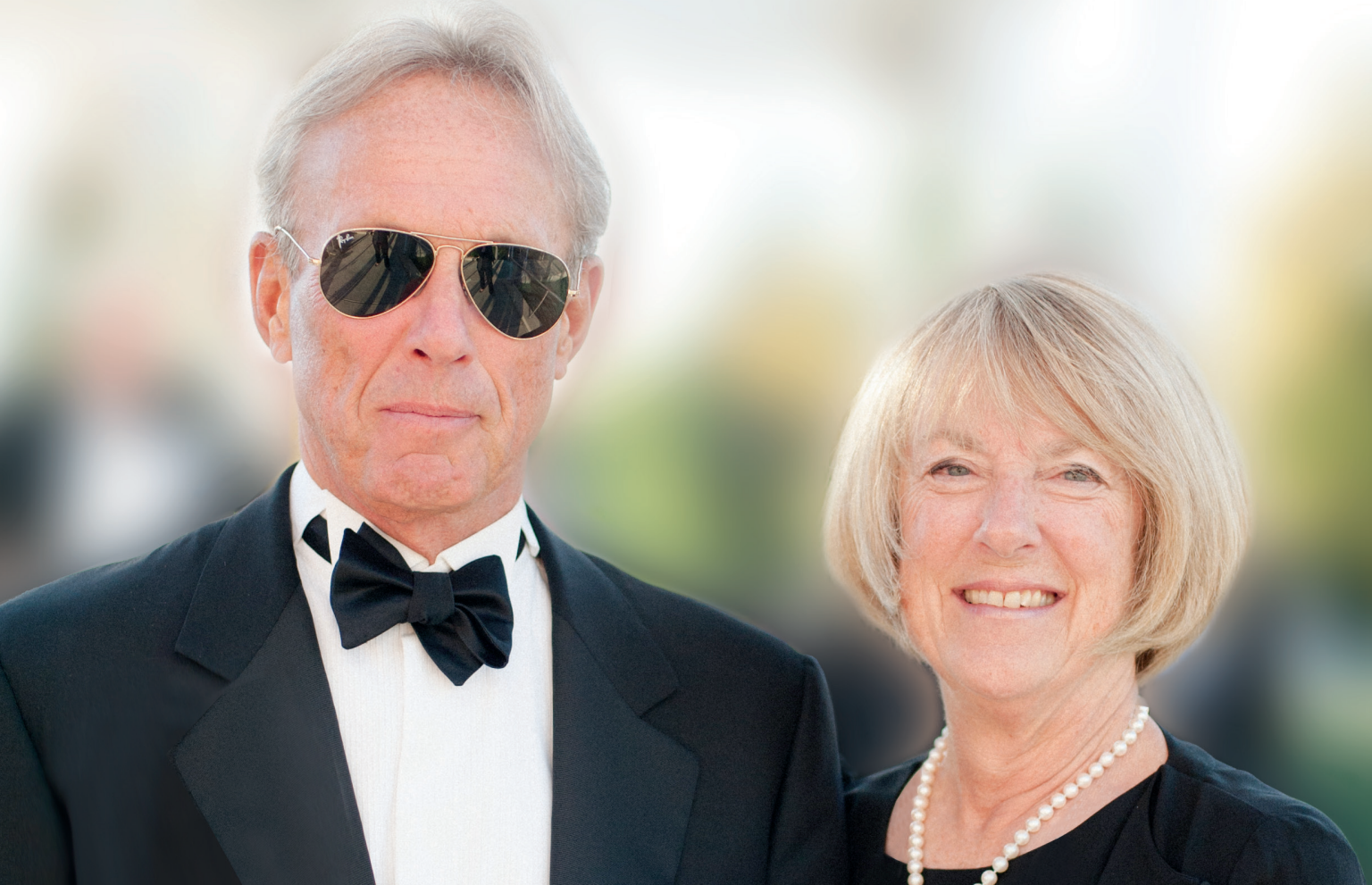
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WILLIAM J. BRODBECK '66 RETIRES AS CHAIRMAN OF HILLSDALE'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bill may have lost his sight. He has never lost his vision. We love you, Bill.

—Incoming Chairman Pat Sajak

It's a rare event in the history of Hillsdale College for a chairman to retire. It's a unique event for the best chairman to retire.

—President Arnn

Bill Brodbeck traces his relationship with Hillsdale College to a chance encounter between his parents and several Hillsdale attendees at a Supermarket Institute convention in the early 1960s. His parents, grocers from Wisconsin, were impressed with Hillsdale Vice President Larry Taylor and his leadership students, as a result of which young Bill—who had already committed to Northwestern University—changed his plans and enrolled at Hillsdale.

Nor is Hillsdale simply where Bill Brodbeck received his education—it is also where he met his wife Janet (née Piwonka) '67. All three of their children also graduated from Hillsdale—Allison '91, Courtney '94, and Stephanie '96.

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After graduating in 1966 with a B.A. in business and working at the College for two years, Brodbeck moved back to Wisconsin, and he and his brothers spent many years growing the family business. He eventually sold his portion of the business and started his own consultancy firm. In 1991, he joined the College's Board of Trustees and eight years later—at the direction of then-Board Chairman Donald Mossey—he led the search committee that would recruit President Larry Arnn.

Brodbeck took over from Mossey as Chairman in 2003. During his tenure, the College has undergone significant changes, including major building and renovation projects, an expansion of the core curriculum, improved admissions and hiring processes, and an increased presence and influence in the wider culture.

Bill and Janet received honorary Doctor of Public Service degrees in 2004 and 2016, respectively. And at his retirement reception in April, he was awarded the College's Freedom Leadership Award, joining the ranks of past recipients such as Margaret Thatcher and Clarence Thomas.

At the reception, while he shared stories about his personal and professional background and the time he spent at Hillsdale, Brodbeck kept shifting the focus to others and to the College's future prospects.

Everything [President Arnn] has done here is simply amazing. . . . And [Arnn and incoming-Chairman Pat Sajak] going forward are going to be amazing. . . . And I will close by saying I know that this College is only going to go forward and upward, and become better and more recognized.

Despite retiring as chairman, Brodbeck will continue to be actively involved with the College as Trustee Emeritus. ■





PATRICK L. SAJAK ASSUMES CHAIRMANSHIP OF HILLSDALE'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Pat Sajak assumed the chairmanship of Hillsdale's Board of Trustees on May 10, following the retirement of William J. Brodbeck '66. Sajak joined the Board in February 2003, and has served as vice chairman since October of that year.

Of his appointment and of his predecessor Sajak said,

Being asked to be the chairman of the board of this place is one of the greatest honors of my life. I have spent the last 15 years or so at Bill Brodbeck's side as the vice chairman of the board. I have learned so much about running meetings, about this great College, about being a stand-up guy, and I value our time together so much.

Sajak first learned about Hillsdale through President Arnn. They had met in the mid-1980s, when Arnn was president of The Claremont Institute in California. Upon visiting Hillsdale for the first time, Sajak fell in love with it. Since joining the Board he has completed most of Hillsdale's core curriculum, working remotely one-on-one with College faculty members, including Arnn.

In addition to hosting *Wheel of Fortune*, Sajak owns a Maryland radio station, a television production company, and a music publishing company. He has also hosted talk shows on CBS and Fox News Channel. He began his career in radio, including a stint as a disc jockey on The American Forces Vietnam Network in Saigon as part of his three-year military service.

Sajak has guest-conducted for the Dallas, Pacific, and Florida Symphony orchestras, and he claims to waste more time than he should on his Twitter feed.



He and his wife Lesly—who were awarded honorary Doctor of Public Service degrees in 2015—have two children, Maggie and Patrick. ■



50TH AND 60TH CLASS REUNIONS

On April 9, 2019, alumni from the Classes of 1959 and 1969 began to arrive on campus and quickly got down to the business of having fun. Over the next three days, they visited the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Center, soon-to-be completed Christ Chapel, the home of Chairman of the Board of Trustees Bill Brodbeck and his wife Jan, the Fine Arts Building, the science facilities, Hillsdale Academy, Greek houses, and downtown Hillsdale. They also donned robes and attended the Spring Convocation ceremony.

Addressing current students, President Arnn referred to the reunion classes in his Convocation remarks:

I remind you—and these 50th and 60th reunion classes are symbols—of the fact that this is your College for the rest of your life. Love it. Learn about it. Keep the

memory of it alive and the knowledge that you gained. And improve that knowledge. That's what we must do. Hundreds of thousands of people all over the country, millions of people, love this College and wish they could be here. You stand for them. ■



A professional headshot of Christopher VanOrman, a middle-aged man with a goatee, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and a red tie with white polka dots. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

CHRISTOPHER VANORMAN

HILLSDALE COLLEGE'S NEW PROVOST

Christopher VanOrman, the William and Berniece Grewcock Professor in Chemistry and Hillsdale's new Provost as of June 1, is known for tie dying lab coats, explosive and fiery demonstrations in the chem lab, keeping a stash of Skittles, and encouraging students to academic excellence—not to mention his enthusiasms for golf, motorcycling, and Charger football.

VanOrman earned his B.A. in chemistry at Albion College in 1987 and his Ph.D. in chemistry at Case Western Reserve University in 1992—the same year he began teaching at Hillsdale College. He served as Dean of Faculty from 2003 to 2005 and Division I Dean of Natural Sciences from 2006 to 2019.

VanOrman will miss the day-to-day interactions with colleagues and students in the Strosacker Science Building—his office will now be in Moss Hall—but he is

thrilled at the opportunity to work with the wider Hillsdale community.

The beauty of Hillsdale College is the mission statement—we all are striving for the same things and working towards the same goal. That makes us unique. I love Hillsdale College with all my heart. I have a sense of ownership of what happens here, and I'm determined to help as much as I can. There's a great team in place from President Arnn on down, and I'm looking forward to working with them.

VanOrman and his wife Laurie, a principal at a local elementary school, have been married for 31 years and live in Hillsdale with their hyperactive and loveable black lab pup. Their daughter Sarah works for a marketing firm in Indiana, and their son Zachary '18 is working toward his Ph.D. in chemistry at Florida State University. ■



CATHERINE (EDWARDS) MISH

CLASS OF 1994 | STELLAR STUDENT-ATHLETE, SUCCESSFUL LAWYER

A six-time All-American distance runner and three-time national champion, alumna Catherine (née Edwards) Mish '94 earned ten varsity letters during her four years at Hillsdale—and it would have been more had she not missed a track season while participating in the Washington-Hillsdale Internship Program.

Mish was also in the Honors Program and graduated *summa cum laude* with a double major in political science and history with a minor in classical studies. She went on to earn a J.D. from Wayne State University Law School and an M.A. in public administration from Grand Valley State University.

Over the span of a 22-year legal career, Mish worked for large corporate law firms, clerked for Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Michael Smolenski and Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Markman, and spent more than 13 years in the Grand Rapids legal department,

including eight years as the chief city attorney.

Mish is nostalgic about her time at Hillsdale, visits campus whenever possible, and hopes her two children will attend Hillsdale. She recently visited with two of her favorite teachers—William P. Harris Professor in Military History Thomas Conner and William and Berniece Grewcock Professor of Politics Mickey Craig.

Mish attributes much of her success to learning how to write well at Hillsdale, and she believes her study of Latin was instrumental to that.

My Hillsdale College education prepared me very well for success in law school and my legal career. There was a great emphasis on learning how to write well. I had just a fabulous time at the College and would absolutely choose Hillsdale if I had that decision to make again. ■

HALL OF FAME BANQUET

LEUTHEUSER, GLENDENING, SCHAFFER INDUCTED INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



On Saturday, March 30, Hillsdale's Athletic Department hosted its 21st annual Hall of Fame Banquet to recognize and induct three alumni for standout athletic achievements: Clara (née Leutheuser) Black '12 in volleyball; Joseph Glendening '13 in football; and Gerald Schaffer '61 in football, basketball, and baseball.

LEUTHEUSER was a middle hitter for the Charger volleyball team from 2008 until 2011. She led the team to three straight GLIAC championships, was named All-GLIAC and All-Region three times, and earned three NCAA Division II All-American honors. She finished her volleyball career with three of the top seven single-season marks for hitting percentage, with a high of .398 in 2011. Her 1,125 career kills ranks eighth in College history, and she holds Hillsdale's all-time record for career blocks at 580.

Also an excellent student, Leutheuser was named College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-Region and was a two-time recipient of the GLIAC Academic Excellence Award.

GLENDENING is the most accomplished running back in the history of Hillsdale College football, with a career total of 4,722 rushing yards and 62 touchdowns. He took over as starting tailback in the 2010 season and rushed for 1,485 yards and 15 touchdowns, leading the Chargers to a 9-3 record and a second consecutive spot in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

In 2011, Glendening was a finalist

for the Harlon Hill Trophy—the most valuable player award for Division II football players—and was named First-Team All-American and GLIAC Player of the Year, racking up 1,604 yards and 27 touchdowns—single-season school records that remain unbroken.

In 2012, despite injuries, he produced 1,517 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns, helping the Chargers to a share of the GLIAC North Division title.

SCHAFFER was a triple threat during a golden age of Hillsdale College athletics, playing football, basketball, and baseball from 1957 until 1961. He was the basketball team's starting point guard for four years and the MVP and team captain in 1960–1961. He was a starting defensive back in football and led the undefeated 1958 Hillsdale team in interceptions. In baseball, he was an All-MIAA selection following the 1960 season.

After graduating from Hillsdale, Schaffer won 473 games as a high school basketball coach and led Three Oaks River Valley to the 1979 Class C state championship. His 1981 and 1997 teams were state runners-up, and he was named Michigan's Class C Coach of the Year twice. He is a member of the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Basketball Coaches of Michigan Hall of Fame.

A video tribute to each of the inductees was presented during the Hall of Fame Banquet, and each inductee delivered remarks. These can be viewed online at Hillsdale's YouTube page. ■



IN MEMORIAM: GRACE STARRY WEST DEVOTED TEACHER OF CLASSICS



Hillsdale College
Professor of Classics
Grace Starry West passed away on May 19, 2019, at the age of 72. One week into the summer break, she died of complications from lung cancer, leaving

behind her husband of 45 years, Hillsdale College Professor of Politics Thomas G. West; four children, Susannah (Peter), David (Alessia), Michael (Mary), and James (Leslie); and seven grandchildren, Caleb, Benedict, Robert, Miriam, Cecilia, Philip, and Charles.

West earned her B.A. from Scripps College and her Ph.D. in Classics from UCLA, and taught for 35 years at the University of Dallas before moving to Hillsdale in 2011.

From the obituary distributed at her funeral at Holy Trinity Anglican Parish in Hillsdale:

Grace was a devoted teacher, advisor, and colleague, earning tenure amidst the bearing and raising of a raft of small children. She built what eventually became a Department of Classics at the University of Dallas and initiated generations of students into philologically serious study of ancient Greek and Roman literature. Among various publications in the field of Classics was her best-selling translation of Plato and Aristophanes, co-authored with her husband. While she taught in "Great Books" curricula, she maintained a wide-ranging taste that was reflected in recent papers she presented on Frank Miller's graphic novel 300 and Margaret Atwood's The Penelopiad.

And from an obituary written by her son David for the Society for Classical Studies:

GSW was a devoted mentor to her students. One young man who was struggling to fulfill an ancient language requirement for his Ph.D. in Political Science at UD recalls: "I would not have gotten through Greek without that woman." "She was an influential mentor in my life and helped to set me on my current path," wrote one Classics major from UD who went on to receive her M.A. from KU and now teaches Latin at a Texas high school. A former student who now works in Washington, D.C. recalled: "She had a firmness and a kindness to her that gave me direction more times than I'd like to count. . . . She had a razor sharp, dry wit." Others concur about her sense of humor: "I took one Latin class with her—I still remember asking her about the upcoming test, and her telling me that it would be fine and I didn't need to give her 'that River Tam look'" (for the pop-culturally ignorant, this was apparently an allusion to Firefly).

From 2011, she taught at Hillsdale College, where she was promoted to Professor of Classics in 2016. There, she continued her habit of "switch-hitting," offering a variety of advanced courses in both languages, such as Aeschylus' Persians, Euripides' Bacchae, Sophocles' Philoctetes, Lucretius, and Catullus's polymetrics with Caesar's BG. A note from a recent student reads: "I have greatly enjoyed our Latin class and always look forward to the laughter the class holds. . . . Thanks for all you do for me." ■

IN MEMORIAM: **DAN KNOCH** **HEAD LIBRARIAN** **PASSES AWAY AFTER** **LONG AND FAITHFUL** **SERVICE**



Just days before retiring, having served almost 43 years in Mossey Library, Head Librarian Dan Knoch passed away unexpectedly at the age of 67.

Originally, this magazine intended to share with its readers Knoch's path to Hillsdale, his passion for librarianship, and his eagerness to spend his retirement years reading books and spending time with his grandchildren. But Knoch died suddenly on June 25, leaving behind his wife of nearly 44 years, Carol; three children, Jessica (Tim) Meduna, Kelley Murphy, and Dennis Knoch; and three grandchildren, Landon and Carter Meduna and Sunny Murphy.

It was his senior year at West Liberty State College in West Virginia when Knoch realized what he wanted to do professionally. He was a double major in history and psychology, but it was the school's work-study program that placed him in a job at the campus library. "That's where the magic happened," he recently recalled.

Knoch went on to receive a master's degree in library science from Western Michigan University in 1976 and was soon hired as an acquisitions librarian at Hillsdale College. He became director of the library in 2000, and oversaw the transition from the use of card catalogs to the digital age.

Knoch began work at Hillsdale on the same day as Public Services Librarian and College Archivist Linda Moore. Of their colleague's passing, Moore and the new director of Mossey Library, Maurine McCourry, shared the following:

Family meant everything to Dan, but he had a very wide view of family, which included the Library staff and the greater College community. Since Dan and I started on the same day, he was the only person to share my entire Hillsdale College career and I his. He would tease me that although we started on the same day, he had seniority as he was hired first. I have three brothers, but Dan was my fourth.

—Linda Moore

Dan was the most caring, compassionate, and honest person I have ever worked with or for. He was a true mentor, always encouraging me to try new things and pursue additional education. I would not be the librarian I am today, or even the person I am, without him. He meant a great deal to me, and to all of us in the Library, and we will miss him terribly. He would want us to continue to move forward, and we will, but it will be hard.

—Maurine McCourry



AFTER EIGHT YEARS AS PROVOST, DAVID WHALEN RETURNS TO TEACHING

WILL ALSO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR

When Professor of English David Whalen told President Arnn he was ready to step down as Hillsdale's Provost and return to teaching English full-time, Arnn made a counteroffer: remain involved in administration in an advisory capacity. "Of course, I said yes. If I can be of help or service, I'm happy to do so," Whalen says. His administrative title will be Associate Vice President for Curriculum.

Whalen arrived in Hillsdale in 1994 as an assistant professor of English, and served as Dean of Faculty and Associate Provost before becoming Provost in 2010. As Provost, he was responsible for oversight of all things academic: faculty,

curriculum, admissions, Registrar's Office, Mossey Library, and Hillsdale Academy. He continued to teach while serving as Provost and he very much looks forward to returning to the classroom full-time.

In addition to teaching and advising, Whalen plans to take up woodworking. "I would love to fire up a bunch of tools and get decent planers, table saws, and drill presses. I would love to work with wood in a way that I've never done other than domestic maintenance." He also looks forward to developing new courses, researching lyric poetry, and returning to a favorite subject: John Henry Newman. ■



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

BASEBALL. Junior **JACOB HOOVER** was selected by the Texas Rangers in the 2019 MLB Draft. He is the first Charger baseball player to be selected in the MLB Draft in more than three decades.

MEN'S BASKETBALL. **DAVIS LARSON '20** was named First-Team All-Conference, while guard **DYLAN LOWRY '19** earned Second-Team All-Conference.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. Graduating seniors **BRITTANY GRAY** and **ALLISON DEWIRE** were named G-MAC First-Team All-Conference, while **MAKENNA OTT '19** earned Second-Team All-Conference recognition. Dewire, who was also named to the G-MAC All-Defensive Team, signed a contract with the Toledo Threat, a semi-pro basketball team that plays in the Women's Blue Chip Basketball League.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING. **ANIKA ELLINGSON '19** won the top spot as G-MAC Women's Swimmer of the Year, head coach **KURT KIRNER** was named Coach of the Year, and the team placed second in the conference championship. Ellingson was eighth at the NCAA Division II Nationals in the 100 breaststroke, making her the only G-MAC swimmer to place and become an All-American. She is also a two-time team captain and holds three school records—in the 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke, and 400 medley relay.

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD. At the Hillsdale Invitational in April, **NIKITA MAINES '22** hit an NCAA Division II provisional mark in the indoor shot put, breaking the Hillsdale College record. At the G-MAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships in May, sprinter **KAJSA JOHANSSON '21** broke the Hillsdale College and the G-MAC records in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes, which earned her the Female Track Athlete of the Meet title.

MEN'S GOLF. In April, Hillsdale finished in first place at the Music City Invitational in Nashville, Tennessee, and third place at the G-MAC Championships in Lexington, Kentucky.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD. **JARED SCHIPPER '19** was the top pole vaulter in NCAA Division II.

For more information on Hillsdale athletics, visit www.hillsdalechargers.com. ■

ALUMNI NEWS

1950s

JAMES CRAIG '58 is finishing a novel based on true events, *Paths to Freedom*, that is set in Poland in 1939.

JOAN HANSEN '50 recently released her fourth novel, *Little Saigon on the Street of Dreams Fulfilled*, which traces the trials of a South Vietnamese family after the Fall of Saigon. Her website is at joanhansen-novels.com.



RAYMOND MARTIN '58 lost his wife Margaret A. (Maggie) Martin (pictured above) on February 10, 2019. Born October 9, 1933, Maggie accompanied her husband

Raymond when he came to Hillsdale in the fall of 1954 to receive an education and play football. She worked in Central Hall as the College's switchboard operator, a job she kept until February 1955, when she and Ray welcomed their first child Greg. A year later she was hired as an assistant for the director of Hillsdale's nursery school. When Ray graduated and entered the Marine Corps, Maggie became the ideal "Marine wife." She was actively involved in the Officer & Wives Association at the many bases at which Ray served. The couple also had two daughters during those years, Dawn and Jody. Upon Ray's retirement, the family lived in the desert for twelve years before returning to Michigan and then moving to the Pacific Northwest, finally settling in Blaine, WA. She is greatly missed.

PATRICIA (LAMPMAN) SHEPARD '51 received her M.A. at Bradley, IL, in 1952 and married soon after. She taught public school

art for 43 years in Illinois. Her husband died in 2007, and that year she started a volunteer wheel chair service at a local hospital, which she is still doing.

ROY WETZEL '56 ATO recently gave Hillsdale College audio tapes of radio broadcasts that Hillsdale students produced in 1953 and 1954. The programs originated in a studio built on the campus by several students (including Roy), and were broadcast over Coldwater station WTVB. Wetzel retired at the end of 1988 from NBC News, where he was employed for the previous 20 years in both television and radio. Before joining the network, he worked at stations in Rochester, NY, and Washington, D.C. During his last 13 years at NBC News, he was general manager of the election unit. Roy now lives in Ann Arbor, MI, with his wife, JoAnn, whom he married in 1959.

On February 1, 2019, **DANIEL AARON WISNER, SR. '55** was inducted into the North Adams-Jerome

Jr/Sr High School Hall of Fame for his career achievements, namely: graduate of North Adams High School (1949); graduate of Hillsdale College (bachelor's in math and physics); engineer for RCA where he invented cruise control (1968); engineer for Unisys where he invented the Reluctance Sensor scheme used by the anti-skid brake system; holds 15 U.S. patents; received Unisys Achievement Award for Excellence (1987); and received the Hillsdale College Distinguished Alumnus Award (2015).

He was accompanied to the award ceremony by his three children: Cheryl, Daniel, and Joan. His children, as youngsters, participated in the testing of the cruise control, by putting it through countless activations/deactivations—an experience they will long remember. It is with a great deal of pride and thanks for the mentoring received that made this recognition possible.

1960s



JOHN CHAMBERLAIN '67 TKE retired from Shell Oil Company in 2006 after working there for 38 years. At the time of his retirement, John was

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- Include class years and Greek designations of alumni.
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the corporate security manager responsible for protecting all of Shell's physical assets in the U.S. A year after retirement, John was hired to run a non-profit organization, the Energy Security Council, as the executive director. ESC is made up of corporate security leaders from energy companies and members of law enforcement who are active in the energy sector. In John's spare time, he is still active in law enforcement and serves as Assistant Chief with the Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Office, which is the largest constable's office in the U.S. John is now in his 44th year as a reserve law enforcement officer.

John and his wife, Sharon (née Jankens) '66, will celebrate their 52nd year of marriage this August and live in Magnolia, TX, about 45 miles north of Houston. They have two married daughters and four grandchildren who also live in the Houston area.

CAROLYN (SLEASE) FRAHM '69 attended her class's 50th reunion in April. She writes to her classmates that were unable to attend: "The College staff treated us like royalty: from the tours, to the honor at Convocation, to the delicious food and drink. We really felt special. The campus looks so different, but they have succeeded in keeping most of the architectural features the same as Central Hall. Can you imagine fireplaces and coffee shops in most of the buildings? What is intact, is the warm welcome you still receive and the close relationships you form."

MARTHA MATHER '69 attended her 50th reunion and writes in part: "We gathered over where the Dow annex used to be in newly expanded

1960s-70s DELTA TAU DELTA REUNION

A group of **DELTA TAU DELTA ALUMNI** held a reunion in South Beach, FL, last October. In attendance and pictured from left to right: James Fronk '68; Woody Johnston '68; Kim Jeffery '70; Ed Aduss '66; John Kendall '69; Al Schaeffer '68; John Durkin '67; Len Osborn '68; Dave Pringle '65; Fernando Echavarría '66; Garry Brooks '71; Ken Tardie '70; Tom Sansone '71; and Jim Sturman '71.



The next biennial reunion for the '60s Delts is schedule to take place in October 2020 in Boston The planning has already begun, and the group got together in January in Boston to check out the town and its restaurants.

surroundings. They had yearbooks from 1966–69 on various tables and rolled out a jukebox with our tunes! As we poured over the yearbooks over a glass of wine, amidst laughter and 'remember whens,' it was more of a delight than I could have imagined. During the days, we were toured around campus and the town on a charter bus, seeing all the new buildings and the changes downtown. The campus is beautiful and the students have many more advantages than we had, but I think they know and appreciate it more than we did.

"The campus is larger. In the dining hall, the students aren't looking at their phones! They are talking and laughing with each other! The facilities are beautiful and there is no graffiti. Dorms are still not co-ed. At least 60 percent of the students go to church on Sundays.

"I encourage all of my fellow alumni to consider returning for their reunions. It is so refreshing and I am so proud of Hillsdale."

JIM MITCHELL '68 TKE has recently been appointed Resident Property Manager for Berro Management in Lakewood CA. His telephone number is (562) 209-2352.

RON PICHAN '69 ATO has been awarded the prestigious "Horatio Alger Medal" by the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) at their annual convention in Orlando this past March to honor his 50 years of volunteer service. SAM is a non-profit organization established in 1921 to promote ethics in management, government, and education. At the suggestion of Hillsdale economics professor Dr. Russell Packard, Ron became a SAM member during his junior year at Hillsdale in 1968.

A large contingent of Hillsdale alumni from the 1960s and '70s were in attendance to honor Ron as he was presented with the award: Andy Nickle, Jim Wells, Jeff Wooden, Mel Banks, Mike Harding, Davis Moore, Alex Scott, Nick Ippolito, Len LoDico, Bill Taylor, Rick Connor, Ned Timmons, Jon Hendrickson, Denny Harman, and Dave Plagman to name a few.

Ron retired after an outstanding 30-year career in educational management with the State of Georgia Public School System. He resides in Athens, GA, and enjoys bridge, gardening, craft breweries, and Georgia Bulldog football. Ron would love to hear from former SAM members and Hillsdale

alumni. Contact him at RonPichan@gmail.com.

BRADFORD F. SPENCER '69 TKE received an Executive MBA from Pepperdine in 1976, a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from International College in 1984, and published a management book in January, *The Straight-Line*, which became an international best seller.

Founder, Chairman of the Board and President of Spencer, Shenk, Capers and Associates, Inc., Bradford lives in Rolling Hills Estates, CA, with his wife, Connie. They have one son who lives in Silicon Valley with his wife and their two grandchildren.

BRUCE A. WOODBURN '69 TKE earned a master's degree in economics and finance from the University of Detroit. He worked at the Ford Motor Company for 36 years, mostly as manager of corporate real estate. He has also been an adjunct professor and advisory council member for the School of Technology at Eastern Michigan University. His wife of 47 years, Linda, is retired from the Plymouth (Michigan) school system, where she worked with middle school special-needs children. Linda and he were blessed with three children: Marcia, who has a medical practice out West; Karen,

who is the director of humane education in Ann Arbor; and Jeremy, who is deceased. They have one wonderful grandchild, Ethan. Bruce writes: "Time really does fly. I have many great memories of Hillsdale. Go Chargers!" His address is 13919 McKinley Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

1970s

JOHN AND SUE (GARNER) NEELY '74 DTD, '74 CO recently sold their financial services firm and continue to reside in Annapolis, MD. John's focus now is conservation in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Appointed by Governor Hogan in 2015 to the Maryland Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, John was elected chairman in early 2018. He also has served for several years on the board of the Chesapeake Conservancy, a non-profit connecting people to the Chesapeake Bay, using technology in GIS satellite imagery, and promoting land preservation. Among other accomplishments, the Chesapeake Conservancy purchased Werowocomoco on the York River, the lost village of Powhatan—the site, as legend has it, where John Smith was saved by Pocahontas. The entire 300-plus-acre site was then conveyed to the National Park Service as a future park, and archeologists are now doing research there.



AL SEDER '75 DSP was recently inducted into the Minor League Football

Hall of Fame. He was recognized for his significant contributions to semi-pro football as a coach, team owner, league owner, and the overall success of semi-pro football. Al was also inducted into the Robichaud High School Sports Hall of Fame—recognized for his achievements as a high school athlete in swimming, diving, track, and football as well as his role as a leader in the community advocating for student athletes in the Westwood Community School District. Al was recently named President of the Westwood Community Schools Education Foundation leading the foundation's mission to support school education programs not generally covered by the school district operating budgets.

JOHN SHAUGHNESSY '71 has retired after a 33-year career as Vice President of Wayside Furniture, Inc. His retirement plans include continuing as an exercise rider for former race horses and fencing with his "On Target" fencing Club in Ohio. Earlier this year John and his wife, Annette, toured Egypt with the Archeological Institute of America.



PETE WELLS '72 has lived in Bellingham, WA, since 1975. Working as a home-builder, he raised two sons who are currently living in Oregon. A long-time member of the Lions Club, he has also been involved with nonprofits dealing with special needs people. He served on the

board of a organization helping children with autism.

Pete has taught canoeing and kayaking, and in 2012 he placed third in the over-60 men's kayak at the U.S. Flatwater Nationals in Seattle. He also helped found a speed skating club in Bellingham, and placed second in the over-50 category at the 2001 U.S. Speedskating Nationals in Bay City, MI.

Pete also has a lifelong interest in motorsports. In 2002, he designed and built a class A stock outboard runabout. The following year, he built an improved design, and took third at the Stock Outboard Nationals in California. He sends his fondest regards to his fellow Hillsdale alumni.

1980s



2019 ATO Innisbrook Resort 5th Annual Golf Outing included Jim Hawken '81; Cort Otterbein '80; Marc Sumner; Greg Avsharian '82; Chris Doyle '82; Kevin Kowalski '80; Lou Schmidt; Ben Pfaff '80; and John Logan '80.



An idea for a "girls' trip" born at Hillsdale homecoming 2017 finally

happened in January 2019. Five **HILLSDALE AND PI BETA PHI ALUMNAE** met in Waco, TX, to stay at Magnolia House and tour the sights made famous on the HGTV show *Fixer Upper*. Alumae include Julie (Talley) Hooton '80; Joan (Billheimer) Witzerman '77; Carolyn (Stitt) Neff '80; Janet (Roberge) Lucas '80; and Mary Beth (Theis) Criswell '80.

JAMIE APT '84 SC and his wife, Beth Ann, are celebrating their 33rd wedding anniversary; the college graduation of their youngest (three for three!); and Jamie's career transition as a development officer with the faith-based, philanthropic, pro-life firm, Heroic Media. He hopes to make it back to Hillsdale for his 35th class reunion and would love to see friends there! You can reach Jamie at jamie.apt@heroicmedia.org or his cell (214) 417-8385.



BOB CURLEY '88 ATO was able to "walk" in the Polish Beer Mile Race in April, after a five-month recovery from a broken femur in a car accident that claimed the life of the driver who hit him. An amazing accomplishment! Pictured with his alumni hat that he bought at the 30th Class Reunion this past September.

CLEVES DELP '86, chairman and CEO of TDC Companies (and a member of Hillsdale's Board of Trustees), reports that the Hillsdale College alumni team at TDC is growing. It now includes

Tyler Horning '06; Ryan Robinet '11; Noah Bader '15; Megan O'Dean '15; Nick Sponseller '16; Jake Gardner '16; Tad Sobieszczanski '16; and Bruce Cartwright '17. Cleves writes: "High character, hard-working, smart, all add to our culture. We are blessed to have these colleagues. Always looking for more of the same."

JOHN KRUEGER '80 DSP has been elected to the North American Academy of Liturgy at its January convention in Denver. The NAAL is an ecumenical and interreligious organization of liturgical scholars who collaborate in research concerning public worship. John was elected on the basis of his published work on Martin Luther's music and will be involved with the liturgical theology seminar. His fourth cantata, "Bwana Anakuja," was performed December 16 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Houston and is based on a Tanzanian Lutheran hymn. This is part of an ongoing project transcribing, translating, and utilizing the "Tumshangilie Mungu," a primary source of Tanzanian Lutheran hymnody. John continues to reside in Houston and is celebrating the 30th anniversary of his marriage to Pam (née Ross) this year.



SUSAN (COOK) KUHN '80 retired in 2018. After graduation, Susan began substitute teaching in the area schools. Susan taught private music

lessons at home, while raising her children with her husband, Jeff, in Hillsdale. She then taught elementary music in the Waldron Area Schools for three years. In 1995, she was hired to teach part-time elementary music at the Hillsdale Community Schools. In 1999, she was hired as the orchestra director at the Hillsdale Community Schools. During that employment she taught elementary music, middle school technology, and middle school and high school orchestra. In retirement, Susan is enjoying attending events for her grandchildren.

1990s

WESLEY AND SUNDOWN (BURKMAN) KELLEY '96, '97 and their two daughters reside in Huntsville, AL. Wes is President/CEO of Huntsville Utilities, responsible for providing electricity, water, and natural gas to Huntsville and nearby areas. Huntsville Utilities also partners with Google Fiber to deliver gigabit Internet to the community. Wes was recently appointed to U.S. Space and Rocket Center and Space Camp's governing board. In addition to raising their girls, Sundown is on the Huntsville Library Foundation board.



On April 29, 2019, **TOM DORR '99** became the chief operating and financial officer of Mi BANK. In this

role, Tom will coordinate the implementation of innovative technologies and develop tailored financial tools to empower Mi BANK clients to achieve their goals. Tom was formerly the chief financial officer at Bank of Birmingham. He is a certified public accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.



BRENDA (CUMMINGS) RESCH '99 recently announced the formation of Compass Consultant Group, a public policy firm based in Lansing, Michigan, specializing in high-level issue research, analysis, and development. Resch co-founded the firm after ten years in public policy and state legislative affairs, including serving as policy advisor for the Michigan Department of Attorney General, chief of staff to State Senator and Senate Education Chair Phil Pavlov, and policy advisor for a congressional candidate, a gubernatorial campaign, and a legislative caucus in the House of Representatives.

2000s



ELIZABETH (HELMS) BRIGGSON '09 KKG, CHRISTA (SCHARRP) MOLTER '09 KKG, and Melissa Andreychuk

hosted Empower West Michigan on April 27, 2019, in Grand Rapids, MI. This first annual personal growth and development workshop took attendees through a series of exercises aimed at facilitating positive change in their lives, with 10 percent of the proceeds going to the Kalamazoo YWCA. Other attendees included Chelsea (Strichek) Roelofs '08 KKG and Kelly (Hegarty) Tourison '05 KKG.

Elizabeth lives in Grand Rapids, MI, with her husband, Matt. They are expecting their first child this year. Liz is a manager with Adamy Valuation and a team member of Encoursa, a company dedicated to providing continuing education to CPAs.

Christa lives in Kalamazoo, MI, with her husband, Tom '08. They have a busy household with three children under age 5. Christa founded Christa Molter Lifestyle & Business Coaching to provide personal growth and development coaching to individuals and teams.

ANNETTE BECK '06 received her master's degree in public administration from George Washington University in 2017. She is close to celebrating her ten-year anniversary of working for the Department of Homeland Security and was recently promoted to Management and Program Analyst GS-14. She was nominated to complete the Executive Leadership Supervisory program, which is a two-year program that will be the stepping stone into the Senior Executive Service for the Department of Homeland Security.

Annette relocated from sunny Orange County, CA, to the D.C. metro area to pursue her graduate

degree and decided to stay in the area after graduation. She currently resides in Chantilly, VA with her husband, Chris, and two foster-adopt sons, Joseph (17) and Andrew (16), and two foster-adopt pups, Roxy and Prince George. Annette and Chris are in the process of getting licensed to adopt one or two girls (sisters) from foster care in Virginia. Feel free to drop her a note at abeck823@gwu.edu.



SARAH ELIZABETH CRANOR '07 KKG has been appointed Director of the Latin American Ensemble at Indiana University Jacob's School of Music. This ensemble is comprised of historically informed instrumentalists and vocalists, exploring the intersection of European classical music with the colonization of the New World, with music from Colombia, Mexico, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, and Brazil, in Latin, Spanish, and Chiquitano in both secular and sacred settings from the 17th through 19th centuries.

MONIQUE (GAGNIER) HOOKER '04 KKG earned a masters in secondary education with a concentration in biology from George Mason University in May 2019. Monique has also accepted a teaching position at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, VA, and will begin teaching in the fall of 2019.

RYAN J. WALSH '09 has joined Eimer Stahl LLP as Of Counsel. He will focus his practice on complex and appellate litigation. Previously,

as Wisconsin's Chief Deputy Solicitor General, he handled dozens of cases, arguing before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and preparing briefs for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. Prior to that, he was an associate in the Issues & Appeals practice at Jones Day's Washington, D.C., office and a clerk for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and for U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain.

Ryan received his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the *University of Chicago Law Review*.

JODI WESTRICK '06 was part of the Peabody Award-winning team that worked on the *Believed* podcast for Michigan Radio/NPR. *Believed* dives deeper into the Larry Nassar scandal at Michigan State University, and examines how something like that can happen through the eyes of survivors.

At Hillsdale, Jodi was a member of the Dow Journalism program and Collegian staff. She's currently the digital director at Michigan Radio, the local NPR news affiliate in Ann Arbor, MI.



ANASTASIA (EALEY) WILSON '09 recently left working as a full-time copy editor

at a Christian publishing company in Cleveland, OH, to become an independent freelance copy editor in Pittsburgh, PA. When not working on her business, Anastasia is auditing classes and taking part in the community life at her husband's seminary (RPTS) as well as knitting and trying her hand at creative writing. She can be found on Instagram and her website www.writefix.net.

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MEGAN ARMSTRONG '17 works for an aquaculture facility in the Tampa Bay Area and breeds various species of freshwater tropical fish for at-home aquariums. Her company provides fish to Petco, PetSmart and many public aquariums.

MARIAH HARDY '17 CO is the senior operations manager for the Oregon branch of Anheuser-Busch, overseeing a 58,000 square-mile territory. In 2018, the Oregon branch achieved Global Excellence level results—one of only four branches in the North American Zone to do so. In 2018, Mariah was also nominated for Eugene, Oregon's "20 Under 40" awards.



EMILY (BENZ) HOLEWCZYNSKI '10 PBP and her husband, Tim, have three daughters Eileen (4), Charlotte (3), and Maeve (1.5), and are expecting their fourth in November. They live in

the southwestern suburbs of Chicago.



NADIA KLARR '12 is an attorney at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP and was selected for inclusion on the Ohio Rising Stars 2019 list. She advises business owners and management in all aspects of labor and employment, including employee hiring and termination, employment agreements, handbooks and personnel policies, wrongful discharge defense, workplace investigations, harassment, discrimination, wage-hour and regulatory compliance, collective bargaining, OSHA, EEOC, and NLRB proceedings, non-compete litigation, and federal and state court litigation. She assists clients in the construction, industrial manufacturing, healthcare, media and entertainment, and technology industries with labor arbitration disputes and litigation matters.

She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Dayton School of Law, where she was a Dean's Fellow, a teaching assistant, the Executive Publications Editor of the Law Review and the Associate Justice of Extramural Competitions for the law school's Moot Court program.

SALLY KLARR '12 KKG is a gemologist and jewelry specialist at Leslie Hindman Auctioneers in Chicago. She started the position June 2018.

BRIAN PAINTER '10 SC left his job at Crossroads Church (Cincinnati) to work as a part-time independent consultant in the analytics industry. Along with his wife, Christina, and their two young children, he will be spending the latter half of 2019 living and working in Europe. Christina will be documenting their experience—especially the culinary aspects—at ChristinasKitchen.com.

JAMIN RAGER '13 defended his Ph.D. in physics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on April 22, 2019. The title of his thesis was “A Search for Bosonic Dark Matter with the MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR.” In June, Jamin will start a new job as staff engineer at Applied Research Associates in Raleigh, NC.

DAVID P. VAN NOTE II '18 ATO began his career in January as an accountant with Klepadlo Winnell Nuorola P.C. (KWN) a certified public accounting firm in Petoskey MI. After a successful internship last summer with KWN, David accepted a position as an associate with KWN after he completed his final semester in December 2018. His address in Petoskey is 301 Lafayette Ave. Apt 304, Petoskey Michigan 49770.



JOEL VANDERWORP '10 will be joining Valor Public Schools, a non-profit network of charter schools, as the director of programs for Valor's Kingfisher Institute.

MICHELE VANDERWORP '11 will continue her work as a consultant for Beauty Counter. Joel and Michele have two children: Henry (3) and Cora (1).



JAYME WEBER '12 KKG visited Salt Lake City in June 2018 to find a place to live while working as a clerk for Judge Monroe McKay of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. In addition to housing, Jayme found four other Hillsdale grads—Max and Rachel Kleber '14, '14 and Jacob and Baillie Nieuwsma '15, '13—through the local Anglican church. This fall, Jayme will move to Washington, D.C., to work as an associate at Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick. Her friendships with the Klebers and the Nieuwsmas will remain. Pictured from left to right: Baillie Nieuwsma, Thomas Phippen, Jacob Nieuwsma, Jayme Weber, Maxwell Kleber, and Rachel Kleber.

2019 GINA RELAYS



On Saturday, April 27 on day 3 of the 2019 Track Alumni Weekend at GINA Relays on Ken Herrick Track, 27 alumni and their families attended. Class years ranged from 1965 (Wendell Shiffler) to 2018 (Lane White)! Jared Maxwell '00 and Lane

White are USA Track & Field certified officials that work as a starter and field referee at home meets. Maurice Jones (400m hurdles—3rd), Michael Nikkila (“Wild Bill” Championship Steeplechase—15th), and Kayla Caldwell (pole vault—1st) competed at the meet.



In attendance and pictured: Jared Maxwell '00; Lisa Roberts '99; Mike Roberts '98; Lane White '18; Nick Shuster '16; Tim Broxterman '16; Maurice Jones '15; Alex Mexicotte '15; Michael Nikkila '05; Matt Harris '16; (front): Cary Champion '89; Erin Connell '13; Becky Galvan '13; Kayla Caldwell '13; Rachel Nyberg '14; Amber Smith '14; Gwen Buchhop '11; Corinne Zehner '16.

WEDDINGS

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LAURIE DODEN '93 married Daniel Edward Nell on September 8, 2018. They initially met when Laurie made a trip to South Africa in September 2012 for charitable work, but their relationship really blossomed in January 2018, Laurie having returned to South Africa in 2016 to engage in a ministry called Generosity

Path. Laurie writes that her marriage to Daniel “is proof that NOTHING is impossible with our God!” Pictured from left to right are Jason Andrews '92 and his wife Jen; Ellen (Johnston) Neebes '93 PBP and her husband Kevin; Eric Doden '92 and his wife Maci; Laurie and Daniel; and Julie (Hasenbein) Snyder '93.

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ASHLEY (BAKER) '09 PBP married Adam Burlew on October 14, 2017, at the Hillsdale Baptist Church. Hillsdale alumni attending the wedding included J. Patrick Henry '88; Belinda (Richards) Shaffer '85; Jeffrey Lantis '86; Kelly (Stewart) Lantis '86 CO; Brian Baker '07; Daniella (Widmark) Dautrich '09; Elise (Hill) Layton '09; Katie Eldridge '09; Stephanie Pezzella '09; Mary (Maxfield) McCleary '09 PBP; Joseph McCleary '09 DTD; Elise (Hill) Layton '09; Danielle (Scholfield) Edwards '12 CO; Casey Inks '17; Kyle Luttig '17; Ian Dupre '17; Kie Kababik '17; Rylan Meares '18; Jordan Hintz '18; Drew Lieske '18; Matt Grunzweig '19; Emanuel Boyer '19; Amanda Klug '19; and Lucas Pieraccini '20. Ashley is employed by the Hillsdale County Intermediate School District as an LEA Business Manager/Pupil

Accounting Auditor. Adam is employed by Hillsdale College as the administrator of the Shotgun Team, head coach of the Hillsdale Action Shooting Team, and instructor for the Hillsdale Pistol/Rifle class and Introduction to Shooting Sports class. Adam is also employed by the City of Litchfield as a police officer and a volunteer firefighter with the Allen Township Fire Department. The couple resides in Jonesville, MI with their dachshund, Sophie.



JENNY (BREWER) '08 married Brian Pridgeon in Hillsdale, MI on August 11, 2018. Hillsdale alumni in the bridal party included Rebekah Dell '06 PBP; Bethany (Kjergaard) Askew '09; and Amber (Harmon) Pho '09 PBP. Other alumni in attendance were Max Stokes '65 DTD; Tom and Linda (Galley) Stokes '71, '69 PBP; Diane Pridgeon '71; Brock and Jen Lutz '98, '98; Diane Philipp '82; Jeff and Kelly Lantis '86, '86 CO; Colleen McGinness '04 PBP; Aaron and Abby (Portice) Hummel '08, '08 SAI; James and Hannah (Stone) Wegmann '10, '09 SAI; Jaimi (Swenson) Barkley '09 SAI; John Quint '09 SC; Victoria Bergen '11; Zack and Heather (Lantis) Miller '11 DTD, '15 KKG; Jill Buccola '13 SAI; Kelly (Scott) Kane '14 PBP; Megan Bowser '15 PBP; Leah Reed '15 KKG; Carly Hubbard '16 KKG; Matt Sauer '16; Spencer and Bailey (Arlinghaus) Amaral '14 ATO, '16 PMA;

John Papciak '13 SC; Elena Sakelaris '15 CO; Aaron and Zoe (Hopkins) Tracey '14 SC, '16; Lily Carville '17 KKG; Allison Bieganeck '17; Carrie Bieganeck '19; Joanna Dell '20 PBP; Michelle (Sybesma) Carpenter '04; Brad and Darcy (Morton) Affholter '97, '97.

The couple lives in Montgomery, MI. Brian is a seventh generation farmer, and Jenny works for Hillsdale's Admissions Office. You can reach Jenny at jpridgeon@hillsdale.edu or (734) 516-3193.



ELIZABETH (HEIL) '09 PBP married Richard DeMeyere in October of 2016. Hillsdale alumni present were Kelsey (Berlin) Neitzel '10 PBP; Lauren (Walcher) Morton '10 PBP; Emily (Benz) Holewczynski '10 PBP; Jessica (Miller) Carmack '10 PBP; Brandon Carmack '10 PMA; Kelsey Gombreg '10; Jenni (Waller) Homuth '11 PBP; Ellen (Schaffran) Timmers '11 PBP; Carrie O'Brien '12 PBP; Courtney (Gallagher) Ramirez '12 PBP; Molly (Tims) Killian '12 PBP; Diana (Seutter) Honsey '12 PBP; Andrew (Honsey) '12 PMA; and Marisa Behnke '14 PBP.

The couple lives in northern Virginia, where Richard works for a government contractor and Elizabeth works remotely doing grassroots advocacy and public policy for Prison Fellowship. They joyfully welcomed their daughter, Lucy Zabella, to the world this past summer.



ROB SCHLITTS '06 and Leah Harrington were married on December 29, 2018, in Little Rock, AR, at The Capital Hotel. The couple resides in Little Rock. Rob is President at Wilson-Bennett Technologies and Leah sells medical devices for Medtronic. Other alumni in attendance were Danielle (Lavengood) Hughes '06; Christopher Johnson '07; and Dria (Schmidt) Graham '06.

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ESTHER (ASHMORE) '13 married Jonathan Pan on July 28, 2017 in Cincinnati, OH. The bridal party included Esther's siblings Elisabeth (Ashmore) Bahr '00; Lt. Col. Jonathan Ashmore '02; Anna (Ashmore) Good '08; Abby (Ashmore) Thistleton '10; Samuel Ashmore '13; and Tirzah (Ashmore) Shaw '16. Friends Caroline (Forsythe) Hummel '13; Sarah (Leitner) Kramer '13; and Hannah Ahern '17 participated in the ceremony. About 30 other alumni were also in attendance. Esther and Jonathan joyfully

welcomed Emmanuel 天恩 "Tien-En" Pan on December 1, 2018, in Cincinnati, OH.



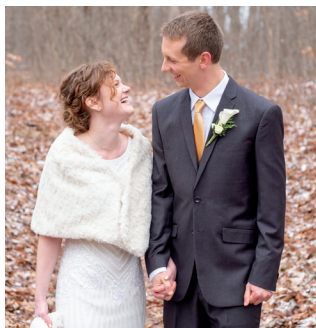
JACOB BARRETT '14 married the love of his life, Sarah Elizabeth, on March 17, 2018, in Boise, ID. Many friends and family celebrated their union. Jacob works as Materials Manager in manufacturing and Sarah is a Certified Professional Midwife. Together, they lead a Christian young adults fellowship and are active in their community as they establish their home and family in Boise.

MIRIAM (POOLE) '11 married Daniel McIlrath on May 27, 2018, in Bloomington, IN. The couple met at Indiana University while attending graduate school, where Miriam completed her Ph.D. in Theatre History in September of 2017. Alumni Leah Poole '13, Katherine English '11, and Julia Kilgore '14 were in attendance. Miriam and Daniel currently reside in Lafayette, IN, while Daniel pursues his Ph.D. in Medical Physics at Purdue University. Miriam teaches as an adjunct with Ivy Tech Community College and works as a barista on the side.



KATY (RANVILLE) '10 CO married Bobby Gambella

(a graduate of North Carolina State University) on March 9, 2019, in Grand Rapids, MI. Mallory Root '10 CO was a member of the bridal party and Amanda Ruetz '10 CO was part of the wedding ceremony. Other Hillsdale alumni in attendance were Kelly Broome '13 CO; Matthew Weibel '10 ATO; Stanislaus "Drew" Banach '09 ATO; Kate DeLanoy '10 CO; Sandra Anderson '11 CO; Ashley Schneider '10 CO; Gabrielle Hauge '10 CO; Naomi Rizkowsky '10 CO; Brooke Schooke '10 CO; Leah Dotinga '10 CO; Melissa Hessel '10 CO; Bridget Grysko '11 CO; Maura Velthouse '11 CO; Jacob Shafer '12 SC; Katie Sperla '11 CO; Rachel Swaffer '13 CO; Samantha Rainier '10; Kyle Rainier '10 SC; Sarah Yearsley '09 CO; Ali Chomiak '09 CO; Hillary (Grachan) DeJong '09 CO; Andrew Little '10; Dan Fodell '09; Chelsea Meador '12; and Reid Meador '12.



SAM RYSKAMP '15 married Hannah Anderson on December 29, 2018, at Dutton United Reformed Church in Caledonia, MI. Members of the wedding party included Casey Harper '15; Ryan Richert '15; and Best Man Tom Ryskamp '19. Many other Hillsdale alumni were in attendance. The couple resides in Broomfield, CO, where Sam is attending graduate school in Applied Mathematics at the University of Colorado-Boulder, and Hannah works for Auto-Owners' Insurance.



MEGAN (SCHLANDERER) '14 CO and **TOMMY PELLERITO '13 ATO** married on August 4, 2018, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor, MI. Hillsdale alumni in the wedding party included Kindle Barber '14 CO; Laura (Wonders) Nelson '14 CO; Chelsea Goodale '14 CO; and Jon Martin '13 ATO. Alumni in attendance were Chuck Schlanderer III '89 ATO; Barb (Busby) Schlanderer '89 CO; Paul Schlanderer '58 DSP; Christy (Hanson) Maier '98 KKG; Mark Maier '98; Cody Miller '11 ATO; Peter Frizzell '11 ATO; Scott Heneveld '13 ATO; Colin Slater '11; Jeremy Davis '11 ATO; Richard Thompson '13 ATO; Matt Kidd '13 ATO; Ryan Cook '13 ATO; John Rasche '11 ATO; Amy Jones '14 CO; John Kremer '13 ATO; Annie Toohey '16 CO; Geena Pietrefase '15 CO; Gretchen Geist '15 CO; Colleen (Barber) Crozier '13 CO; Jim Walker '72 DTD; and Anthony Giarmo '12 ATO. The Pelleritos reside in Midland, MI, where Tom is a financial planner for Hantz Group Financial Services and Megan is the Membership Director for The Midland Country Club. Email Megan at megan.schlanderer@gmail.com.

JESSICA GRACE (SLAVIC) '12 married Andrew Drexel, a Texan and graduate of Sewanee University of the South, on March 17, 2018, in Cary, NC. Hillsdale alumni celebrating with them were Emily (Fisher) and Sam Branchaw '12, '11 Mu Alpha; Grace

Gardner '12; Catharine Clayton '12 PBP; Aubrey Annis '12; Erin Annis '09; Erika (Annis) Sabo '09 B.A./'14 M.A. and Mike Sabo '15 M.A.; and Dara Wagenmaker Van Loo '13 with husband, Ryan. The couple now resides in Waco, TX.



MOLLY (TIMS) '12 PBP married Aaron Killian in Detroit, MI, in December 2018. Bridesmaids included Diana (Seutter) Honsey '12 PBP and Jackie (Beattay) Perius '12 PBP. Other alumni in attendance included Marisa Behnke '14 PBP; Bethany Stalter '13 PBP; Lois Bernhardson '12 PBP; Alyssa (Morrin) Nutile '12 PBP; Sage Tomlinson '12 PBP; Elizabeth (Heil) DeMeyere '09 PBP; Hillary (Grachan) DeJong '09 CO; Sarah Harris '11 PBP; and Andrew Honsey '12.



DANA (TROWBRIDGE) '16 CO and **STEVEN METTE '16** were married on September 15, 2018, at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, MI. Hillsdale alumni in the wedding party included Maid of Honor Lindsay Peirce '16 CO; Best Man Jack Wiseman '17 DSP; brides-

maids Anna Kucharski '16 CO and Corianna Baier '17 CO; and groomsmen Matthew Eltringham '14. Dana is an investment advisor and insurance agent at Trowbridge Financial Services alongside her mother in the family business. Steven is a transfer pricing associate at KPMG in Detroit.



LAUREN (WIERENGA) '14 married Adam Peacock on September 8, 2018. Her bridesmaids included Laurie Barnes '14; Sarah Anne Voyles '12; and Rachael Wierenga '12. Lauren is Art Director at AHC+Hospitality in Grand Rapids, and celebrated her third year with the company in April. Adam is the Desktop and Systems Administrator at AHC+Hospitality.

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ARIANE (BIERMANN) MESTELLE '98 CO and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Elke Joy Mestelle on December 20, 2018. She joins her three-year-old sister, Ingrid, who fondly refers to her as "my Elke."

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STEPHANIE (BOOMS) and VINCE ALENTADO '09, '11 welcomed a baby girl, Kate Marie Alentado, on February 18, 2019.



ANNA (HOLSCLAW) BAIN '07 and her husband, Steve, welcomed their second child, Everett Anthony Bain, on August 20, 2018. His sister, Cecelia (4), has loved having a little brother to play with, and Anna—a professional artist—is thrilled to have a new painting model! The Bains live in Westminster, CO, and can be reached at annarosebain@gmail.com.



LISA (HOFFMAN) BECKER '07 PBP and her husband, Joe, welcomed a daughter, Abigail Rose, on June 17, 2018. Abi weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. The Beckers moved from Woodland Park, CO, to Elko, NV, last year.

ALICIA (BRUNS) BEHM '06 and her husband, Ryan, welcomed their fourth child into their family, a son, George William Behm, on March 31 2019.



STEPHANIE (HEID) BENSON '03 and her husband, Stephen, are excited to announce their newest daughter, Gracie Lynn, born April 9, 2019. Gracie was welcomed home by her sister, Ivy (3), and brother, Obadiah (2). Stephanie and her family reside in Thomson, IL, where she and Stephen manage a restaurant and heirloom seed company. Stephanie can be reached at stheid@gmail.com.



DEVIN AND NICOLE (GILBERTSON) FOLEY '01 DTD, '01 KKG joyfully welcomed Peter Joseph on January 7, 2018. Peter weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 21 inches long. He has a built-in fan club of two brothers and three sisters: Jack, Cadman, Bridget, Clare, and Mary Margaret. Devin and Nicole live in Stillwater, MN. Devin is the President of the Charlemagne Institute, which runs *Intellectual Takeout* and *Chronicles Magazine*. Nicole homeschools the four school-aged kids, while managing the littles, the house, five chickens, and the dog. The Foleys can be reached at nmfoley1@hotmail.com.



ERIN (MAHAN) HASULAK '05 PBP and her husband, Nick, welcomed their first child, Clare Evangeline, on December 29, 2017. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 19 inches long. She was baptized into Christ on January 21. The Hasulaks live in Sunnyvale, CA, where Nick manages research at Neuropeace, a medical device company, and Erin works in product marketing for Microchip Technology. Erin can be reached at erinhasulak@gmail.com.



MONICA (JORDAN) OSTERHOUT '08 PBP and her husband, Timothy, are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Emily Noel Osterhout. She was born December 31, 2018, in Yokosuka, Japan. She joins her sister, Avery Ann (2). The family lives in Iwakuni, Japan, where Timothy is a Marine Corps pilot and Monica is a stay-at-home mom.



SAMUEL RUSSELL '08 DTD and his wife, Anna, are happy to announce the

birth of their two daughters. Charlotte Russell was born November 26, 2016, and Lydia Russell was born January 18, 2018. In April of 2017, Sam left his eleven-year career with Kellogg and—with Anna—started The Buttered Biscuit, a breakfast restaurant in Bentonville, AR, that serves a modern take on classic southern favorites.



MICHAEL AND JESSICA (MONTGOMERY) SHUSTER '03, '09 are happy to announce the arrival of their first child, Matthew James Shuster, born on December 19, 2018, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. He is welcomed by his grandparents, Ray and Marylin Shuster and Scott and Deborah Montgomery, and by his aunts and uncles, all Hillsdale graduates: Kate (Shuster) Blackwood '99; David Montgomery '12; Michaela (Wolfe) Montgomery '12; and Andrew Montgomery '15.



EMILY (BREINER) AND PAUL SMITH '09 CO, '10 welcomed their second child, Walker Battle, on February 24, 2018. His sister, Violet, is now four years old. The Smiths have settled in Paul's hometown of Las Cruces, NM. Paul is excited about forming a new political consulting firm, Rival Strategy Group, after managing Republican campaigns across the country and working as a Chief of Staff in the U.S.

House. Paul's email is paul@rivalstrategygroup.com. The Smiths travel back to northern Virginia often for work and fun.



KACI (JAGUTIS) SPIRITO '06 KKG, and her husband, Chase, welcomed their third child on February 4, 2019. Ryleigh was welcomed by her brother Reid (3) and sister Ruess (5). The family lives in Lake Forest, IL, where Kaci stays at home with the kids and Chase works for JPMorgan Chase.



NICK SPOLTMAN '08 and his wife, Kelsey, welcomed their first child, Amelia Eleanor, on February 15, 2019, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 21 inches long. The Spoltmans live in Fort Wayne, IN.



LYNETTE (WILHELM) STEFANOWSKI '08 and her husband, Dr. Kamil Stefanowski, announce the birth of their son, Edward Stanislaw, born March 15, 2019. Edward joins his brother John Joseph (2). They currently live on Long Island, NY, and can be contacted at lynette.stefanowski@gmail.com.



DAVEY TALBOT '07 and his wife Jenna are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Frank Field Talbot. Field was born in Old Town Alexandria, VA, on February 7, 2019. He weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. At his baptism were godparents and friends, including Steve Klein '06; Will Boyington '10; and Will Dunham '07.



RYAN P. WILLIAMS '04 ATO and wife, Amelia, are happy to announce the birth of Albert Jack Crane Williams on January 3, 2019. Mom, Dad, and big sister, Kristen, couldn't be happier. Ryan works as president of The Claremont Institute.

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OLIVIA (FILE) ALLEN '13 along with her husband, Jonathan, and their son, Nehemiah, welcomed Isaac Gabriel into their family on March 27, 2019, in Stains, France. Isaac weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19.3 inches long.

Olivia and her family started a new career in August 2018 with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) to help pioneer a new missions base in Paris, France. YWAM Paris Connect trains individuals in discipleship, then sends teams to locations in Africa, Asia, and Europe. At the end of July, YWAM Paris Connect hosts a two-week inner-city mission in Paris. Olivia runs the communications and information departments, as well as teaching Simple Healthcare Seminars regarding basic healthcare practices for underdeveloped countries. Olivia and Jonathan also do photography to support their missionary work.

DAVID BARKO '13 DTD and his wife Jessica are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Scarlett Noelle, born April 18, 2019. Scarlett weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 inches long. Scarlett is David and Jessi's first child.



GRACE (KESSLER) BECK '12 KKG AND GEORGE WASHINGTON FELLOW and her husband, Bryan, welcomed their son Kenneth "Kenny" Robert Beck on September 22, 2018. Grace left her job in the South Dakota governor's office to work for Redstone Law Firm, where she does government affairs work. They welcome visits to South Dakota!



KIRSTEN (OSTERBERG) AND ROBERT HASLER '14 PBP, '15 SC welcomed their son, James Evald Hasler, on June 12, 2018, in Fairfax, VA.



BRENDAN KARL '12 and his wife, Nadine, had their first child, Katharina Ann Karl (Class of 2041?), on April 23, 2019, in Miramar Beach, FL.



EMMALINE (SMITH) AND THOMAS KING '13, '15 welcomed their second child, Peter Granville King, on May 24, 2018.



MEGAN (DUNN) MARSHMAN '11 and her husband, Alexander, announce

the birth of their identical twin girls, Aeowyn Eve and Lilia Grace, on November 3, 2018. Born at 33 weeks, the girls spent two weeks in the NICU but are home now and thriving. The family is thankful for the love and support they have received from around the country, as they embark on this new adventure.



KELSEY (BERLIN) NEITZEL '10 and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their first child, Lincoln Miles, on April 2, 2018. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 20.75 inches long. The family resides outside of Denver, CO, where Kelsey is a family medicine/sports medicine physician and Kevin is an aerospace engineer for Sierra Nevada Corporation (not the beer company, unfortunately). They can be reached at Neitzel.kelsey@gmail.com.

LEAH (BERNHARDSON) AND JORDAN REIMSCHISEL '15 PBP, '16 SC welcomed their first child, Sophia Elaine, on April 9, 2019.



GARRETT ROBINSON '12 and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of their first child, George William, on November 6, 2018. Both mother and son are healthy. George was baptized on November 17 at St. Joseph's Oratory in Detroit.



ELLEN (CLINES) SEGERSTROM '10 and her husband, Jay, were happy to welcome Eric John to their family in December 2017. Ellen is an optometrist and Jay is a pilot. They have relocated to the D.C. area and can be reached at Eyeplane@gmail.com.

DANIEL AND REBEKAH (BASINGER) SLONIM '16, '16 welcomed their first-born child, Ezra Daniel, on February 14, 2019. Daniel is finishing his third year of a Ph.D. program in math at Purdue University, and Rebekah is in her third year of working as a freelance copyeditor and proofreader.



BRIANNA (LONDON) WOELMER '13 CO and her husband, Joshua, welcomed twin daughters, Aletheia Kay and Charlotte Marie, on September 25, 2018. Thea and Lottie are now seven months old and delight their parents with their smiles, giggles, and antics.



CHUCK AND MARTA (SCHEIWE) WYSONG '11, '11 welcomed their third

daughter, Teresa Dianne, on August 23, 2018. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 20.5 inches long. Teresa's two sisters, Eva Claire (5) and Maria Joy (2), welcomed her home enthusiastically. The Wysong family resides in Wawaka, IN, where Chuck farms with his family and Marta stays home with the girls and raises golden retriever puppies.

OBITUARIES

1930s



MARTHA "MARTY" J. (JOSE) KUEHN '38 PBP passed away at home peacefully on January 2, 2019. She was born in Johnstown, PA, in 1914. She attended Hillsdale College in the late '30s and proudly continued that association until her death. In 1940, Marty married Kenneth Kuehn of Anita, IA, who served as a pilot in World War II. They lived in Des Plaines, IL, Los Angeles, CA, and lastly near Newport, WA. Ken and Marty's son Campbell is deceased. Daughter Carolyn Jacobs resides in Spokane with husband Roger and daughter Jalin. Daughter Louise Blanchard resides in Blue Jay, CA. Marty's career included teaching fourth grade for 16 years in the L.A. public school system and ended with teaching ESL classes in the inner city, her favorite assignment. Ken and Marty traveled extensively in the U.S. and internationally. In 1998 they relocated to Diamond Lake, where Marty made two special groups of friends—those

in her P.E.O. sorority and those in her bridge group. A devoted wife, parent, and friend, Marty was a vibrant example of the "greatest generation"—resilient, hard-working, responsible, eagerly embracing life and others. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Martha J. Kuehn Scholarship Fund at Hillsdale College or to P.E.O. Chapter 'O' Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 250, Priest River, ID, 83856.

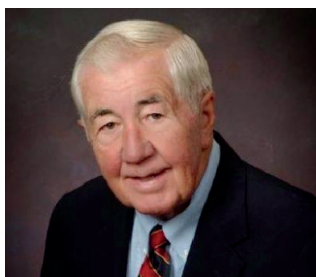
1950s



ROGER G. BISSCHOP '59 DSP passed away on April 27, 2019. He wanted to share the following with his Hillsdale friends:

"I first learned about Hillsdale while serving in the U.S. Navy from a shipmate's sister, Rhia (Scoggins) Lynch. While attending Hillsdale, I was a member of Delta Sigma Phi, the Newman Club, and Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Society, and was a senior class officer. After graduation, I was president of the Detroit area Alumni Association, sponsoring the first two alumni dinner dances. While president of the Alumni Association (1967–68), I launched the first All-Alumni Homecoming Party and spearheaded the effort to replace 'Dales' with 'Chargers' as the school athletic

symbol. I was National Vice-President of YMCA Indian Guides, co-founder of Little Ceaser Hockey Association, and wrote/published *Basic Meeting Responsibilities and Procedures*. I retired from Ford Motor Company in 1997 as World Wide Manager of Computer Centers and Data Communications, receiving two international awards for 'Computer Center of the Year.' Fifty-nine years ago, I married Dottie, my Pi Phi sweetheart. We have four children: Candace, Deborah, Roger J. '86 and Bradford '91. We have twelve grandchildren."



JAMES RICHARDS BUCK '55 of Grandville, MI, passed away peacefully at the age of 85 surrounded by his children. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife of 60 years Kathryn "Kitty" Kim Buck, and his parents, Joseph and Evelyn Buck. He is survived by his children Jim (Justine) Buck, Kim (Scott) Zandbergen, Tim (Christy) Buck, and Kelli (Jack) Miller, as well as ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A graduate of Muskegon High School before attending Hillsdale College, he and Kitty made their first home in Ada, OH, where Jim attended Ohio Northern University Law School. Upon graduation, Jim began his lifelong career at State Farm Insurance. He and Kitty moved several times in the early years before settling in Grandville for over 50 years.

To read James Buck's full

obituary, visit www.legacy.com.



MARJORIE "MARREE" (CHANDLER) HARNOIS '51 KKG passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 16, 2018. She was born on December 29, 1929, in Rockford, IL, to Roberta Wright and Elliott Chandler. She graduated from Rockford West High School and earned a degree in education from Hillsdale, where she served as president of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and was crowned May Queen her senior year. She married the love of her life and fellow classmate, Trefle "Tref" P. Harnois '51 DSP, on June 3, 1951, their graduation day. Marree was a member of the Junior Leagues in Lancaster, PA, and Chicago and Rockford, IL, and was supportive of the Children's Theater. As a member of Rockford Country Club, she was an avid tennis player and golfer. She belonged to the Rockford Garden Club, the University Club, and the Second Congregational Church. Marree aided Tref in his work as a development officer for Hillsdale College, where he also served as a trustee. Her pastimes included walking, gardening, antiques, decorating, singing, and painting. A world traveler, she toured Europe and the Far East with Tref, but was always happiest at home. Marree will be lovingly remembered by her children Carol (John) Potter, Peter (Beatriz) Harnois, Elizabeth (Tom

Kane) Harnois, and Robbie (Greg) Fast, and her grandchildren Jesse, Grace, Madeleine, Patrick, Tref, Eric, Charlie, and Isabelle. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Carol, and her husband Tref.

STEPHEN T. MASTY '50 died on January 15, 2019. A resident of Indiana at the time of his passing, Dr. Masty attended the University of Michigan Dental School, where he received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery, after graduating from Hillsdale. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea, from 1944-1946.



RODERICK "ROD" JAY SCHEELE '59 of Indianapolis, IN, passed away on March 26, 2019. Rod was born in Jackson, MI, on August 24, 1933, to the late Herman Frederick Scheele and Leone Thompson Scheele. He graduated from Jackson High School in 1952 and was a proud veteran of the Korean War, where he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. After his discharge, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega at Hillsdale College, graduating with a B.A. in biology. He worked with his father in the fuel business, followed by several career changes. In 1982, he started his own manufacturing representative company, TPS & Associates. On April 7, 1990, Rod married Anne Ewing Smith of Indianapolis. They enjoyed 29 years of travel, biking, hiking, gourmet cooking, and dining. Besides being a

voracious reader, Rod enjoyed fly fishing, birds, and gardening. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Robert L. Scheele, and his first wife Nancy James Scheele Reid.

To read Rod Scheele's full obituary, visit www.legacy.com.



CARL F. ZIMMERMAN '54 ATO, a longtime resident of Royal Oak, MI, died December 14, 2018. He was born September 3, 1932, in Detroit, to Helen and Carl Zimmerman. Carl proudly served in the U.S. Navy and on June 8, 1963, married Dolores Marquardt. He retired in 1992 from the U.S. Postal Service and was an active member of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham, MI. Carl enjoyed genealogy, playing the violin, word search, and walking the neighborhood. He often attended the Royal Oak Senior Center, visited Hermann's Bakery, and had a special love for his cat Pumpkin.

Carl is survived by his son The Rev. Frank Zimmerman, his daughter Laura Baugh '93, his three sisters—Gloria Jones, Sylvia McCabe, and Sonja Marr—and several nieces and nephews. Carl is preceded in death by his beloved wife Dolores.

1960s

CAROL A. BRANTLEY '69 of Annapolis, MD, passed away peacefully at home on October 17, 2018, at the

age of 71. After graduating from Hillsdale College, Carol held executive positions at Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company before founding Swanbridge Consulting, Inc. Carol specialized in organization development and used her talents in Fortune 500 organizations to enable people at all levels to make their fullest contributions. Carol was also Associate Executive Director of NTL Institute, Director of Operations at EYCA, and an affiliate consultant with KJCG and DelTech. Later in life, she poured herself into improving her Annapolis community through numerous leadership positions. As chair of the board of The Light House—A Homeless Prevention Support Center, she oversaw greatly expanded services and helped found The Light House Bistro. Carol will be missed by her brother Glenn Brantley (Muriel) of Teaneck, NJ, and sister Francena Brantley of Roselle, NJ.

To read Carol Brantley's full obituary, visit www.legacy.com.



TERENCE R. COMAR '66 passed away peacefully at the University of Michigan Medical Hospital on January 2, 2019, with his family at his bedside. Born on May 2, 1943, in Three Rivers, MI, his father was a dentist and served as mayor in Three Rivers and his Aunt Mary and Aunt Lillian Comar—a former dean of women at Hillsdale College—were influential in his upbringing. After graduating from

Three Rivers High School and Hillsdale College, he attended the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and practiced general dentistry for several years in Kalamazoo before enrolling in the graduate periodontal program at The University of Loyola School of Dentistry in Chicago. Terry and his brother Michael formed Comar & Comar PC, and he continued seeing patients until November when his illness was diagnosed. He married Karen Davis in 1964 and had two handsome boys. In 1991, he married Vera Rae Goertler. He is survived by his wife Vera Rae; his children Scott Ray (Ann) Comar, Todd Francis Comar, Alyssa Goertler, Lindsay (Chad) Hujsak, Ashley (Nathan) Shaw, and Tiara Lindsay Comar; his grandchildren Aspen, Carson Ray, Payton, Benjamin, Erik, Mary, Alex Terence, Lucas, and Colton Ray; and brothers Michael Dean (Sandra) Comar and Dennis George (Wendy) Comar.

To read Terry Comar's full obituary, visit <https://betzlerlifestory.com/obituaries>



JAMES HENRY DINGEMAN, JR. '67, loving husband of Anne Virginia Ford Dingeman and devoted father, passed away on December 24, 2018, following a courageous battle against mantle cell lymphoma. Jim grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, graduated from Austin Catholic Prep High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from

Hillsdale College. His business career began in the late 1960s as a commercial banker with Bank of the Commonwealth in Detroit. He became a partner with Griggs Steel Co. in the 1970s, held an interest in Pikes Peak Water Co. in Colorado, joined a Los Angeles-based performance driving/stunt company in the 1980s, and ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Congress (Michigan 12th District) in 1990. His experience as a banker and business owner led him to a position with BBK Ltd. of Southfield, where he provided operational restructuring and turnaround services. In 1998, he purchased Sterling Supply, a cutting tool distribution and supply chain management concern in Ferndale. He finished his career working for Oakland County as a business developer and film executive under L. Brooks Patterson, retiring in 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Ford Dingeman; children Ann Fisher Dingeman, James Henry (Bronwen Gay) Dingeman III, Michael Defoe Dingeman, and John Fisher Dingeman; grandchildren, Miles Henry Dingeman and Bronwen Lily Dingeman; sisters, Mary Ann (Ed) Staff and Patti Dingeman Moran, as well as several nieces and nephews.

To read James Dingeman's full obituary, visit <https://www.grossepointenews.com>.



JAMES N. DRAWBRIDGE, JR. '66 passed away at home on January 7, 2019, after a three-month battle with cancer. He leaves

his wife of 29 years, Cynthia Payne; son, Peter Drawbridge; brother Neil Drawbridge; sister-in-law Elaine Drawbridge; step-brother, George Warren Jr.; nieces Teagan and Dara; and nephews Yaran, Tanner, and Nathan. A brother, Stephen Drawbridge, pre-deceased him in 2002.

Jim was born in Holden, son of James N., Sr. and Dorothy Staples Drawbridge, and graduated from Wachusett Regional High School before attending Hillsdale. His first position out of college was as a third grade teacher in Litchfield, MI. Subsequently he moved into fundraising, serving as Director of Development for Hillsdale College, Rhode Island School of Design, Worcester Art Museum, and New England College, among others. From 1998–2014 he served as Vice President, Strategic Fundraising for the Ruffalo-Cody organization in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In later years, he consulted for several non-profit organizations.

Jim's passion for hockey began at a young age and never dimmed. The hockey club he put together at Hillsdale College in 1962 eventually attained varsity status. He coached the Hillsdale hockey team from 1962–1963, and again from 1966–1974. A scholarship fund was later created in his honor and Jim was inducted into the Hillsdale College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017. Memorial donations may be made through the Jim Drawbridge Scholarship fund c/o Hillsdale College.

To read James Drawbridge's full obituary, visit www.legacy.com.

DAVE OWEN '68 DTD died in October 2018 in San Francisco, CA, on the same weekend that

the Delt reunion for all members of the fraternity during the 1960s was being held in Miami. He was 72 years old. He was loved, and beloved, by all who knew him.

THEODORE T. PETERS '65 passed away on May 11, 2018. Ted spent his career in the field of finance. In 1991 he decided to become a Subway Franchisee. He became a multi-store owner and retired in 2010 to travel with his wife Karen. Ted is survived by his wife, his sons Michael and Robert and their families, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



JOSEPH VICTOR SANITATE '60 passed away December 9, 2018, at the age of 83. Joe was married for 57 years to the late Marge Sanitate. He is survived by his sons, Dr. Scott Sanitate and Dr. Mark (Patti) Sanitate; his daughters Donna Sanitate, Suzy (Pete) Sanitate-Gianino, and Sandy (Bryon) Vandermeer; and grandchildren Paige and

Brett Vandermeer, Jack Sanitate, and Gianna and Josie Gianino.

After graduating from Hillsdale College, Joe received his master's degree in special education from Michigan State University. He was a coach and a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools before transferring to L'Anse Creuse, where he ended his greater than 30-year teaching career. Joe loved children, and in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the St. Jude Children's Foundation.

MICHAEL C. STEVENS '66 of Jackson, MI, died

peacefully on January 14, 2019, at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jean C. Stevens; three daughters, Sheryl Gonzalez and her children, Alec and Sarah Gonzalez; Jennifer (Brian) Daly and their children James, Thomas, Michael, and Liam Daly; and Deanna (Eric) Leshner and their children Jake and Hailey Leshner. He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Rose Stevens and his brother, Patrick Stevens.

Mike graduated from Hillsdale College and retired from Consumers Energy. He was a long-



ROBERT ALAN YECK '72 passed away peacefully in Dayton, OH, surrounded by his loved ones, on December 19, 2018. Born on September 1, 1949, he was the oldest son of William and Dorothy Yeck. In 1973, he married the love of his life, Cheryl, who survives. He was a beloved father to two children, Brian and Kristen, a daughter-in-law Kelly, a son-in-law Josh Lee, and five grandchildren: William Yeck, Ryan Yeck, Matthew Lee, Reagan Lee, and Brianna Lee. He is also survived by a brother, David, his wife Nan, and cousins Joanne and Zan.

Bob was an employee of Yeck Brothers Company in Dayton for 43 years, serving 20 of those as president, carrying on and expanding the family business that began in 1938. One of his proudest accomplishments was being awarded Volunteer of the Year while working with United Way. He was instrumental in creating the Great Seal in the Armstrong Center at Miami (Ohio) University, History on the Hill exhibit at Carillon Park, major updates at Cricket Hollow Boy Scout Camp, updating the children's sections of the Centerville Libraries, and much more.

In 2004, Bob was awarded Hillsdale College's first Tower Award for Outstanding Alumni and dedication to the college and the community. He was also a member of numerous organizations and charitable groups. Among them are The Centerville-Washington Foundation, where he was a past president; Centerville History, where he funded the first



ever Centerville Chatauqua; and The Centerville Education Foundation, where you could find him working the Americana Festival stand for 20 years. He was instrumental in the creation of the William and Dorothy Yeck Grief Counseling Art Center at Hospice of Dayton, where he also served as a member of the Hospice Foundation Board.

To read Rob Yeck's full obituary, visit www.dignitymemorial.com.

Every successful alumni group at a fraternity or sorority has one indispensable leader that holds the group together and gives them direction. In the case of TKE, for 40 years that person was Bob Yeck. And since there has been no active chapter on campus for most of those years, Bob's devotion was particularly important. He will be sorely missed.

—Grigor Hasted '74 Director of Alumni Office

Bob was one of the first fraternity alumni I met when I began as Dean of Men. Only a month or so into the job, he called me and let me know he would like to support our leadership development efforts in our Greek community. Over the past 17 years he gave a lot of his time and treasure to our Greek community, and it was done discretely and behind the scenes. I will miss his friendship. He was a good man, and one of a kind.

—Aaron Petersen '96 Dean of Men

time member of St. Mary's Parish, Knights of Columbus, Wellness at Allegiance Cardiac Rehab, and Consumers Energy Retiree Group "Gassers." Contributions in Michael's honor may be made to St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

THOMAS BURGESS WISBEY '68 TKE passed away on November 28, 2018, at the age of 72. He leaves his wife, Karen; his children, Jonathan and Kate; his mother Adelia; siblings Susan Van Alst and Peter (Sarah); brother-in-law Albert C. (Sunny) Reisz; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father Herbert, sister Jane, and brother-in-law Charles (Skip) Van Alst. Tom was a beloved son, father, and friend who always put his family first. He grew up on the shores of Keuka Lake, where he learned to sail. This love of sailing followed him all his life. Tom attended Hillsdale College, where he enjoyed spending time with his TKE fraternity brothers. After graduating from Hillsdale, Tom received a master's degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City and later worked as a teacher at Corning Community College. He worked as an administrator at community colleges in NY, MA, NH, and VA, including years spent as the president of New Hampshire Community Technical College—Manchester/Stratham. In every place that he lived, Tom forged lasting friendships with fellow students, co-workers, sailing enthusiasts, and others. Tom was drafted into the U.S. Army and met his future wife, Karen, while on leave in Greece. He and Karen, an Elmira College alumna, decided to settle in Eliot, ME, where they raised their two children. Tom particularly enjoyed sailing the coast of Maine

and Massachusetts with family and friends.

1970s



CLAUDIA (AZKOUL) WALTERS '79 CO went to be with her Lord on April 11, 2019. Claudia had a long and successful career as an educator and retired from the Forest Hills School System as an English teacher five years ago. Knowing that what students need most is attention, she devoted her time establishing relationships with them by finding out all she could about their families, their interests, and their lives. Claudia had a knack for making people feel important by seeing them, hearing them, and understanding them. She loved to kid around with them and her sense of humor was quick-witted and perfectly timed. She was famous for her one-liners. Claudia had the gift of hospitality. She loved living on the shores of Lake Michigan in two beautiful homes that she designed. Her joy was to host her family and friends in the idyllic natural beauty of her surroundings filled with fun, laughter, and bountiful food. Even after a Parkinson's diagnosis seven years ago, Claudia took many international trips with family and friends. She was determined to manage her condition with exercise and healthy habits. Long walks around South Haven were a treasured part of her daily routine. Claudia was considered

a fiercely loyal friend, confidant, advisor and role model. Her greatest legacy was her amazing marriage to Tom "Big Boy" Walters '79 IPT—her best friend and soul mate.

To read Claudia Walters's full obituary, visit www.legacy.com.

2010s



KYLE JOHN FORTI '12 SC, loving and beloved husband, father, foster dad, son, and brother died March 2, 2019, at the age of 29, in a helicopter crash in Kenya. Kyle was born to Ann Forti and Randy Sprague. Ann remarried and with Scott Forti raised Kyle in California. He leaves behind his wife Hope, son Maximus, foster sons, Xavier and Prince, and a baby due in November, as well as his parents, seven siblings, three grandparents, and hundreds of family and friends.



ANNA MARIE (WILLIAMS) SUTHERLAND '11 suddenly passed into eternal life at age 29 at home on March

6, 2019, of a rare type of heart attack. She is sorely missed by her husband Edward Sutherland '12; daughters Marie Ann (4), Rose Colomba (2), and Grace Faustina (4 months); parents David and Marie; siblings Sr. Maria Regina, SV (Karen) '10, Doug '14, Clare '16, and Molly; parents-in-law Joseph and Geralynn Sutherland; siblings-in-law Justin and Anne-Marie (Sutherland) Ducote, Peter, Audrey, Thomas, George, Patrick, Michael '22, and Elizabeth Sutherland; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Anna was a Lamplighter and graduated from Hillsdale in the top ten of her class with a degree in English. She was an active member of Catholic Society and Students for Life. She served as president of Catholic Society from 2009–2010 and was one of the founders of the Catholic Society house "The Grotto" that now serves as the hub for Catholic ministry on campus. Following graduation she worked on the editorial board for *USA TODAY* as a Collegiate Network Fellow for one year before a junior fellowship with *First Things*. After her marriage to Edward Sutherland in 2013, she became the founding editor for the Institute for Family Studies, where she served for three years before choosing to focus her time on her growing family.

Her legacy lives on in her daughters, the hearts of her family and friends, her professional writings, and the innumerable lives she touched.

ALUMNI

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019 - 2020



NATIONAL TOUR

Join fellow Chargers in your area for food, fellowship, and fun. Connect, reconnect, and get a Hillsdale update, while learning about ways you can help be of service to the College in your area. Alumni who live in the vicinity of each stop on the **National Tour** will receive a postcard invitation or an Eventbrite email invitation.

LIVING AND WORKING

Held during breaks in the school year, **Living and Working**, a program co-sponsored by Career Services and the Alumni Office, pairs alumni with current students seeking to learn more about career opportunities.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE RECEPTIONS

Each year, the College holds approximately 20 receptions around the country. They feature short presentations by President Arnn and allow plenty of time for visiting with other alumni and friends of the College who live in your area. For more information on these receptions, or to request an invitation, please contact the Special Events Office at (517) 607-2527 or special.events@hillsdale.edu.

EVENTS

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Alumni National Tour	Detroit, Michigan	August 6
Alumni National Tour	Cincinnati, Ohio	August 18
Alumni National Tour	Grand Rapids, Michigan	August 28
Hillsdale College Reception	Grand Rapids, Michigan	September 3
Alumni National Tour	Indianapolis, Indiana	September 14
Alumni Awards Banquet	Hillsdale College	September 20
Homecoming	Hillsdale College	September 21
Alumni National Tour	New York, New York	October 8
Hillsdale College Reception	Greenwich, Connecticut	October 9
Living and Working	Chicago, Illinois	October 10
Hillsdale College Reception	Tulsa, Oklahoma	October 28
Alumni National Tour	Colorado Springs, Colorado	October 29
Hillsdale College Reception	Denver, Colorado	October 30
Alumni National Tour	Orange County, California	November TBD
Hillsdale College Reception	Sacramento, California	November TBD
Hillsdale College Reception	Oakland, California	November TBD
Alumni National Tour	San Francisco, California	November TBD
Alumni National Tour	Atlanta, Georgia	February 5, 2020
Alumni National Tour	Ft. Meyers, Florida	February 20
Alumni National Tour	Scottsdale, Arizona	March 21
Alumni National Tour	Nashville, Tennessee	March 28
50/60 Year Reunions	Hillsdale College	April 15–17
Alumni National Tour	Portland, Oregon	April 21
Alumni National Tour	Seattle, Washington	April 25
Alumni National Tour	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	May 13
Alumni National Tour	Austin, Texas	May/June TBD
Alumni National Tour	Dallas, Texas	May/June TBD

****Dates and locations are subject to change***

Announcing Alumni Chapters in Chicago and Detroit

Interested in enjoying social, philanthropic, and educational events with fellow alumni? Good news! Hillsdale alumni chapters have formed in the Chicago and Detroit areas. In collaboration with the College's Alumni Association, alumni in these cities have stepped into leadership roles and are excited to have you join them. The goal is to foster an alumni community and to stay connected with the College.

If you would like more information, please contact your local chapter leader:

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