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Hillsdale College Celebrates Spring Convocation

Stephen Smith provides remarks; faculty and students honored for teaching and academic excellence

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College held its annual Spring Convocation on April 13 in Christ Chapel. As an homage to the liberal arts academic tradition, the community gathered to celebrate the achievements of distinguished students and faculty.

Senior Class President Andrew Davidson led the 2023 graduating class officers in the traditional passing of the gavel to the rising class of 2024. Dean of Humanities Stephen Smith presented his address titled “Friendship and Farewell.”

“We are blessed with the possibility of such rare friendship here. In this last month, seniors, I challenge you...to wonder anew at this great gift we call friendship. And to be thankful that you have spent four years in a home away from home where friendship is so highly valued and cultivated as the ‘bright ray of hope’ that it truly is,” Smith said. “Take time to thank your friends, to laugh together, to remember to seek understanding and forgiveness, if need be, to renew friendship, to begin again here at the end.”

During the event, Paul Hosmer, chair and associate professor of physics, was awarded the Emily Daugherty Award for Teaching Excellence. The service also featured music from the Hillsdale College Chamber Choir.

Provost Christopher Van Orman announced the spring 2023 semester all-school GPA of 3.410. The Greek Scholarship Cup was awarded to the women’s fraternity Pi Beta Phi (averaging a GPA of 3.577), and men’s fraternity Delta Tau Delta (averaging a GPA of 3.405). The top ten seniors were recognized for their academic excellence. In alphabetical order: Lewis Beals, Jack Graham, Stephen Mulcahey, Alexandra Mulet, Dylan Palmer, Jacob Risse, Kaitlyn Scherz, Ethan Tong, Mark Tremaine, and Sophie Webster.

Photos of the ceremony and the speakers are available [here](#).

For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, Imprimis, with a circulation of more than 6.4 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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