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Hillsdale College Students Win 12 Awards in National Classics Translation Contest

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HILLSDALE, Mich. — Eight Hillsdale College students took home prizes in the Maurine Dallas Watkins Translation Contests sponsored by Eta Sigma Phi, the national classics honorary. Hillsdale students won or tied for first place in five of the six categories.

“Hillsdale College inculcates in students the value of studying the Classics and prepares them to do so with rigor and excellence,” said Joshua Benjamins, visiting assistant professor of Classics and advisor to Hillsdale’s chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. “It is gratifying to see our students earn national recognition for their diligent work and outstanding achievement in this discipline.”

Hillsdale College students took home 12 out of the 34 prizes awarded:

Advanced Greek:

- First place (tie): Jonathan Rolfe '25
- First place (tie): Brian Curtin '26

Intermediate Greek:

- First place (tie): Jacob Schulz '25
- Second place: Robert Keeton III '27

Koine Greek:

- First Place: Jonathan Rolfe '25
- Second Place (tie): Brian Curtin '26
- Honorable Mention (tie): Jonah Murray '25

Advanced Latin:

- First Place: Jonathan Rolfe '25
- Second Place: Zachary Chen '27
- Third Place (tie): Matthew Tully '25

Intermediate Latin:

- Honorable Mention: Nathan Reynolds '26

Latin Prose Composition:

- First Place: Jonathan Rolfe '25

Advisors of Eta Sigma Phi chapters administered the tests for their campuses, and winners were announced shortly after the Eta Sigma Phi annual convention. All winners received certificates of recognition, with monetary prizes awarded for first, second, and third place.

For headshots of Hillsdale's winners, click [here](#). For photos from Classics courses at Hillsdale, click [here](#). For photos of Hillsdale College, click [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 6.8 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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