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Hillsdale College Announces Michael Knowles as 2027 Commencement Speaker

Political commentator will address the class of 2027.

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College is pleased to announce that Michael Knowles, political commentator and host of “The Michael Knowles Show” at The Daily Wire, will address the class of 2027 at the College’s 175th Commencement ceremony in May.

“Michael Knowles is witty, quick, and profound,” said Hillsdale College President Larry P. Arnn. “He studied serious things at Yale, and he has improved his knowledge and his faith by intense effort as he has built a career of public commentary. His commentaries are an instruction and an entertainment. He is an example of man keeping his bearings in a shifting, dangerous, and opportune world.”

Michael Knowles is the host of The Michael Knowles Show at The Daily Wire and The Book Club at PragerU. He received a B.A. from Yale University, where he majored in history and Italian literature, and he has lectured at colleges and universities across the country. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Fr. Benedict Groeschel Award from Good Counsel Homes, the Conservative Mind Award from The American Conservative magazine, and the Courage Under Fire Award from Regina Caeli Academy. In 2025, he received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Ave Maria University. He has written for numerous publications, including the Claremont Review of Books, the Daily Caller, and the American Mind, and is the author of “Speechless: Controlling Words, Controlling Minds.”

The ceremony will be closed to the public but available to view on livestream.

For a headshot of Knowles, 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 7.5 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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