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School Motto:
virtus et sapientia
virtue and wisdom

History:
Founded 1990 K-8
Upper School added 1998
First graduating class 2001

2022-23 Enrollment
Lower School: 179
Upper School: 100
Senior Class: 18

2022-2023 School Profile

Hillsdale Academy Mission Statement

Hillsdale Academy, located on the campus of and under the direction of Hillsdale College, is a private, K-12, classical, Christian school. It develops within its students the intellectual and personal habits and skills upon which responsible, independent, and productive lives are built, in the firm belief that such lives are the basis of a free and just society.

The Academy strives to offer enrichment and to develop character through both curricular and extracurricular offerings, to nurture the child's humanity—spirit, mind and body—with a constant view to the potential adult. The time-honored liberal arts curriculum and pedagogy direct student achievement toward mastery of the basics, exploration of the arts and sciences, and understanding of the foundational tenets of our Judeo-Christian and Greco-Roman heritage.

The curriculum, by purpose and design, is a survey of the best spiritual, intellectual, and cultural traditions of the West as they have been developed and refined over countless generations.

Upper School Curriculum

Overview

- Core college-preparatory classical course of study for all students includes Latin, literature, science, mathematics, and history every year
- Study of Latin begins in third grade; transfer students begin when they enroll
- Electives offered in languages, fine arts, computer science, and physical education

Graduation Requirements

- Senior year requires two 10- to 15-page capstone projects: one research-based science inquiry; and one humanities project requiring an engagement with the history of ideas
- Passing grade required for year in Algebra 2, Latin 2, and both capstone projects
- No minimum graduation credit requirement: transcript credits are figured on the number of hours a week a class meets divided by 3 trimesters. Core classes are 1.67 credits per trimester ($5x/wk \div 3$); one hour/wk electives earn 0.33 credits per trimester

Dual enrollment @ Hillsdale College

- Open to juniors and seniors in good standing who take core academic courses
- Grades generate a separate transcript that is not incorporated into the Hillsdale Academy transcript

Advanced Placement

- Academy courses are not part of AP Course Audit and are not called "AP" on transcripts
- Students are welcome to take any AP test; no AP test is required of any student
- From 2018-2022, 71% of Academy AP test-takers scored a three or better on AP exams

Covid Response

- Pass/fail grades were given only for the trimester term March-June 2020 when Michigan mandated online learning for all schools
- Classes have met in-person 5 days a week since fall 2020; regular grading scale is maintained



Grading Scale

93-100%: A	73-76%: C
90-92%: A-	70-72%: C-
87-89%: B+	67-69%: D+
83-86%: B	63-66%: D
80-82%: B-	60-62%: D-
77-79%: C+	below 60%: F

All grades are unweighted
Students are not ranked

Testing Statistics

SAT mean 2018-2022

ERW 642

Math 621

Composite 1263

ACT mean 2018-2022

English 28

Math 26

Reading 27

Science 25

Composite 27

CLT mean 2020-2022

Verbal 30

Grammar 31

Quantitative 22

Composite 83

Distinctions

National Merit: 340 graduates
24 Commended or Semifinalist
28 Finalists

K-8th grade ITBS 97-99th
percentile for 27 years

College Placement

Class of 2021 (14 students) :
86% four-year / 14% gap year
10-year cumulative college
acceptance average: 92%

Student Life

Athletics: Varsity sports: soccer, volleyball, basketball, track and field, cross country, and golf. Club: clay target shooting team. Memberships: MHSAA, SCAA conference, Independent Soccer League. Varsity teams collectively have won 91 conference titles, 31 district titles, 18 regional titles, and 6 state titles. Ninety-one individual athletes have earned All-State honors, while 67 have earned Academic All-State awards. Forty-eight alumni have competed in NAIA or NCAA Division I, II, and III programs. In 2021 the boys cross country team won the MHSAA Division 4 Team State Championship.

Clubs: Student Council coordinates campus social activities. Quiz Bowl teams, National Honor Society, a pro-life club, a chess club, and a voluntary service club meet throughout the school year.

Fine Arts: Ensembles: chamber choir, orchestra, drama. Advanced musicians may participate in the Hillsdale College Orchestra. All freshmen and sophomores take art and music weekly. Electives: music theory, drama, advanced art. Past productions include *Guys and Dolls*, *The Music Man*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Tempest*, *Twelfth Night*, and *Oklahoma!* Both *The Crucible* and the musical *Matilda* will be presented in 2022-23.

Colleges Attended 2019-2022

Albion College, Aquinas College, Ashland University (Ashbrook Scholars Program), Auburn University (3), Bellarmine University, Bethel University (MN), Capital University (2), Cedarville University, University of Chicago, Cornell University (2), University of Findlay, Grace College, Grand Valley State University (2), Harmel Academy of the Trades (2), Hillsdale College (28), Hope College (3), Huntington University (2), Jackson College (2), Kellogg Community College, University of Michigan, University of Michigan School of Engineering, Michigan State University (4), Northern Michigan University, University of Oklahoma (Honors College), Trine University (2), Union University, United States Air Force Academy, United States Coast Guard Academy, Washington University St. Louis. One Academy graduate currently serves in the Air Force, two in the Navy, and one in the Army.

Upper School Faculty

Latin

- JohnMark Beazley, PhD The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; ThM Western Seminary; MA Western Seminary; BA Briercrest College
- Andrew Holm, BA Cornell College

Literature/grammar

- Ellen Conduct, PhD Baylor University; BA Belhaven College
- Nate Neveau, MA Hillsdale College; BA Hillsdale College

History

- Ken Calvert, Ph.D., Miami University (OH); Th.M., Harvard University; M. Div. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; BA Wheaton College
- Deanna Ducher, Master of American Studies, University of Dallas; BA Hillsdale College
- Mike Roberts, MA, University of Colorado; BA Hillsdale College

Science and mathematics

- Katherine Huffman, BS Hillsdale College
- Michael Nikkila, BA Hillsdale College
- Lisa Roberts, BS Hillsdale College
- Heather Scharer, MA Marygrove College; BA Spring Arbor University

Fine arts

- Ross Bonjerno, MA Spring Arbor University; BA Central Michigan University
- Pamela Heckel, MFA Savannah College of Art and Design; MA Arts Administration SCAD, BA Hillsdale College
- Gail Mowry, Master of Music in Music Education The Boston Conservatory; BA Hillsdale College