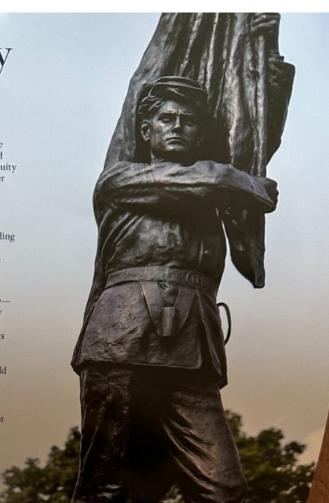
An enduring legacy of independence

Hillsdale College was founded in 1844 by men and women who proclaimed themselves "grateful to God for the inestimable blessings resulting from the prevalence of civil and religious liberty and intelligent piety in the land" and who believed that "the diffusion of sound learning is essential to the perpetuity of these blessings." It was the first American college to prohibit in its charter any discrimination based on race, sex, or national origin. Associated with the anti-slavery movement from its earliest days, it attracted to its campus abolition leaders such as the former slave and orator Frederick Douglass and Massachusetts statesman Edward Everett, who preceded Lincoln at Gettysburg. Several of the College's leading men were instrumental in founding the new Republican party up the road in Jackson, Michigan, in 1854. And Hillsdale sent a larger percentage of its students to fight for the Union in the Civil War than any other American college or university except West Point.

 $Hills dale \mbox{'s modern rise to national prominence began in the 1970s when the} \\$ federal government attempted to impose a host of regulations on the Collegeincluding racial quota requirements that violated Hillsdale's principled policy of non-discrimination. When the Supreme Court upheld these regulations in the 1980s on the basis that Hillsdale students received federally funded grants and loans, the College decided to refuse even this indirect form of federal aid, replacing all federal student aid with privately funded grants, loans, and scholarships. Hillsdale's Board of Trustees pledged first that the College would continue its long-standing policy of non-discrimination, and second that it would not accept any encroachments on its independence. It is a pledge that has been renewed several times in subsequent years and stands to date

Hillsdale College's rich heritage of independence and its 180-year commitment to "pursuing truth and defending liberty" have made it an institution of national renown. More importantly, its independence and its dedication to its original mission ensure that Hillsdale continues to offer America's future leaders the best classical liberal arts education available today



JUST THE FACTS

FOUNDED

LOCATION Hillsdale, MI (south-central Michigan)

TYPE OF COLLEGE Four-year, independent, liberal arts

co-educational, residential, nonsectarian CAMPUS SIZE

ENROLLMENT (FALL 2023)

1,563 total undergraduate students

105 graduate students 50% male, 50% female

GEOGRAPHIC PROFILE 26% from Michigan, 74% representing 49 other states and 14 foreign countries

DEGREES OFFERED Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science

FACULTY 168 full-time, 90% hold the highest degree

in their disciplines

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO 8-10-1

FRESHMAN RETENTION RATE

GRADUATION RATE

FINANCIAL AID

VAN ANDEL GRADUATE

SCHOOL OF STATESMANSHIP

VAN ANDEL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

DIANA DAVIS SPENCER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL EDUCATION

KIRBY CENTER FOR

CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES AND CITIZENSHIP

ONLINE LEARNING

95% of graduates are employed or attending graduate school within six months of graduation

99% of new students receive aid in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and campus employment

Offers M.A. and Ph.D. in Politics

Offers M.A. in Government

Offers M.A. in Classical Education

Established in 2008 as a campus for Hillsdale students interning in Washington, D.C., and as a place of educational outreach to policymakers and opinion leaders in the nation's capital

More than 4 million people registered for online education

