

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 15, 2018

CONTACTS: Emily Stack Davis 517-607-2730 (work) PR@hillsdale.edu

## Hillsdale Academy Welcomes New Head Of School

David Diener will assume his duties this summer

Hillsdale, Mich. – Hillsdale Academy, an independent, classical K-12 school located on the campus of Hillsdale College, announces the appointment of David Diener as the new head of school, effective July 1, 2018. He will also have an appointment as professor in the education department at Hillsdale College.

Diener was the head of school at Grace Academy in Georgetown, Texas, and previously served as head of upper schools at Covenant Classical School in Fort Worth, Texas. Diener earned his bachelor's degree from Wheaton College in integrative philosophy and a dual Ph.D. from Indiana University in philosophy and philosophy in education. He brings not only extensive administrative experience, but also experience in the classroom, having taught at Taylor University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Indiana University.

"I'm delighted that David Diener has accepted the position of head of school at Hillsdale Academy," said David Whalen, provost of Hillsdale College. "I'm confident that he will maintain the Academy's standards of excellence and faithfully instill its values of liberty, duty and character. We warmly welcome Dr. Diener and his family."

"I look forward to joining Hillsdale College and the Academy as we continue to train up young men and women of virtue and character and lead the classical education movement nationwide," said Dr. Diener. "I am excited to join the Hillsdale team and look forward to working with the faculty and staff to continue building the Academy as an exemplar of what K-12 education can and should be."

Dr. Diener will replace Dr. Kenneth Calvert, who served for sixteen years as headmaster and will now focus on his work as associate professor of ancient history at Hillsdale College.

## **About Hillsdale Academy**

Hillsdale Academy is an independent, classical K-12 day school located on the campus of Hillsdale College. A rigorous course of study is combined with the strong conviction that the biblical and classical virtues are necessary in the formation of the American citizen. The school was established out of the conviction that modern American education was in need of profound reform. Visit <u>academy.hillsdale.edu</u> for more information.

## **About Hillsdale College**

Hillsdale College, founded in 1844, 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 3.6 million. More information is available at <a href="https://hittable.edu">hitlsdale.edu</a>.