

Hillsdale High School  
Welcomes You to  
Class Night  
Friday, May 29, 2020  
7:00 p.m.



“Take pride in how far you have come and  
have faith in how far you can go.”

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# Hillsdale High School

## Senior Class Officers

President – Samuel Beach  
Vice President – Gavin LaFollette  
Secretary – Rachel Rufenacht  
Treasurer – Donovan Scott

## Senior Class Advisor

Mrs. Sarah Walworth

## Student Council Officers

President – Makenna Dietz  
Vice President – Madeline Moore  
Secretary – Katelyn Throop  
Treasurer – Lindsay Sheffer

## Class Colors

Maize and Blue

## Class Flower

Sunflower

## Class of 2020

*Class Night*

*May 29, 2020*

## Processional - Class Song

“You’re Gonna Miss This” by Trace Adkins

## Introduction of the Class of 2020

Mrs. Sarah Walworth

## Recognition of Foreign Exchange Students

Academic Counselor  
Ms. Michelle Milnes

## **Class Night Award Program**

Recognition of Awards & Scholarships.....

Valedictorian, Salutatorian & Honor Student .....

Future Corp Members Recognition .....

Senior Freshman Mentor Recognition.....

Michigan Competitive Scholarship .....

Alice MacNeil Memorial Track Scholarship .....

Bonnie Silliven Memorial Scholarship .....

Brian Hayward Memorial Award .....

Walter & Annamarie Martinen Memorial Scholarship.....

Hillsdale Elementary School P.T.O. Scholarship .....

Hattie Marie Spiteri Memorial Scholarship .....

Gery Claybaugh Memorial Scholarship .....

Margaret (Allen) Clay Memorial Scholarship Award.....

Lloyd Morningstar Memorial Scholarship.....

Athletic Boosters Scholarship in Honor of Dean Ford .....

Roger L. Boyd Memorial Scholarship.....

United States Naval Academy .....

Hillsdale County Democratic Party Scholarship.....

Lola Cook Memorial Scholarship -- Delta Kappa Gamma.....

Hillsdale County Kiwanis Scholarship.....

Hillsdale Exchange Club Scholarship .....

Michigan State Alumni Club .....

Frank Beck Memorial Rotary Scholarship.....

Harold S. & Lester E. Gardner Memorial Scholarship.....

Herb Bordner/Jonesville American Legion Scholarship .....

Lyndell Patrick Scholarship.....

Jason Cole Memorial Scholarship .....

Katherine Zakrzewski RN Nursing Scholarship.....

Kay Hobby Memorial Scholarship .....

Hillsdale High School Class of 1950 Scholarship .....

Tyler "T.C." Clendening Memorial Scholarship .....

Tyler Neukom Memorial Scholarship.....

Ron Rothfuss Social Studies Scholarship.....

Nash Memorial Scholarship.....

William "Bill" VanArsdalen Memorial Scholarship .....

American Red Cross Scholarship/Red Cord Award .....

Music Departmental Award.....

**Hames Family Music Memorial Scholarship.....**  
**Steven Lint Memorial Award .....**  
**Social Studies Departmental Award.....**  
**Science Departmental Award .....**  
**English Departmental Award .....**  
**National Honor Society Service Award.....**  
**Spanish Departmental Award.....**  
**Art Departmental Award .....**  
**Mathematics Departmental Award .....**  
**Physical Education Departmental Award .....**  
**Lyle Clevenger Memorial Award .....**  
**Frank & Angel Beck Memorial Wrestling Award.....**  
**Carl M. Peggs Football Scholarship .....**  
**Jerry Hartless Memorial Award .....**  
**John Karabetsos Memorial Athletic Award.....**  
**Marie Sanford Girl's Athletic Award .....**  
**Alan Kinney Memorial Award .....**  
**Kurt Herbener - Thelma Herbener Education Scholarship.....**  
**National School Choral Award.....**

**Choral Directors Award.....**  
**Business/Technology Departmental Award.....**  
**Business Professionals of America Award.....**  
**Word Scholarship .....**  
**Principal Leadership Award.....**  
**William P. Shannon Humanitarian Prize .....**  
**Turner Cup Award.....**  
**Top 10 Teacher of the Year Award.....**  
**Transfer of Leadership.....**

## **Descriptions of Scholarships and Awards**

### **Alice MacNeil Memorial Track Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who excelled and demonstrated outstanding achievement in the school track program. The recipient must be pursuing an advanced education at an accredited institution.

### **Bonnie Silliven Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a Hillsdale High School graduating senior female athlete who has demonstrated superior sportsmanship and leadership, has earned varsity letters in two or more sports and is pursuing an education at an accredited college. The recipient must demonstrate an overall contribution to the athletic program through dependability, loyalty to team and school, as well as leadership on and off the field and overall attitude.

### **Brian Hayward Memorial Award**

This scholarship was established by Brian's parents in his memory. The scholarship is for a Hillsdale High School graduating senior who has a passion for and excels in the vocational field of mechanics.

### **Walter & Annamarie Martinen Memorial**

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who has a passion for and excels in Foreign Language and is a third or fourth year student of that foreign language. The recipient must demonstrate leadership, service and high moral character while at Hillsdale High School. The student must be pursuing an education at an accredited two or four-year college, university, business, technical or trade school.

### **Hillsdale Elementary School P.T.O. Scholarship**

Awarded to a Hillsdale High School graduating senior who has completed a minimum of three years in the Hillsdale Elementary schools and will be attending an accredited two to four year institute of higher education. The recipient is a hardworking, well-rounded student of strong character, who has made a positive impact both in the classroom and in our community.

### **Hattie Marie Spiteri Memorial Scholarship**

Hattie Marie Spiteri was a 1936 graduate of Hillsdale High School. She graduated from Hillsdale College in 1940 and received her master's degree from Western Michigan University. She taught English at Hillsdale High School for over 25 years. She had a love for Shakespeare's literature, which she instilled into the students who passed through her classes each year. Hattie Marie Spiteri was a member of the AAUW, the past president and board member of the Hillsdale County Historical Society, president of the Hillsdale Women's Club, and active in the Pi Beta Phi Alumni Association. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who possesses a passion for and excels in Language Arts and pursuing an education at a four-year college or university. The recipient must have demonstrated superior communication skills through a variety of mediums while at Hillsdale High School, including publication and recognition beyond Hillsdale High School.

### **Gery Claybaugh Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and community service. The recipient must be of good character, showing kindness and compassion for others, and pursuing an advanced education at an accredited two or four-year college, university, vocational, business or trade school.

### **Margaret (Allen) Clay Memorial Scholarship Award**

Margaret Clay is remembered as a kind-spirited, congenial woman. She donated much of her time to the Red Cross and her Church. She was a member of Hillsdale County Extension and the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority at Hillsdale College. She enjoyed many outdoor recreational activities with her husband, as well as studying and traveling to foreign countries. Margaret was a teacher for 34 years. She taught seventh and eighth grade math at Davis Middle School. The scholarship is awarded to one male and one female graduating student at Hillsdale High School who has made substantial contributions to the overall Math program. The recipient must demonstrate dependability, participation, leadership abilities and show a genuine enthusiasm and desire to excel in mathematics, while demonstrating good citizenship through good attendance, good study and work habits and respect for faculty and fellow students.

### **Lloyd Morningstar Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a Hillsdale High School senior who demonstrated interest in the field of vocational education and is pursuing an advanced education in that field.

### **Hillsdale Athletic Boosters Scholarship in Honor of Dean Ford**

This award is presented to student athletes whose parents have been active in the Athletic Booster Club. It is given in memory of Dean Ford, who was a dedicated supporter of HHS athletics.

### **Roger L. Boyd Memorial Scholarship**

The Roger L. Boyd Memorial Scholarship was established by the Boyd family in 2003 to honor his memory. Roger was a graduate of Reading High School and attended Ferris State University. He was a member of the Board of Directors for two nationally known companies (Spartan Stores, Inc. and Country Fresh, Inc.) and served on the local board of County National Bank. In addition, he successfully ran two supermarkets and a farm. Mr. Boyd was the CEO of Market House, Inc. from 1973 until his death. Roger was passionate about his family and his business. During his lifetime he made many contributions to the city of Hillsdale, its schools and the college. This scholarship is awarded to five Hillsdale County students who are pursuing an education at a two or four-year college or certified trade school.

### **Hillsdale County Democratic Party**

The Hillsdale County Democratic Party offers two \$500 non-renewable scholarships each year. We wish to honor a senior student's past school performance, current positive contributions to community, as well as his or her understanding of the importance of voting in a democracy. The winners will present their essays on The Importance of Voting in a Democracy at the annual Truman Dinner in August.

### **Hillsdale County Kiwanis Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a graduate of a Hillsdale County High School who is a Hillsdale County resident pursuing an education at an accredited two or four-year college, university, business, vocational or trade school. The recipient must demonstrate leadership ability and exhibit service to the school and community.

### **Hillsdale Exchange Club Scholarship**

The Hillsdale Exchange Club is a service organization of businessmen, leaders, and officials from around Hillsdale County that accomplish charitable goals for the good of the community.

A student of the month is honored from among local high schools and then those students may apply for the Hillsdale Exchange Club Scholarship.

#### **Harold S. and Lester E. Gardner Memorial Scholarship**

The Gardner Brothers were lifelong residents of Hillsdale County. They lived disciplined and frugal lives on their family farms in Cambria and Moscow townships. They were involved in the building of the US 12 Highway between Detroit and Chicago. Their commitment to the youth of Hillsdale County led to the establishment of this scholarship. The recipients of this scholarship must be enrolled in an Ag program at a 4-year university.

#### **Herb Bordner/Jonesville American Legion Scholarship**

Herb Bordner was a private person who liked to do his charitable giving anonymously. He was actively involved with the Jonesville American Legion. So it is no surprise that he left a legacy with the Legion. The purpose is to provide a scholarship to a current or past graduate of Jonesville High School who is a child or grandchild of a Veteran. Preference will be given to an applicant who is a member or a family member of a member of the Jonesville American Legion Post 195.

#### **Lyndell Patrick Scholarship**

The scholarship recognizes a Hillsdale High School graduate who will be attending Central Michigan University. Fire up Chips! It was established by a Hillsdale High School graduate who attended CMU and enjoyed a successful business career in Florida. This scholarship was established to encourage and reward high academic performance, extra-curricular activities and community service.

#### **Katherine Zakrzewski RN Nursing Scholarship**

Kathy always wanted to be a nurse. Even as a child she had a great sense of empathy to others. With aid from scholarships, she was able to fulfill her goal and graduated from Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. After a time at St. Luke's Hospital, she became a specialist in cardiac nursing. Later she switched to vascular surgery and became head nurse of the vascular unit at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo. In August of 1999, while dropping her daughter, Calista, off at school, she and Calista were both killed when a speeding truck ran a red light. It is the hope of her parents, Barbara and Cal McNutt, and her husband, Tony Zakrzewski, that this scholarship will keep her legacy alive.

#### **Kay Hobby Memorial Scholarship**

Kay Hobby was a caring individual who loved to help people. Her desire was to ensure every student had an opportunity to achieve their educational goals, regardless of GPA or career path. Her family established this scholarship in honor of her memory and to carry on the generosity she displayed to others during her lifetime. This scholarship mirrors her heart, providing financial assistance for those students attending a junior college, vocational or trade program.

#### **Hillsdale High School Class of 1950 Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Hillsdale High School pursuing an education at an accredited two or four-year college or certified trade school.

#### **Tyler "T.C." Clendening Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship was established by the family and friends of Tyler Clendening. Tyler's life was shared and impacted by a broad spectrum of friends and those that loved him. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who mirrors Tyler's zest for life and belief that every person should march to their own drum and walk a path of their own making.

#### **Tyler Neukom Memorial Scholarship**

Tyler Neukom was a loving, caring and compassionate young man who gave selfishly of himself to help others. He loved his family, friends, team mates and his animals. Tyler embodied the essence of 4-H. He loved animals and enjoyed competing in the 4-H cattle shows. He showed cattle at the Michigan Livestock Expo, the Michigan Winter Classic, and the North American Livestock Exposition. Tyler also participated with the Branch County livestock judging team. Tyler loved the rodeo. He earned his National High School Rodeo Card and was a member of the Michigan Roping Association where he competed in team roping and calf roping. In 5 years Tyler received 18 championship titles. With the support of the many who loved him, the Tyler Neukom Memorial Scholarship was created in his honor.

#### **Ron Rothfuss Social Studies Scholarship**

The Ron Rothfuss Social Studies Scholarship was established by the Rothfuss family to honor his memory. Ron was an educator, coach, and friend to the students of Morenci and Hillsdale High Schools for 29 years. Ron taught at Hillsdale High School for eleven years. He taught social studies, psychology, driver's education and coached baseball. He was a kind and supportive person who put others before himself. His lively sense of humor, friendly demeanor and generosity earned him many friends among students and fellow teachers, alike. He loved this profession and sought to teach his students respect as well as academics. The scholarship is awarded to a Hillsdale High School senior who enjoys social studies and is pursuing an education at a two or four-year college or certified trade school.

#### **Nash Memorial Scholarship**

The Nash Memorial Scholarship is in honor of Bill, Jane and Brad Nash of Hillsdale. The Nash family was very active in the community and took pride in watching it develop over many years because of the hard work and dedication given by the people who lived there. The Nash family felt strongly about education and had a strong desire to help support students to improve themselves. The Nash Family Memorial Scholarship is offered to a Hillsdale County High School graduate who is pursuing a pharmaceutical or business education.

#### **William "Bill" VanArsdalen Memorial Scholarship**

The William "Bill" VanArsdalen Scholarship is for a Hillsdale High School student who seeks an education in a trade or vocational field at a two-year college, vocational or trade school. Bill taught math at Hillsdale Community Schools and was the principal at Davis Middle School for 15 years. While teaching, he enjoyed coaching, directing plays and teaching driver's education. Bill worked for 40 years as a statistician and scorekeeper for the Hillsdale College basketball and football teams, and he was also an assistant swim coach. He was a member and former president of the Kiwanis Club of Hillsdale. Bill served on the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation Board, served as governor of Kiwanis Michigan District from 2006-2007 and held many other offices within Kiwanis.

#### **Red Cross Red Cord Program**

Seniors who have donated blood or worked at three or more Red Cross blood drives during their senior year are awarded a Red Cord to wear during graduation programs acknowledging their unselfish service.

#### **Hames Family Music Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a Hillsdale High School graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding musical achievement as well as overall accomplishment in academics, citizenship, and contributions to the school and community. The recipient must attend an accredited two or four-year college.

#### **Frank and Angel Beck Memorial Wrestling Award**

This award is presented to a senior member of the wrestling program. The recipient should have demonstrated his enthusiasm and dedication for the sport of wrestling both on and off the mat.

#### **Carl M. Peggs Football Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who has lettered in Varsity football and is pursuing an education at an accredited college, university, business, vocational or trade school. The recipient must have contributed to the football program by demonstrating dependability and participation, leadership both on and off the field and must have won awards during their high school football career.

#### **Jerry Hartless Memorial Award**

This award is presented to a male and female senior athlete/artist who has earned at least three varsity letters in a single sport and has not had an Athletic Code violation in their high school career. Its purpose is to recognize athletes who have demonstrated superior sportsmanship and coachability. The selection is made by the coaching staff which considers dependability, loyalty to team and school, leadership on and off the field, and practice attitude.

#### **John Karabetsos Memorial Athletic Award**

This award is presented to a Hillsdale High School graduating senior and accomplished varsity athlete pursuing a higher education at a four-year accredited college or university. The recipient must maintain respect for and from faculty, administration and fellow students. Recipient must also demonstrate dedication, commitment, courage, excellence, and leadership qualities in athletics and academics.

#### **Marie Sanford Girl's Athletic Award**

This award is presented to a senior girl who has earned a varsity letter in each of two sports or a minimum of three varsity letters in a single sport. In addition, consideration is given to the girl's overall contribution to the entire athletic program including dependability, participation and demonstrated leadership on and off the field of play, not necessarily as a captain, but by her inspired play or behind the scene contributions.

#### **Alan Kinney Memorial Award**

This award is presented to a senior boy who has earned a varsity letter in each of two sports or minimum of three varsity letters in a single sport. In addition, consideration is given to the boy's overall contribution to the entire athletic program including dependability, participation and demonstrated leadership on and off the field of play, not necessarily as a captain, but by his inspired play or behind the scene contributions.

#### **Kurt Herbener - Thelma Herbener Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by family and friends in their memory. The scholarship is for a Hillsdale High School graduating senior pursuing a four year college education in the field of music or elementary education.

#### **National School Choral Award**

This award is given to student(s) who have represented excellence and dedication in choral music. These students have been chosen by their peers in honor of their leadership and outstanding musicianship.

#### **Choral Directors Award**

This award goes to the student(s) who have shown outstanding service and support to the choir organization; these students are chosen by their director.

#### **Word Scholarship**

The Word Scholarship was created by HHS graduate Patrick Martin and Amy Goldsmith for a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School. It is a \$500 non-renewable scholarship for a recipient who has a minimum 3.5 grade point average and plans to attend any accredited two or four-year college, university, business, vocational or trade school. The award is for an individual who recognizes that a dream is a journey and that on a basic level takes time, commitment, confidence, desire and courage despite the odds. Special consideration is given to students who wish to pursue education and or training in the Arts.

#### **William P. Shannon Humanitarian Prize**

This award is given to a graduating senior of Hillsdale High School who has proven him or herself a natural humanitarian in the highest sense through clear and consistent evidence of concern for others and their welfare.

#### **Turner Cup Award**

This award is presented to the senior judged by the faculty to have given the most service to the class, school and community during the past four years. The award was established by R.A. Turner in 1918.

## Class of 2020 Roll Call

Lauren Rae Adams #~  
Jayden Jeffery Daniel Adkins  
Dakota Lee Batterson  
Abigail Christine Baxter #-\+  
Samuel Breeden Beach #-^\  
Justin Thomas Bernard  
Jasmine Michelle Bigelow  
Adam John Bowsher  
Zachariah Charles Briggs Weakley #  
Brooklyn Shea Brown  
Jenna Marie Brown \  
Vanessa Allison Brown #-\  
Dean Michael Cloyd  
Ethan Joshua Coakley  
Matthew Jarrod Collison  
Stephen Arthur Cook #  
Logan Robert Coy #~  
Taylor William Devenport  
Makenna Lynn Dietz #-\*\  
Bailey Cole-Ryan Dotson  
William Rudolf Drews  
Jesse Michael Estel  
Chalis Sullivan Farmer  
Nicholas Randall Foust #~  
Lance Boyd Fowler  
Braliann Faith Francis #~  
Alissa Marie Freeman  
Gabrielle Elaine Gates  
Paul Frederick Gibbs  
Ariella Ann Gillett  
Brayden Paige Good #-^  
Aubrey Marie-Elaine Gordon  
Bradlee Rece Grubbs  
Aleks Jonathon Braman Haynes  
Vivien Mae-Lynne Hecklinger  
Bradley James Herring #  
Ethan Daniel Hess  
Raiel Ann Hoage \  
Megan Marie Hulbert  
Kiersten Louise James  
Joshua Jamaal Jenkins  
Christian Meki Jones  
Ryan Jagger Kast #~  
Kiara Lynn Kopp #  
Zachary Darrell Kornak #~  
Gavin Monroe James LaFollette #-+  
Kaleb Dru Lanius  
Lydia Marie Lee  
Dalton William LeFevre  
Kyra Je'nelle Lewis #-

Muriel Ruby Mackie #\  
Kaitlyn Isabelle Macuga #~  
Mercedes Rae Manville #-  
Rivers Elizabeth Mapes  
Haven Aaron Renee McCune  
Patrick Douglas Miller  
Jared Michael Moore #~  
Madeline Lucille Moore #-^\  
Bailey Jo Morgret  
Adeena Marie Mosby #  
Sylvia Anne Murillo  
Abby Elizabeth Ortiz  
Dorian Michael Pauken  
Isabella Elizabeth Peek  
Hailley Renee Perry  
Aidan Patrick Petersen #-+  
Abigail Claire Piske #+  
Drew Alan Pitts +  
Caitlin Sue Plank  
Ryan J Potwin  
Trey Ryan Powell  
Jayson Milton Radabaugh #-\  
Dante' Xander Raymond  
Alex James Riley #  
Courtney Renee Risk  
Hanna JoLee Ritchey #~  
Jennifer Mae Robinson -\  
Jessica Marie Robinson ~  
Rachel Ann Rufenacht #\  
Erin Olivia Ruley #-^\  
Donovan Harper Scott -\  
Christopher Jene Seelye  
Keegan Channa Semmler  
Lindsay Renea June Sheffer #-  
Katelyn Mae Smith  
Alyssa Pauline Spahr  
Chloe Jane Spahr  
Shannon Elizabeth Spahr #-^  
Connor Anthony Steffes #-\  
John Joseph Storm III  
Keyona Marie Stump  
Kalon Charles Stych  
Laken Mae Stych #  
Katelyn Grace Throop #-^\  
Kendra Leigh Truax  
Jacob Michael VanCamp  
Mia Joanne Vander Hoff #-<\  
Trentton Dale Wortham \  
Emily Pearl Wright \  
Ethan Alec York

Steven Lee Little Jr. +  
Tori Ann Lucas

Madisen Lee Young \  
Tori Ann Lucas

## Valedictorians

Erin Olivia Ruley  
Samuel Breeden Beach  
Brayden Paige Good  
Madeline Lucille Moore  
Katelyn Grace Throop  
Shannon Elizabeth Spahr

## Salutatorian

Mia Joanne Vander Hoff

## Foreign Exchange Students

Julieta Correa Rafael  
Maria Esteban Barrio  
Gabriela Felisberto  
Sergio Hernandez Lobato  
Sirapat Kitikul  
Ayane Nakanishi  
Maria Saito  
Lucia Silva Caceres

# Denotes Honor Student

~ Denotes National Honor Society

\* Denotes American Red Cross Cord

^ Denotes Valedictorian

< Denotes Salutatorian

\ Denotes Business Professionals of America

+ Denotes Future Corp Team

## *Class Song*

### **“You’re Gonna Miss This”**

**by Trace Adkins**

She was staring out the window of that SUV  
Complaining, saying "I can't wait to turn eighteen"  
She said "I'll make my own money, and I'll make my own rules"  
Momma put the car in park out there in front of the school  
She kissed her head and said "I was just like you"

You're gonna miss this  
You're gonna want this back  
You're gonna wish these days hadn't gone by so fast  
These are some good times  
So take a good look around  
You may not know it now  
But you're gonna miss this

Before she knows it she's a brand new bride  
In her one-bedroom apartment, and her daddy stops by  
He tells her "It's a nice place"  
She says "It'll do for now"  
Starts talking about babies and buying a house  
Daddy shakes his head and says "Baby, just slow down"

You're gonna miss this  
You're gonna want this back  
You're gonna wish these days hadn't gone by so fast  
These are some good times  
So take a good look around  
You may not know it now  
But you're gonna miss this

Five years later there's a plumber workin' on the water heater  
Dog's barkin', phone's ringin'  
One kid's cryin', one kid's screamin'  
She keeps apologizin'  
He says "They don't bother me  
I've got two babies of my own  
One's thirty six, one's twenty three  
Huh, it's hard to believe, but

You're gonna miss this  
You're gonna want this back  
You're gonna wish these days hadn't gone by so fast  
These are some good times  
So take a good look around

You may not know it now  
But you're gonna miss this