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Hillsdale College Announces the Establishment of Matt Suggs USA Shooting Travel Award

The award, available to members of the Hillsdale College shotgun team, helps to fund individual athlete's participation in national and international competition.

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College announces the establishment of the Matt Suggs USA Shooting Travel Award to cover travel costs for student-athletes competing in Olympic-qualifying shooting sports events. Suggs, former CEO of USA Shooting, played an integral role in establishing the college's partnership with USA Shooting, which made Hillsdale the official home of the USA Shooting National Team.

“The shooting sports program at Hillsdale College has become one of the most competitive because of Matt Suggs’ leadership and our partnership with USA Shooting,” said Rich Péwé, chief administrative officer at Hillsdale College. “The college established the Matt Suggs Travel Award in his memory to further enhance our programs, which not only train young athletes in shooting sports but also promote the principles of the U.S. Constitution.”

The Hillsdale College shotgun team has seen success in both national and international competitions. Senior Ida Brown won a silver medal during the Shotgun world cup in Nicosia, Cyprus, and freshman Jordan Sapp took home a gold medal at the ISSF World Championship in Osijek, Croatia. Most recently, sophomore Joshua Corbin competed in the ISSF World Cup in Rabat, Morocco. Both Brown and Corbin had qualified to travel, yet did not qualify for USA travel funds reserved for the top three shooters, and their travel would not have been possible without assistance from the college.

“I think the Suggs Award, our team’s recent track record at home and abroad, and our accomplished coaching staff makes Hillsdale College one of the most attractive collegiate shooting sports programs in the country,” said Jordan Hintz, head shotgun coach at Hillsdale College.

Through Suggs’ leadership, Hillsdale College became the home of the USA National Team in 2019. It hosts the Junior Nationals in rifle, both Junior and Senior Nationals in International Skeet and Trap, International Paralympic Grand Prix events, Olympic training camps, Junior World training camps, and Junior Olympic Development Camps.

To learn more about the Suggs Award or to contribute to it, click [here](#). For a headshot of Suggs, click [here](#).

For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

About the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center

The Halter Center is a state-of-the-art shooting facility located five miles from the Hillsdale College campus. Opened in 2008, the Center aims to introduce individuals to shooting sports and encourage interest across all levels of experience. The Halter Center also serves an educational purpose by promoting the principles of the Constitution and teaching beginner and experienced shooters in various classes. Home to Hillsdale College's collegiate shooting teams and the USA national team, the Halter Center is also a resource for the public through camps, conferences, and other programming. For more information, visit shootingsports.hillsdale.edu.

Hillsdale College has been the home of the USA Shooting National Team since 2019 and has hosted USA Shooting Junior Olympic Trap and Skeet development camps and championships. The Center boasts 113 range acres, four international skeet fields, a 22-station sporting clays course, five international bunkers, a small arms range, an action shooting range, a five-stand range, an international archery range, nine American Trap fields, and an AcuSport lodge and grill.

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 6.2 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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