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Hillsdale College Hosts Collegiate Shooting Championship

The Hillsdale College Action Shooting Team took first place in three events at the inaugural United States Practical Shooting Association Collegiate Championship.

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The Hillsdale College John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center, in collaboration with Springfield Armory, hosted the inaugural United States Practical Shooting Association Collegiate Championship from September 28-29 at Hillsdale's Ailes Action Shooting Range.

"Hillsdale College was honored to host the first ever USPSA Collegiate Championship," said Adam Burlew, head coach of the Hillsdale College Action Shooting Team. "We are grateful to USPSA and Springfield Armory for their support and proud of our team for their dedication. We look forward to hosting many more competitions in the future."

The Collegiate Championship aimed to introduce collegiate shooters to USPSA competitions. All collegiate-level shooters were invited to compete in two divisions: limited and open. This level 1 match featured 12 stages of shooting and concluded with an awards ceremony.

Members of the Hillsdale College Action Shooting Team placed in the top three in five of the six divisions.

Individual Male Limited Division

- 1st Place: Cole Whittaker, Bowling Green University
- 2nd Place: Taylor Chen, Hillsdale College ('25)
- 3rd Place: Alexander Victor, Hillsdale College ('26)

Individual Female Limited Division

- 1st Place: Kayla Mullin, Hillsdale College ('27)
- 2nd Place: Clara Bozzay, Hillsdale College ('27)
- 3rd Place: Jianna Coppola

Individual Male Open Division

- 1st Place: Sabastion Alora, Pasadena City College
- 2nd Place: John Beecher, Hillsdale College ('27)
- 3rd Place: Eli Hudson, Hillsdale College ('25)

Individual Female Open Division

- 1st Place: Abby Jackley, Gateway Technical College
- 2nd Place: Olivia Montoya, Clemson University
- 3rd Place: N/A

Team Limited Division

1st Place: Hillsdale College

- Taylor Chen ('25)
- Alexander Vietor ('26)
- Jonah Kirstein ('27)
- Kayla Mullin ('27)

2nd Place: United States Naval Academy

- Luke Parker
- Same Reece
- Jack Newcomb
- Cole Petrusha

3rd Place: N/A

Team Open Division

1st Place: Hillsdale College

- John Beecher ('27)
- Eli Hudson ('25)
- Joseph Grohs ('26)
- Brendan Burnham ('26)

2nd Place: Michigan Technical University

- Jaden Bayer
- Trever McLeod

3rd Place: Clemson University

- William Connelly
- Olivia Montoya

For photos from the competition, click [here](#). To learn more about Springfield Armory's sponsorship, click [here](#). To learn more about the event's other sponsors, 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 23-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 6.6 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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