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Hillsdale College Halter Center Hosts USPSA Collegiate Championship

Kayla Mullin '27 became the collegiate limited division national champion.

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The Hillsdale College John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center, in collaboration with Springfield Armory, hosted the second annual United States Practical Shooting Association Collegiate Championship on Sept. 20 at Hillsdale's Ailes Action Shooting Range. The Hillsdale Action Shooting Team took second place in both divisions, and Kayla Mullin '27 won first place high overall in the limited division, outshooting all competitors to become the collegiate limited division national champion.

"Hillsdale's shooting sports program attracts skilled and dedicated athletes, and Kayla's achievement is an exciting milestone for the team," said Adam Burlew, head coach of the Hillsdale College Action Shooting Team. "We were excited to host this competition with Springfield Armory again this year, and we look forward to more in the future."

The annual Collegiate Championship aims to introduce collegiate shooters to the world of USPSA competitions. Fifty-three collegiate-level shooters competed in two divisions: limited and limited optics. This Level 1 match featured ten stages of shooting and concluded with an awards ceremony.

Hillsdale hosted the inaugural USPSA Collegiate Championship in collaboration with Springfield Armory last year, hosting 36 shooters.

This year, Hillsdale took second place in both divisions, competing against Texas A&M University, the United States Naval Academy, Clemson University, Virginia Tech, Michigan Tech, Michigan State University, LeTourneau University, and more.

John Beecher '27, Joseph Grohs '26, Jonah Kirstein '27, and Brendan Burnham '26, competed in the limited optics division, while Kayla Mullin '27, Clara Bozzay '27, Jianna Coppola '27,

Joseph Beecher '29, Christina Lewis '26, John Blaney '29, William Grohs '29, and Kathryn Madden '29 represented Hillsdale in the limited division.

Beecher, Grohs, Kirstein, and Burnham took second place in limited optics, while Mullin, Bozzay, Coppola, and Beecher took second in limited. Mullin won high overall in the limited division, outscoring all competitors, both male and female, to become the collegiate limited division national champion.

Limited Optics Division Team Scores:

First place: Texas A&M University (3,898.14 points)

Second place: Hillsdale College (3,840.84 points)

Third place: Virginia Tech (3,742.98 points)

Limited Division Team Scores:

First place: United States Naval Academy (2,662.21 points)

Second place: Hillsdale College (2,513.48 points)

Third place: Michigan State University (2,147.62 points)

Limited Optics Division Individual High Overall Scores:

First place: Sebastian Alora, Pasadena City College (1,134.81 points)

Second place: Thomas Nunnally, Texas A&M University (1,097.71 points)

Third place: Tyler Wade, Virginia Tech (1,084.20 points)

Limited Division Individual High Overall Scores:

First place: Kayla Mullin, Hillsdale College (1,075.08 points)

Second place: Fred Siimes, LeTourneau University (1,049.68 points)

Third place: Sam Reece, United States Naval Academy (1,048.78 points)

For photos from the competition, click [here](#). For photos from previous competitions at the Halter Center, click [here](#). For photos of the Halter Center, click [here](#). For photos of Hillsdale College, 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. The Center boasts 113 range acres, four international skeet fields, a 25-station sporting clays course, eight American trap fields, five international bunkers, an action shooting range, an enclosed and climate-controlled five-stand range, and an international archery range. The Center also features the AcuSport Lodge and Grille and six cottages to accommodate overnight lodging. A 62,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor rifle and pistol building will be completed in summer 2025.

Opened in 2008, the Center aims to introduce individuals to shooting sports and encourage interest across all levels of experience. The home of the USA Shooting National Team since 2019, the Halter Center hosts USA Shooting skeet and trap nationals and Junior Olympic development camps and championships. The Center is also the home of Hillsdale's national championship-winning shotgun and action shooting teams. The Center is open to the public,

offering annual range memberships as well as classes, camps, and other programming focused on the shooting sports and the principles of the Constitution. For more information, visit shootingsports.hillsdale.edu.

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

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