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### **Hillsdale College Honors Alumnus, Raises Scholarship Funds at 6th Annual Sporting Clays Classic**

Hillsdale, Mich. – Hillsdale College hosted its annual Tom Klix Memorial Sporting Clays Classic at the John A. Halter Shooting Sports Education Center on Oct. 16. The annual sporting clays tournament was renamed after Klix, who graduated in 1975, for his commitment to Hillsdale College and to shooting sports. The event raised over \$10,000 toward shotgun team scholarships.

“This tournament is fun as well as special because it honors Tom, and in a way that I’m told he would have loved — by supporting students and the civic duty to bear arms responsibly,” said Colleen McGinness, executive director of Alumni Relations, which hosted the event. “We are thankful that so many people were able to come out and support shooting sports in Tom’s memory.”

Approximately 60 shooters took part in the tournament, including Klix’s daughters, who carried a large photo of their dad with them. The winning team included Raymond Cato, Neal Fusner, Marc Kavenaugh, and Eric Whitley, who also won the special Tom Klix challenge, which took place at the Halter Center’s Tom Klix shooting station and included harder targets with special-colored clays.

The tournament took place on the Halter Center’s 22-station sporting clays course and was followed by a buffet, an awards ceremony, a silent auction, and a talk about the second amendment from History Professor David Raney, Hillsdale College’s John Anthony Halter Chair in American History, the Constitution, and the Second Amendment.

At Hillsdale, Klix, who passed away in 2019, belonged to the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and played football and baseball. He also had a passion for music and played in several bands. A group of men from the ATO fraternity joined the event in support of Klix.

Tom Rex, fellow ATO and friend of Klix, offered a memorial speech.

Photos from the event can be viewed [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, the Halter Center is also a resource for the public through camps, conferences, and other programming. For more information, visit [shootingsports.hillsdale.edu](http://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 5.8 million. For more information, visit [hillsdale.edu](http://hillsdale.edu).

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