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### **Hillsdale College Varsity Pistol Team Wins National Titles**

*The team earned first in the 1911 division and third in the centerfire pistol division.*

The Hillsdale Action Shooting Team earned its first national championship at the Scholastic Action Shooting Program’s College Nationals in Talladega, Alabama. The competition, which took place on March 12-13 in Talladega, Alabama, was the team’s first national competition as a varsity team. The 10-person team includes students ranging from sophomore to senior. Three team members are military veterans.

“Our students are extremely disciplined,” said Adam Burlew, the team’s head coach. “They trained dutifully for months, and I’m proud of their performance under pressure in Talladega.”

Beating out competition from teams Texas A&M, West Point and Virginia Tech, the Hillsdale team competed in two divisions: 1911 model and centerfire pistol. It earned first place in the nation in the 1911 division and second place in the centerfire division. Additionally, the B Squad of the team placed third in the nation in the 1911 division.

Individual shooters earned high honors as well. Senior Greg Clement placed first in the 1911 division and 3rd in the centerfire division among male pistol shooters. Senior Sarah Wagoner placed second in the 1911 division among female pistol shooters.

“The team shot well. We’ve practiced hard — good weather and bad. I’m very proud of what we have accomplished,” said Clement. “We are grateful to Coach Burlew for all the time and effort he has put into us, and to Springfield Armory for all of the support it has given.”

Springfield Armory has been a proud sponsor of the Hillsdale College pistol and rifle teams since 2019, providing XD-Ms, XD-M Elites, 1911 pistols, equipment, and access to training with 24-time national and seven-time international pistol-shooting champion, Rob Leatham.

“We are honored to be associated with this stellar institution, and could not be more proud to have been able to support the Varsity Pistol Team in these incredible achievements at the College Nationals,” says Springfield Armory Vice President of Marketing Steve Kramer.

“Congratulations to the team on their performance at the competition. This is an impressive group of young people, and we are thrilled to be able to support them in their efforts.”

To view photos from the event, click [here](#).

To learn more about shooting sports at Hillsdale College, click [here](#).

To read Springfield Armory’s press release about the national title, click [here](#).

### **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](http://hillsdale.edu).

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