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### **Hillsdale College Hosts Annual Liberty and Learning Youth Conferences**

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HILLSDALE, Mich. — A group of high school students rounded out their summer by attending Hillsdale College’s annual Liberty and Learning Youth Conferences. Nearly 100 students from across the country attended one of three conferences held at Hillsdale College and its John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center.

“The Liberty and Learning Youth Conferences are always popular,” said Zach Miller, senior director of Admissions at Hillsdale College. “They give prospective students an opportunity to visit campus and experience different aspects of Hillsdale College, including a study of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.”

Students stayed on campus for three days, attending lectures from Hillsdale professors on the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution, with an emphasis on the Second Amendment. Attendees also had the opportunity to spend one day at the Halter Center, where they received instruction in archery, air rifle, and shotgun, and attended a lecture on conservation offered by Al Stewart, director of Hillsdale’s Nimrod Education Center.

“It’s a great program,” said Bart Spieth, the Halter Center’s range master. “Students get to learn about their Second Amendment rights, firearm safety, and fundamentals of the shooting sports.”

Those who attended had the opportunity to compete in an essay contest on the Constitution. Winners received a \$3000 scholarship that would go towards their tuition at Hillsdale College.

To view photos from the conferences, 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, 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 6.3 million. For more information, visit [hillsdale.edu](http://hillsdale.edu).

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