



HILLSDALE COLLEGE

PURSUING TRUTH · DEFENDING LIBERTY SINCE 1844

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sept. 23, 2022

CONTACT: Emily Stack Davis

517-803-3745

PR@hillsdale.edu

Hillsdale College Announces New Pistol Range at Shooting Sports Center

The Ailes Action Shooting Range will serve as the home to the Hillsdale Action Shooting Team

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College announced the construction of the Ailes Action Shooting Range at the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center. The new rifle and pistol range will provide new shooting sports opportunities at Hillsdale’s state-of-the-art range facilities.

“The shooting sports have been growing in the Hillsdale area and across the country,” said Jim Dugan, director of the Hillsdale College John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center. “The addition of this new action range increases the variety of what we can offer at the Halter Center.”

The Ailes Action Shooting Range features three 30-yard pistol bays, a 40-yard pistol bay, and a 100-yard rifle range. The primary impetus for the range’s construction was the establishment and success of Hillsdale College’s new action shooting team, which won its first national championship at its very first such competition.

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

In addition to hosting the action shooting team’s practices and competition, the Ailes Action Shooting Range will be used for youth and community education, the College’s Ladies for Liberty and Couples for Liberty shooting camps, and action shooting leagues. It also will be open for use by members of the Halter Center. Annual memberships are available to the general public.

“Hillsdale College is proud to support the shooting sports at all levels — as the official home of USA Shooting, of our collegiate teams, and of local high school and community leagues and activities,” said Dugan. “If you haven’t already, please come visit us.”

To learn more about the hours of the Hillsdale College John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center, visit shootingsports.hillsdale.edu.

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 22-station sporting clays course, five international bunkers, a small arms range and 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 6.3 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

###