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### **Springfield Armory to Fund Scholarship for Hillsdale Action Shooting Team**

HILLSDALE, Mich. — American commercial firearms manufacturer Springfield Armory recently agreed to a four-year commitment to fund remitted scholarships for members of the Hillsdale College Action Shooting Team. The company also supplies the team with all of their firearms, which includes their XD-M Elites and Prodigy firearms.

“Our action shooting sports team is only a few years old. To date, most of our athletes have been walk-ons, and we have been very successful,” Head Coach Adam Burlew said. “Now, with Springfield’s help, we can recruit high school shooting sports athletes who want to help us win more championships, take advantage of Hillsdale’s rigorous academic offerings, and grow in heart and mind.”

The Hillsdale Action Shooting Team began as a club in 2017, before reaching varsity status in 2021. Members of the team shoot 9mm handguns at steel targets in a test of speed and accuracy. Last March, the team won its second consecutive national championship at the Scholastic Action Shooting Program’s College Nationals. The team currently has eleven members.

Springfield Armory has also supported the team by providing access to world-renowned competitive shooter Rob Leatham. “It has been my distinct pleasure to work with the Hillsdale College Pistol Team,” said Leatham. “Having been in the firearms training industry for so many years I have seen it all. From beginners to winners, I’ve trained the most talented and dedicated shooters throughout the world. None have been more satisfying for me to work with than these young people.”

Last year, the college announced the construction of the Ailes Action Shooting Range, which features four 30-yard pistol bays, a 40-yard pistol bay, and a 100-yard rifle range. “Over the last several years, the Hillsdale College Halter Center has become a major hub for the shooting sports — especially the shotgun sports,” Rich Péwé, Hillsdale College’s chief administrative officer, said. Now, with our new Ailes Action Shooting Range and with Springfield Armory’s support, I think people will begin to see the Halter Center as a home to the pistol sports, as well. We are very grateful for Springfield’s support of our work.”

For photos of the Hillsdale Action Shooting Team, 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 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](http://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, an action shooting range, a five-stand range, an 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](http://hillsdale.edu).

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