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Hillsdale College Shotgun Team Wins National Championship

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The Hillsdale College Shotgun Team earned its first-ever Division II national championship title at the Association of College Unions International and Scholastic Clay Target Program National Championship in San Antonio. The 16-person team competed in Division II against 19 other programs and earned multiple individual and team awards.

"The team had a truly dominant performance, arguably the best in our history," said Hillsdale College Shotgun Team Head Coach Jordan Hintz. "Our shooters have worked hard all season, and it has paid off."

During the championships the team took home several other awards in Division II:

- First Place Super Sporting Team
- First Place American Trap Team
- First Place Trap Doubles Team
- First Place Skeet Doubles Team
- Third Place American Skeet Team
- 11 athletes selected as All-Americans (across all divisions)

While this is the team's first Division II title, it is no stranger to victory. In fact, it has won the Division III title seven times, including five times consecutively.

"Division 2 limits competition team size to 20 student-athletes, but some teams have much larger rosters and bring only their top shooters to compete. Since we're smaller, all of our athletes have to be all-around shooters. We proved that we have some of the most complete competitors in the nation," said Hintz.

Of the 16-person team, one student has been named to the USA Para Olympic Team and four to the USA Junior Olympic Team. "Hillsdale is becoming a training ground for some of the best shooters in the country. In the coming years, we might see these young men and women become some of the best in the world," said Hintz.

For a full list of awards, click <u>here</u>.

For photos of the team, click <u>here</u>.

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 <u>shootingsports.hillsdale.edu</u>.

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 6.4 million. For more information, visit <u>hillsdale.edu</u>.

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