

Fort Hays State University Shotgun Sports Team

End-of-Year Report – 2024–2025

Shotgun Team Overview:

The 2024–2025 season marked historic growth for the FHSU Shotgun Team. With 45 athletes—our largest roster ever—thanks to a record 18 new recruits (14 freshmen, 4 transfers), we fired 100,755 practice rounds and 99,100 competition rounds. This hard work led to a Division II National Runner-Up finish at the ACUI/SCTP National Championships.

We also celebrated 11 Academic All-Americans and 4 Shotgun All-Americans. The team grew both in skill and character. Looking ahead, we will retain 45 athletes for 2025–2026, and our 2026 class is already looking strong. Coach Giles and I will continue recruiting throughout summer 2025.

HHP 385 Shooting Range Management Course:

This year, I began developing a new Shooting Range Management course, based on my prior experience managing ranges. The course will anchor a certificate program aimed at preparing future range managers. It's under final review for August 2025 and set to launch in Spring 2026 through the Health and Human Performance Department, with Dr. Sedbrook as my advisor. Early interest has come from both athletes and students in Tourism & Hospitality.

Shooting Instruction:

I taught HHP 162: Basic Firearms (Fall) and HHP 180 VC: Advanced Handguns (Spring). While the Country Western Dance classes didn't run due to low enrollment, teaching was rewarding. I'll revise and improve both curricula over the summer. My students were respectful, eager, and engaged—exactly what we hope for at FHSU.

Professional Development:

I value continued learning. This summer, I'll complete NRA certifications in Advanced Shotgun Coaching and the USA Clay Target League and may also pursue additional Pistol Certification(s) if time allows. These efforts will strengthen my ability to coach and teach at FHSU.

Closing:

This season brought growth, recognition, and momentum. I'm proud of what we've accomplished and excited for the future. Thank you to everyone who supports FHSU Shotgun Sports—we're building something special.



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Head Coach