

News Release

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Home Depot Asset Protection Associates Receive LPQ & LPC Certification Scholarships to Support Career Advancement

Matthews, NC (April 26, 2016) – <u>The Home Depot</u>, in partnership with <u>The Loss Prevention Foundation</u> (<u>LPF</u>), today awarded seven of its Asset Protection associates scholarships to support their career advancement and personal development. The initiative is part of the company's commitment to invest in the professional growth of its associates.

Three LPQ scholarships as well as four LPC scholarships were among those awarded, which will earn the recipients a widely-recognized certification within the loss prevention industry.

"We're thrilled to recognize and develop our AP leaders through this year's LPC/LPQ scholarships," said Shawn Blankenship, The Home Depot vice president of Asset Protection. "The Loss Prevention Foundation course work is a comprehensive program that truly complements our in-house training. This is a terrific partnership."

Congratulations to the following recipients of the LPQualified (LPQ) Scholarships:

- John Machowski (Asset Protection Specialist New England)
- Carlos Villa (Asset Protection Specialist Gulf)
- Angel Solorzano (Asset Protection Specialist Pac Central)

Congratulations to the following recipients of the LPCertified (LPC) Scholarships:

- Kevin O'Boyle (Multiple Store Asset Protection Manager Central)
- George Clapper (Multiple Store Asset Protection Manager, S. Atlantic)
- Brendan Moran (Multiple Store Asset Protection Manager- PNW)
- Ray Osbourne (Manager CIT)

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About the Loss Prevention Foundation:

The Loss Prevention Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2006, by industry-leading professionals to serve the loss prevention and asset protection industry. Their mission is to advance the loss prevention profession by providing relevant, convenient and challenging educational resources. LPF is responsible for administering the industry's two-tiered certification program, the LPQualified (LPQ) and LPCertified (LPC), on-line educational resources and the loss prevention professional membership program. In addition, LPF is focused on driving more talent to the industry from colleges, universities, military and law enforcement through its Academic Retail Partnership Program and its Hire-A-Vet Program. For further information, visit http://www.losspreventionfoundation.org.

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