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**American Public University System Retail Management Program Director Joins Academic Committee for The Loss Prevention Foundation**

**Charles Town, W. Va., April 30, 2015** –[American Public University System](http://www.apus.edu) (APUS) today announced that Retail Management Program Director Kevin Forehand has been named to the academic committee of [The Loss Prevention Foundation](http://www.losspreventionfoundation.org) (LPF).

Forehand's appointment is part of an expanded partnership between the two organizations that, among other benefits, aligns APUS's more than 90 fully-online degree programs with LPF's LPQualified (LPQ) and LPCertified (LPC) certifications.

The LPF academic committee includes university representatives from across the United States and the United Kingdom and provides academic guidance to the organization. Work includes developing strategies on how the foundation can complement higher education, reviewing certification coursework content, and advising LPF staff on outreach to two- and four-year college students.

"Every day, I have the opportunity to work with people who are entering or growing their careers in the retail industry," said Forehand. "I am pleased to have an opportunity to share my knowledge of the industry with LPF."

Forehand has 20 years of experience in retail. He had a significant role in loss prevention as an assistant manager with Walmart and, in his subsequent roles with other retailers, he continued to be involved in loss prevention strategies. At APUS, he leads a team of faculty who develop curriculum and work with students in Retail Management associate's, bachelor's, and certificate programs.

"We want to make sure we are aligning our educational initiatives with higher education as much as possible," said LPF President Gene Smith, LPC. "Loss prevention professionals come from many academic areas and it important to us to gain the knowledge of academic leaders to understand the retail industry as well as the needs of today's students."

More information regarding the partnership between LPF and APUS is available at [www.APUSpartners.com/LPF](http://www.APUSpartners.com/LPF).

**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. The foundation's 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>.

### **About American Public University System**

American Public University System, winner of the Online Learning Consortium's (OLC) Ralph E. Gomory Award for Quality Online Education and four-time recipient of the OLC's Effective Practice Award, offers more than 90 online degree programs through [American Military University](#) and [American Public University](#). More than 100,000 students, and 50,000-plus alumni worldwide, have benefitted from APUS's relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility in pursuing and earning degrees in a diverse variety of subjects. For further information, visit [www.apus.edu](http://www.apus.edu).

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