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Vector Security® Announces 2012 Loss Prevention Foundation Scholarship Winners

*Scholarships support LPQ and LPC certifications;
Recipients include seven Canadian-based applicants*

Pittsburgh – April 17, 2012: Vector Security® recently announced the winners of its Loss Prevention Foundation (LPF) scholarships, which provide financial support to loss prevention professionals seeking to obtain LPQ and LPC certifications. Vector Security began awarding the scholarships four years ago in support of career development and continuing education for professionals in this rapidly-growing industry.

The winners are:

LPQualified Scholarship Recipients

Hart Brown	Rent-A-Center
Julio Cuba	Home Goods
Charles Garretson	TJ Maxx
Andrew Gourley	Wal-Mart Stores
Tyler Hail	Cabela's, Inc.
Hector Hernandez	Retired Law Enforcement Officer
Tyrone Macon	Marmaxx
Julie Morris	Lowe's Home Improvement
Matt Strobe	Dick's Sporting Goods

LPCertified Scholarship Recipients

Angela Busby	Bealls Inc.
Kevin Foote	Staples, Inc.
Stephan Kimbrough	Dick's Sporting Goods
Brian LeClair	Cabela's, Inc.
Paul McGinley	Dollar Financial Group
Chris Scheutzow	Bed Bath & Beyond
Ryan Sobieski	Cabela's, Inc.
Jeff Troszak	Cabela's, Inc.
Marshandala Wilson	Fossil, Inc.

Canadian LPQualified Scholarship Recipients

Navtej Duggal	Winners Merchants International
Luis Maio	Asset Security & Protection
Stephanie Paraskevopoulos	Toronto Police Service
Santo Zenone	Gap, Inc.

Canadian LPCertified Scholarship Recipients

Doug Carter	Easyhome LTD.
Stephen Kennedy	The Source – Electronics
Douglas Smith	Sephora Beauty, Canada

Chosen from more than 125 applicants, the awardees represent a variety of professional backgrounds and, for the first time, include seven Canadian-based winners. “In making our selection, we look for individuals who express the highest level of desire for the opportunity, as well as those who have a positive outlook as to how they will use this program to enhance their value to their respective employers,” said Michael Grady, Executive Vice President of Vector Security. “Persistence and demonstrated career progression are also important. Seven of this year’s winners had submitted applications in prior years and didn’t give up after the first try.”

Grady added that the company’s commitment to supporting the scholarship program remains steadfast. “The LPQ and LPC certification courses were designed by the LPF to fill a void that could not be filled elsewhere. Now that these courses have taken root in the minds of loss prevention professionals, they have grown immensely popular. Vector Security is honored to be part of an effort to make these scholarships available to worthy individuals who otherwise may not be able to afford them.”

“With support from Vector Security, last year we broadened the use of the LPQ course to a new type of position at one of the nation’s largest auto parts and service retailers,” said Gene Smith, LPF President. “The retailer chose to educate their Margin Control Specialists, who make certain that shrinkage is kept at a minimum within the supply and sales chain. This marked a milestone in the use of the LPQ to help educate non-LP personnel.”

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