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### **American Public University System and The Loss Prevention Foundation Create Scholarship Program to Support Career Advancement for Veterans in Retail Loss Prevention and Asset Protection**

**Charles Town, W. Va., April 17, 2014** – [American Public University System](#) (APUS) and The [Loss Prevention Foundation](#) (LPF), today announced a [professional certification scholarship](#) for [American Military University](#) (AMU) and [American Public University](#) (APU) students. The organizations' latest joint initiative is designed to benefit veteran students enrolled in an AMU or APU program related to retail loss prevention and asset protection.

"LPF will award up to 12 scholarships for certification review courses that will prepare students to take the LPQualified (LPQ) examination and earn a widely-recognized certification for the loss prevention industry," said LPF President Gene Smith, LPC. "By earning LPQ certification, veterans will gain a better understanding of the profession, enhance their marketability, and be better prepared for interviews, all easing their transition into the field."

As part of an ongoing effort to align AMU and APU's fully-online degree programs with LPF's certifications and industry standards, a Loss Prevention Management concentration was recently added to the [Bachelor of Arts in Security Management](#) program, according to APUS Security Management Program Director Dr. Kristen Obst.

"Retail loss prevention careers tap the related expertise that many military personnel gain during their service," said Obst. "In addition to the store-based work that most people identify with retail loss prevention careers, there are opportunities in investigation, distribution and transportation support, and fraud prevention, among many other areas."

AMU will cover the costs of the certification exam for scholarship recipients who complete the review course. Students must be in good standing, have completed at least 12 credits, and be interested in

pursuing a career related to retail loss prevention. Applications are being accepted for the scholarship through May 31 and further details are available at the [LPF scholarship web page](#).

### **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>.

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

American Public University System, winner of the Sloan Consortium's Ralph E. Gomory Award for Quality Online Education and first three-time recipient of Sloan's Effective Practice Award, offers more than 90 online degree programs through American Public University and American Military University. APUS's relevant curriculum, affordability, and flexibility help more than 100,000 working adults worldwide pursue degrees in a diverse variety of subjects. For further information, visit [www.apus.edu](http://www.apus.edu).

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