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Albertus & Team Training Associates Create Public Safety Degree Pathway *Streamlines Transition to Bachelor's or Master's Degree Program*

New Haven, Conn., April 20, 2022 – [Albertus Magnus College](#) and Team Training Associates, LLC (TTA) of Thompson, Conn., have signed a partnership agreement to streamline the transition to a bachelor's or master's degree program for TTA-certified public safety leaders. The partnership will facilitate pathways towards degree completion for public safety practitioners, earning the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Master of Science in Criminal Justice, Corrections Concentration, and Master of Science in Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice Concentration.

"Albertus Magnus College is already a leader in this arena. Adding this unique opportunity for our law enforcement and emergency response managers only increases their effectiveness as leaders," said Assistant Professor James T. Scott, M.A.S., the faculty advisor for Criminal Justice who is an Albertus alum as well as a retired Sergeant from the Connecticut State and (retired) Master Sergeant, Army National Guard. "At Albertus, students will be able to build upon a values-based education that provides the critical skills needed to respond and solve challenges."

TTA offers a Public Safety Leadership Academy is a five-day (40-hour) course, covering a wide range of leadership topics such as effective communication, leadership analytics, and employee engagement. Other eligible TAA programs include the Certificate of Supervisory Leadership (40-hours), Certificate of Strategic Leadership (40-hours), and the Public Safety Command College (80-hours). Each includes a rigorous classroom curriculum, case study analysis, and comprehensive experiential learning components – hands-on learning which aligns with the teaching philosophy at Albertus Magnus College.

The added-value of real life experience is something that differentiates Albertus Magnus College from other institutions of higher learning. All of our full-time faculty retired after working 20-years in law enforcement. Additionally, they earned their graduate degrees while working full-time – thus, making our faculty uniquely qualified to support adult students.

Caption: Signing ceremony: (l-r seated): Albertus President Dr. Marc M. Camille and TTA President Dr. Eric Murray; (l-r standing): Associate Professor John Lawrie, Assistant Professor James T. Scott, and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Dr. Sean P. O'Connell.

About Albertus Magnus College: Albertus Magnus College, founded in 1925, is a Catholic College in the Dominican tradition. It is recognized by external rankings such as *US News & World Report*, *Money Magazine*, and the *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*, and has been named a Top 10 Military Friendly School. The College has an enrollment of approximately 1,500 students across its traditional undergraduate program, accelerated adult degree program, and 12 graduate programs. Recently, the College launched new Bachelor degree programs in Interdisciplinary Studies, Supply Chain Management, and Game and Computer Arts, and among its graduate programs is the State of Connecticut's only Master of Arts in Art Therapy and Counseling program. Also recently, the College received two significant federal grants in support of student success and well-being: a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Justice and a \$1.9 million Title III grant from the Department of Education. Just four years out from its historic 100th Anniversary Year, Albertus is implementing its new strategic plan, *Albertus 2025: Lighting the Way to a Second Century*, which identifies and outlines a bold vision for the future in which the College will be a destination liberal arts-based college, distinguished in its interdisciplinary and experiential approach to education, rooted in Dominican values, that prepares students for lifelong civic engagement and success.