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BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SGT. J.J. STURM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Program for Abbey students in Criminal Justice Honors Former Sergeant from Greensboro PD

BELMONT, N.C. (April 8, 2019) – Today, Belmont Abbey College announces the Sgt. J.J. Sturm Memorial Scholarship created in memory of J.J. Sturm. Sturm was a retired sergeant from the Greensboro, N.C. Police Department at the time of his death in 2019. Sgt. Sturm’s career spanned 28 years, some of which he was able to share with his son, Joshua Sturm, a corporal with the Greensboro Police Department Street Crimes Unit. Their shared commitment to Catholic education and the law enforcement profession were foundational in the creation of this scholarship in the Criminal Justice Department at Belmont Abbey College chaired by Dr. Julia Beeman.

“Dad worked extra duty throughout his career to assure I had the best education opportunities possible. To carry on my father’s legacy in law enforcement I thought if we could provide assistance to those seeking higher education, and specifically at Belmont Abbey, under the tutelage and guidance of Dr. Beeman, they would be well suited to thrive in the field just like my father aided me in that journey,” said Joshua, son of Sergeant Sturm. “My father strived to instill the importance of education in me and Dr. Beeman cultivated it, I could not think of a better way to honor what he meant to me in that regard while also helping others achieve just like he helped me.”

Preference for the annual scholarship award of \$1,000 will be given to a current Belmont Abbey College student who is the son or daughter of active or retired law enforcement officer(s) and majoring in Criminal Justice. Others may be eligible including the son/daughter of active/retired law enforcement in another major, or a current Criminal Justice major planning to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Application Requirements:

Students must submit the application to the chair of the Criminal Justice Department at Belmont Abbey College by April 30th for the following academic year. The Scholarship Committee will review applications and announce the award early May.

The application can be found here: <https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/sgt-sturm/>

If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund go here:

<https://alumni.belmontabbeycollege.edu/sturmmemorialscholarship>

For questions, please contact Dr. Julia Beeman, Chair, Department of Criminal Justice at juliabeeman@bac.edu

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