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## **Belmont Abbey College and the Institute of World Politics Announce Partnership Geared Towards International Affairs Education**

BELMONT, N.C. - (June 29, 2022) Belmont Abbey College and the Institute of World Politics (IWP) announce a partnership in international affairs education. Earlier this week, the two parties signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will benefit students pursuing an education in international affairs and politics. The establishment of this new partnership pairs two institutes focused on giving students the skills necessary to succeed in the world of politics, statecraft, and national security affairs.

The partnership will provide Belmont Abbey students an exceptional next step towards a career in international affairs. Dr. David Williams, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Belmont Abbey, believes this new opportunity further enhances the mission of the Abbey. Our mission hopes for our students to be 'a blessing for themselves and others,' and those called to careers in international affairs will find that developing their skills at IWP will build on what they've received at BAC in a host of ways," he says.

Once accepted into IWP's onsite M.A. program, ten Belmont Abbey students will receive a \$2,200 scholarship each semester and are eligible for additional IWP merit-based scholarships and tuition discounts. Additionally, students from Belmont Abbey will receive early acceptance assurance into the online M.A. program and priority consideration for IWP's internship program, with the opportunity to visit the Institute prior on a yearly basis. In turn, Belmont Abbey will share IWP's mission with students and raise awareness of IWP's programs on campus.

This agreement is equally beneficial to IWP as they seek to find students with strong foundations of ethics and morality. "IWP and Belmont have a mutual commitment to the defense of truth, justice, and the Western moral tradition, and our efforts are greatly strengthened by our new partnership," says Mr. Tim Stebbins, IWP Vice President of Graduate Recruitment. "This endeavor will streamline our central mission of educating the next generation of leadership in intelligence, diplomacy, and national security. We very much look forward to welcoming Belmont Abbey alumni through our doors and watching them embark on fascinating careers."

**About Belmont Abbey College:** Founded in 1876, Belmont Abbey College is a private, Catholic baccalaureate and liberal arts institution. Our mission is to educate students in the liberal arts and sciences so that in all things God may be glorified. Guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Benedictine spirit of prayer and learning, we welcome a diverse body of students and provide them with an education that will enable them to lead lives of integrity, to succeed professionally, to become responsible citizens, and to be a blessing to themselves and others. Our beautiful and historic campus is conveniently located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and currently serves over 1500 students both onsite and online. For more information, visit <https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/>.

**About the Institute of World Politics:** Based in Washington D.C., the Institute of World Politics is a graduate school of national security, intelligence, and international affairs, dedicated to developing leaders with a sound understanding of international realities and the ethical conduct of statecraft, based on knowledge and appreciation of the founding principles of the American political economy and the Western moral tradition.