



BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE OFFERS CFP® BOARD REGISTERED PROGRAM IN FINANCIAL PLANNING

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- BELMONT, N.C., December 21, 2022 - The Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. (CFP® Board) authorizes Belmont Abbey College to offer a Certificate in Financial Planning program. This seated program at Belmont Abbey College begins in March of 2023. The College is currently accepting enrollment applications for the program.

“The CFP® Board is pleased to approve the program at Belmont Abbey College as a CFP® Board Registered Program,” said Kamila Elliott, CFP®, chair of the CFP® Board’s Board of Directors. “We anticipate that Belmont Abbey College’s program will contribute significantly to the number of qualified candidates seeking to obtain a CFP® certification, the standard of excellence for competent and ethical financial planning.” Belmont Abbey College is offering this program as part of a Curriculum Partnership with Dalton Education, a respected leader in this space. According to Dalton Education, the demand for CFP® professionals is high — and is expected to grow at a faster-than-average rate through 2028. Individuals who study and sit for the CFP® exam are likely to build successful careers in financial advising, financial planning, and more.

The CFP® Board is a Washington, D.C. based independent 501(c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to benefit the public by granting, upholding and promoting the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®) certification. Those who earn the certification are distinguishing themselves among their peers by meeting the CFP® Board’s education, examination, experience and ethics requirements. Students completing the financial planning program at Belmont Abbey College will meet the coursework requirement for CFP® Certification and be eligible to sit for the CFP® Certification Examination administered by the CFP® Board.

The Certificate in Financial Planning is part of Belmont Abbey’s efforts to expand its Professional Studies offerings, alongside the Certificate in Business Basics and the Certificate in Leadership that launched in 2022. “As we grow our academic offerings, we are constantly evaluating ways to serve new populations and enhance our offerings for our community,” says Brad Frazier, Chair and Associate Professor of Business at Belmont Abbey College. “We live in a world where things are constantly evolving and offering a CFP® certification provides finance professionals the opportunity to pursue a well-respected industry certification and serve the public.” To learn more about the CFP® program at Belmont Abbey College, visit <https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/academics/graduate-studies/cfp/>.

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 to others. Our beautiful and historic campus is conveniently located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and is currently home to more than 1500 students. Visit <https://bac.edu/>.

ABOUT CFP® BOARD: Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. is the professional body for personal financial planners in the U.S. CFP® Board sets standards for financial planning and administers the prestigious CFP® certification – one of the most respected certifications in financial services – so that the public has access to and benefits from competent and ethical financial planning. CFP® Board, along with its Center for Financial Planning, is committed to increasing the public’s awareness of CFP® certification and access to a diverse, ethical and competent financial planning workforce. Widely recognized by firms as the standard for financial planning, CFP® certification is held by more than 90,000 people in the United States.

