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**Align Credit Union Supports the Lowell Student Police Academy**

Lowell, MA, August 16, 2016 - Align Credit Union is proud to sponsor the Lowell Student Police Academy for the sixth consecutive year. The Academy is a summer leadership program run by the Lowell Police Department’s School Resource Officers for students in grades 5 through 8 from Lowell and surrounding towns. The three-week program is run at the Lowell High School and teaches students a variety of important skills such as CPR and first aid, bullying prevention, gang awareness and prevention, avoiding peer pressure, internet safety and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Academy activities and homework assignments are designed to help students build self-confidence and self-esteem and teach teamwork and leadership skills. In the last 15 years, over 3,200 students have graduated from the program.

“Align is pleased to help the Lowell Student Police Academy support our city’s youth,” said Align President Ken Del Rossi. “The skills students learn in the program will help them make good choices in school and in life and make a difference in our community.”

**Photo Caption 1**

**Photo (from L-R):** Officer Jose Rivera; Officer Kenneth Moore; Officer Jose Santiago; Officer Renee Lehman; Officer Bill Callahan with Align Hale Street Branch Manager, Jennifer Rivera-Cintron.



**Photo Caption 2**

**Photo (from L-R):** Align Hale Street Branch Manager, Jennifer Rivera-Cintron with the winners of the Unsung Hero Bicycles Xavier Reynoso, Molly Gray, Karina Camacaro and Jayden Villanueva.



**About Align Credit Union**

Since 1922, Align Credit Union has provided customized banking solutions to individuals and families throughout Northeastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. Align offers a full suite of products and services including Personal and Business Banking, Mortgages, Financial Planning and Insurance. Founded as the Northern Massachusetts Telephone Workers Credit Union (NMTW), the credit union changed its name to Align in 2013. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works or attends school in many communities throughout Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. For additional information, stop by one of six branches in Amesbury, Danvers, Framingham, Haverhill and Lowell or visit [www.AlignCU.com](http://www.AlignCU.com).

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