1. Who founded this school? When was it founded?

The Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary of the Springs, who are now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace, founded Albertus Magnus College in 1924.

2. What is this school’s motto? What is its mission statement?

The motto of Albertus Magnus College is “The search for truth in all its dimensions.”

The mission of Albertus Magnus College is to provide men and women with an education that promotes the search for truth in all its dimensions and is practical in its application. Founded by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary of the Springs, Albertus Magnus College, faithful to its Catholic heritage and the Judeo-Christian tradition, remains dedicated to providing an opportunity for learning which responds to the academic needs and ethical challenges of its students and of society.

The mission of Albertus Magnus College derives from the intellectual tradition of the Dominican Order whose essential charism is the search for truth (Veritas). Reflective of the dedication and commitment to service of our founder and sponsor, we at Albertus assume responsibility for the fulfillment of our particular service as an academic community. Principles which guide our mission and purpose include the following:

- The College embraces the Liberal Arts tradition and is committed to a vibrant curriculum, including a General Education program, that is both scholarly and humanistically enlarging.
- The College encourages students to participate in academic internships, practica and relevant work experiences as preparation for meaningful careers.
- The College strives to bring together a richly diverse student body and cultivates an atmosphere of mutual respect and ethical behavior.
- The College fosters close, positive interaction between faculty and students, thereby offering broad opportunities for challenge and growth.
- The College provides an educational environment dedicated to enhancing each student’s development, both as an individual and as a member of society.
- The College prepares students to become responsible, productive citizens and lifelong learners, encouraging them to contribute to their communities and to become moral leaders in a complex world.

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3. Give a summary of the history and traditions of the university.

Albertus Magnus College was originally founded as an all women’s college in the 1920’s and became a fully co-ed school in 1985. According to the website, “the College’s Board
of Trustees was reorganized in 1969 so that 80 percent of its members are lay people; the other 20 percent are members of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The College remains true to its Dominican heritage and continues to be dedicated to the search for truth in all its dimensions.”

The patron saint of Albertus Magnus College is St. Albert the Great, Doctor of the Church and prominent academic figure, who lived in the 1200’s and taught the famous Catholic theologian St. Thomas Aquinas.

Some of the campus traditions are:

- **Candlelight Ceremony** – The senior class welcomes all new students into the Albertus Magnus tradition of learning in the search for truth in all dimensions.

- **Seasonal Social Events**
  - *Fall Fest* – Students are engaged with faculty, family, alumni, and staff in a school-wide celebration of the season.
  - *Spring Formal* – A night of dinner, dancing, and fun for all students.
  - *Winter Wonder* – A holiday celebration
  - *Spring Jam* – A barbeque with the school community

- **Laurel Day** – A recognition of the achievements of graduating seniors

- **Baccalaureate Mass** – Marking the commencement exercises and the end of the students’ journey at Albertus Magnus

4. **Why does this school appeal to you overall?**

I appreciate the Catholic culture embedded in the academics of the school. Learning about the faith is important to me, and I want to attend a school that will support my spiritual as well as intellectual growth.

5. **What academic departments interest you at this school? Why?**

I am interested in the Philosophy and Religion degree program because I want to explore the great teachings passed down to us from philosophers and theologians throughout history. I am also thinking about becoming a teacher, and the Education department looks appealing as well.

6. **What athletic or extracurricular activities appeal to you? Why?**

I am very interested in getting involved in campus ministry and community service. I would like to build friendships that are Christ-centered and serve alongside them to make a difference in the lives of others. My experience at St. Jerome School has taught me to reach out to those in need and do as much as I can to develop my faith. I also like to sing, so I think I’ll look into the AMC Choir.

7. **What benefits would you gain from attending a Catholic university?**

As a Catholic, I am called to surround myself with a worshiping community. I know that I won’t be able to stand strong in my faith all by myself, so having teachers and classmates who share my beliefs will definitely help me stay committed to the Church during my college years. I also want to be able to go to Mass every day, and being so close to a chapel will make that easier for me. It’s very encouraging to have visual reminders of Jesus and Mary everywhere I go, something I wouldn’t have if I went to a public school. I look forward to going to a school that is founded on the Catholic traditions I have loved my whole life.