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## **Councilwoman Kristine Isnardi to Serve as Commencement Speaker for Keiser University's Melbourne Campus**

Melbourne, FL—June 8, 2012—Keiser University's Melbourne campus first choice for commencement speaker is no stranger. City of Palm Bay Councilwoman Kristine Isnardi is a Keiser University graduate and she is returning to her alma mater to deliver the 2012 commencement speech. Additionally two of her children, Dominic and Anna, are Keiser University graduates with their degrees in Criminal Justice and she serves on the university's advisory board. Isnardi previously held the position of Deputy Mayor from 2009-2010 and currently works as a nurse at Palm Bay Hospital and is one of only two nurses certified in PICC lines.

Over 300 graduates will take the stage at the King Center of the Performing Arts located at 3865 N. Wickham Rd. on Saturday, June 9, at 2:00 p.m.

"Career-focused professionals are critical to the continued growth of the Melbourne/Brevard County community. It's exciting to celebrate the successes of over 300 Keiser University graduates, knowing their education and training will contribute valuable, high-demand skills to the workforce in this area," Colleen Browne, Campus President. "We look forward to the words of wisdom Councilwoman Isnardi will be sharing with our graduates."

The class of 2012 is proud to acknowledge its Valedictorian, Roy Amos, who will graduate with his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Graduation will be exceptionally significant for the Radiation Therapy Program at the Melbourne campus, as this will be their first graduating class.

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**About:** Keiser University (KU) serves nearly 18,000 students pursuing doctoral through associate degrees on 15 campuses, employing nearly 3,500 staff and faculty. The university has been regionally accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1991 and is a Level VI institution.

Sixty-two percent of KU students graduate in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and healthcare fields, providing the talented workforce necessary for Florida to compete globally. The University ranks 1st in Florida and 2nd in the nation in production of Associate of Science graduates in healthcare professions and 2nd in Florida and 3rd in the nation in production of Associate of Science in nursing graduates\*.

Keiser University's educational reach extends globally through its international programs, including the Latin Division, a cooperative agreement in the Eastern European nation of Moldova, and a campus in Shanghai, China.

\*Source: Community College Week evaluation of US. Dept. of Ed--Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System IPEDS 2010 Rank