

KEISER **UNIVERSITY**

FORT MYERS CAMPUS

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KEISER UNIVERSITY'S FT. MYERS CAMPUS WELCOMES REPRESENTATIVE HEATHER FITZENHAGEN AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ft. Myers, FL—June 3, 2013 – The close to 100 graduates from the Fort Myers campus will be joined by family and friends at their commencement ceremony on Friday, June 7 at the Harborside Event Center, located at 1375 Monroe St. at 7:00 p.m. The keynote speaker for the Class of 2013 will be State Representative Fitzenhagen, who has been proudly serving Lee County since 2012.

Aside from her role as an elected official, Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen is also an experienced attorney, mediator, business owner and a leader within the community. She serves on the Board of Directors for the PACE Center for Girls, the Ft. Myers Women's Community Council and the Lee County Association of Women Lawyers. In the legislature she serves on the Judiciary Committee, Healthy Families Subcommittee, Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee, Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and Higher Education and Workforce Subcommittee.

"We are all very proud of our third graduating class and what they have accomplished. Graduates have realized that their hard work, persistence, and partnering with faculty and staff have made their achievements possible," said Nancy Tedros, Campus President. This spring, over 5,000 Keiser University graduates will cross stages throughout the state signifying completion of their college degrees and the beginning of the next chapter in their professional lives.

The valedictorian for this graduating class is Nick Smith, who has earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Homeland Security. Smith attended classes full-time while also working full-time at Gulf Coast Metal Works. "Earning my degree was a priority in achieving my professional dreams. But I couldn't have achieved this without the support of my wife, with whom I am expecting our first child," shared Smith. He is working towards another degree in National Security at the American Military University and hopes to become a special agent with a federal agency. His ability to speak five languages, coupled with his military background in the Ukraine, has already caught the attention of employers.

About: Keiser University (KU) is a private, not-for-profit university serving nearly 20,000 students pursuing doctoral through associate degrees on 15 campuses and online and employing nearly 3,500 staff and faculty.

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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 an off-site campus in Shanghai, China.

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