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KEISER UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Prominent Leaders to Deliver Keynote Addresses

Ft. Lauderdale, FL—May 2—Throughout May and June, approximately 5,200 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.

"Keiser University has been serving Florida for 35 years, graduating tens of thousands of students prepared to make an immediate impact in the workforce and as leaders in their communities," said Belinda Keiser, Vice Chancellor of Community Relations and Student Advancement. "Annually 62 percent of our graduates are in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and healthcare fields and we couldn't be more proud of their progress and future contributions to Florida's economy locally and abroad," she added.

Each year, the highlight of the commencements for the graduates and the 20,000 expected guests statewide is often the words of inspiration and wisdom delivered by some of Florida's most prominent leaders.

Sharing this proud day and celebrating the graduates' journey with their families, the faculty that have guided them to this moment and Florida's federal, state and local elected officials is our greatest honor," said Keiser.

The confirmed speakers by campus and ceremony date are:

*West Palm Beach (May 4, 2012) U.S. Congressman Allen West
Orlando (May 11, 2012) State Representative Chris Dorworth
Pembroke Pines (May 18, 2012) State Senator Chris Smith
Sarasota (May 18, 2012) State Representative Greg Steube
Ft. Lauderdale (May 19, 2012) State Representative George Moraitis
Tampa (June 1, 2012) State Representative Betty Reed
Daytona Beach (June 8, 2012) State Representative Dwayne Taylor
Fort Myers (June 8, 2012) Commissioner Tammy Hall
Jacksonville (June 8, 2012) State Representative William Proctor
Lakeland (June 8, 2012) State Representative Denise Grimsley
Miami (June 9, 2012) State Senator Oscar Braynon
Port St. Lucie and College of Golf (June 15, 2012) State Representative Gayle Harrell
Tallahassee (June 15, 2012) State Senator Bill Montford*

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.

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*.

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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 a campus in Shanghai, China.

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