

KEISER **UNIVERSITY**

TAMPA CAMPUS

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KEISER UNIVERSITY'S TAMPA CAMPUS CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 2013

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Tampa, FL—May 30, 2013—The Tampa campus of Keiser University, welcomes the family and friends of the Class of 2013 to join in the celebration at the commencement ceremony being held on Friday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. The graduation will take place at Without Walls Church, located at 3860 West Columbus Drive with 230 graduates. Hillsborough County Commissioner Al Higginbotham will serve as the keynote speaker for the evening.

Commissioner Higginbotham, a native of Florida from Plant City, has honorably served District 4 for Hillsborough County since 2006. The commissioner has served as Chairman of the County Commission, the Environmental Protection Commission, the Hillsborough county Emergency Policy Group and the Tourist Development Council. One of his more extraordinary acts is that he honors each of Hillsborough's fallen soldiers and their families by attending every funeral and bringing attention to the Fallen Soldier Route.

"Each graduation season, I am humbled to hear the stories of our exceptional graduates and am honored to be a part of this important step in their journey towards a new career path," said Ellen Bernhardt, Associate Vice Chancellor of Regional Operations. 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.

For the Class of 2013, Aaron Binns, who earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Legal Studies, has been named the class valedictorian. Sara Stanley, who is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, has been named the salutatorian. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Health Services Administration and is currently employed with Sheridan Healthcare. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Government Association.

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.

Keiser University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award certificates and degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral levels. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Keiser University.

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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