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Keiser University College of Golf Special Olympics efforts honored

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. -- Keiser University College of Golf & Sport Management (COGSM) students and faculty have been officially recognized by St. Lucie County Special Olympics for their generous and selfless work with Special Olympics golfers throughout 2012. At a recent ceremony, Saint Lucie County Special Olympics Director Ryan Strickland presented Keiser University College of Golf and Sport Management Vice President John McMurry and Executive Director of Golf Operations Dr. Eric Wilson with a plaque recognizing the college's efforts.

More than 25 Keiser University College of Golf and Sport Management students volunteered time from their busy schedules to train and provide practice opportunities for 16 Saint Lucie County Special Olympics golfers weekly throughout the 2012 golf season. Some of these Special Olympics golfers and student volunteers travelled to Phoenix last fall to participate in the Special Olympics National Invitational golf tournament and returned with medals from various levels of competition. This year, Keiser University COGSM students are once again volunteering their time with St Lucie County Special Olympics golfers beginning this month at the PGA Center for Golf Learning and Performance and the PGA Golf Club.

"Golf provides great opportunities for Special Olympics athletes and all of the kids work extremely hard. It is always an honor and privilege for the Keiser University College of Golf and Sport Management students and faculty to work side-by-side with Special Olympics golfers and we're eager to tee it up again this year," says Dr. Wilson, who is a PGA Master Professional.

Dr. Wilson is also the chairman of the Special Olympics North America Golf Committee, and he and his wife, Marilyn, have been committed to supporting Special Olympics golf worldwide since 1992, having visited and trained coaches and athletes in all 50 states, South Africa, and Ireland.

Keiser University COGSM is well-known for its Associate of Science Degree in Golf which prepares students to provide golf instruction, manage golf course operations, ensure appropriate maintenance of golf facilities and equipment, as well as integrate the play of golf into the broader hospitality and recreation domain. The Keiser University College of Golf & Sport Management Bachelor of Science degree in Sport Management is designed to prepare students for careers in sport-related industries with concentrations in either Golf, Psychology and Sports Medicine and Fitness Technology. This is a 120-credit program geared to admit students right out of high school. For graduates of an accredited institution who hold an Associate's Degree or higher and have six months of employment in hospitality, fitness, sports, recreation, golf or a related field, the Bachelor of Science Degree in Sport Management can be obtained as a completion degree entirely online in as few as 20 months.

For more information on attending Keiser University College of Golf & Sport Management, please contact the College of Golf campus at 1860 Fountainview Blvd, Port St. Lucie, Fla.; online at www.CollegeofGolf.KeiserUniversity.edu; or call 888.355.4465.

About Keiser University:

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. 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. 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.