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The Keiser University eCampus newsletter is created by you for you! It is our mission to make sure you have a place to share success, and stay informed.



Spring into action!

By Michelle Brecher



Dear Students.

Spring is a time of new beginnings and growth. The weather is a little nicer and we start seeing the flowers bloom. Just like springtime, your education provides new beginnings and challenges to help you grow and succeed as



individuals. Now is the perfect time in your life to rise to these challenges and succeed. I dare you to succeed! Here at Keiser University, our main focus is you and your success. Not only in obtaining your education, but helping you carve out a positive career path after you graduate.

As a student, you have the opportunity of utilizing all the resources and benefits we developed to ensure that you—no matter where you live have access to the best resources to help you reach your goals. You also have each other! Did you know how many students are networking and sharing wisdom as I type? It's fascinating to hear stories of students meeting other students from all over the globe! To be able to learn from your peers in different parts of the world is truly

unique as you are exposed to different ideas and new cultures. I have no doubt this is truly a benefit of an online education. I encourage you all to reach out to fellow students, faculty members and administration. Together, we can move mountains!

"Success is not measured by what you accomplish but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds."

Orison Swett Marden

I wish you success this spring and hope each of you seize your opportunities and rise to success!



Michelle Brecher

Director of Student Services





Keiser University Snapshot

Serving students first for over 30 years!

Locations: 13 campuses in Florida State and eCampus

Degree Offerings: Associate, Bachelor's and Master's

Program Offerings: 49* *not all offered

online

Faculty & Staff: 1,417

2007 Graduates: 2,726

Student Population: 10,264 Female: 70.9% Male: 29.1%

Age: 18-24 43% Age 25-49 54% Age 50+ 2.4%

Our Mission:

Keiser University is a regionally accredited, private, career university offering masters, bachelors and associate degrees. The main campus is located in Fort Lauderdale with additional campuses located throughout the State of Florida and internationally. The University's degrees are offered both campus based and through web based distance learning. Keiser University prepares graduates for careers in business, criminal justice, health care, technology, hospitality and education. All degree programs provide students with a general education foundation for career-focused professional skills. Inherent in our Mission is service to the community. This service includes community partnerships, involvement with various constituencies and various continuing education programs

Alumni Scholarship Available!

Perhaps you have been considering what's next for you after graduation. Did you know that you can continue on with Keiser University eCampus to earn a bachelor degree in:

Accounting, BA

Marketing

Professional Accounting, BA

<u>Business Administration, BA</u> <u>also available with concentrations in Management, Human Resources, International Business, Finance and</u>

Criminal Justice, BA
Health Services Administration, BA
Health Sciences, BS
Homeland Security, BA
Information Technology Management, BS
Legal Studies, BA
Management Information Systems (MIS), BS
Nursing, RN to BSN

Master Business Administration (MBA)



Keiser University graduates are eligible for an alumni scholarship of \$1500 annually when they return to complete another degree with eCampus.

KU Admissions Office: 866-534-7371

Library Open 24/7



Access a wealth of information at the Keiser University virtual library!

http://www.kcsnetlibrary.org

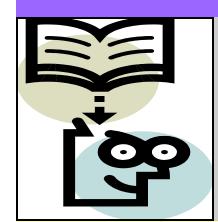
The library offers LIRN, West Law and a variety of different research databases. This also includes the Evelyn C. Keiser Study Skills Center where students can take FREE workshops!

You can also access an orientation to become familiar with all the resources using the orientation links for:

- Library Catalog
- Net Library

ALSO Microsoft Online Training Tutorials in ACCESS, EXCEL, & MORE!

NEW KU CATALOG AVAILABLE!!



Access the 2008 KU catalog online. Loaded with information about classes, policy and more!

http://www.keiseruniversity.edu/catalog/default.htm

Get Your Student ID

All Active Students are eligible to receive a Keiser University Student ID! These may be used in a variety of ways. From proof of enrollment to discounts at the movies! If you would like to request a student ID, please email a passport size photo along with your student # to:

Mbrecher@keiseruniversity.edu



KU eCampus Graduation Ceremony Information



eCampus Graduation Ceremony Saturday May 10, 2008

The ceremony is open to eCampus students who have completed their degree between:

January—April 2008

Coral Springs Center for the Arts
2855 Coral Springs Drive
Coral Springs, FL 33065

¤9:00am Check-in for graduates

¤10am Ceremony

Caps and gowns

Will be ordered based on your indication to attend on your graduation application. If you have not completed a graduate application, please contact the Department of Student Services at 866-534-7371

Tickets & Invitations

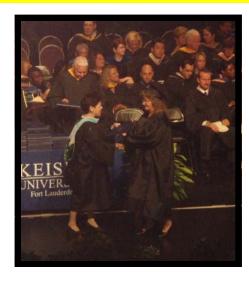
You may reserve up to (4) tickets for friends and family. Graduates do not need a ticket for entry. Reserved tickets will then be mailed 4-6 weeks before the ceremony date.

Class Rings & Photographs

Any graduate may order a class ring by calling Jostens at 1-800-926-4343. Also, There will be a professional photographers & Jostens representative at the ceremony.

Unsure of your projected graduation date? Contact the registrar's office for a review of your schedule!

866-534-7371 ask for the eCampus registrar





NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOUND FOR ACCOUNTING MAJORS

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) is the national professional organization for Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) in the United States. The AICPA supports several scholarship programs for undergraduate and graduate students interested in careers in business and accounting. Listed below are descriptions of each program. Eligibility criteria and application forms are available online at http://www.aicpa.org/aec.

AICPA Scholarship for Minority Accounting Students - financial awards of up to \$5,000 to undergraduate and graduate minority accounting students.

Deadline: June 2, 2008

AICPA/Accountemps Student Scholarship - five \$2,500 scholarships to students pursuing a degree in accounting, finance or information systems.

Deadline: April 1, 2008

Is it time to clean your e-mail in-box?



Are you using your e-mail account as an archive? If you are, you might want to keep your eye on how much of the available storage you have used and occasionally get rid of things you definitely don't want anymore. Some people like to save everything and others just don't want to deal with throwing out what they don't want. But eventually both of those practices can cause the same problems that being a packrat in the brick and

mortar world causes—space and clutter issues. E-mail with large attachments can use up a lot of space and even though many of the e-mail accounts available are increasing storage capacity for users, it's a good idea to keep a handle on what you're saving and delete what you don't want. Use the search function to pull up lists of e-mail you're sure you don't want and start cleaning.

Online Writing Lab (OWL)

We are proud to announce that the **Keiser University Online Writing Lab** (OWL) is now open to all campuses. Students and faculty can use the website to access numerous writing resources; students can also use the OWL to submit writings for **tutoring/consultation services**. Please surf through our growing OWL and utilize the resources we have already.



For more information, visit the Keiser *Writes* main page go to www.keiseruniversity.edu

From the desk of: Gayle Zuckerman, Director of Financial Aid

Dear Students,

Everyone knows that college costs are on the rise. And while you're doing your best to save, you're probably going to need some help.

Upromise can help you earn free money for college. Enter the <u>Upromise Tuition Tales video contest</u>. Create a personal video that tells us why you or someone you know deserves to walk away with \$25,000 for college. Anyone-student, parent, grandparent or graduate can enter on behalf of themselves, a current, future or college grad. Ten finalists will be chosen. The public votes on the winner. <u>Just upload your video</u> between now and March 21st, 2008. <u>For more Tuition Tales details and Official Rules, click here</u>.

The Upromise Scholarship and Upromise Tuition Tales video content – just some of the ways Upromise can help you get free money for college.

What are you waiting for? Apply now.

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Keiser University - eCampus
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NEW Obtain your MBA online!





Admissions: 1-888-4-Keiser

Master of Business Administration – online degree program

Keiser University's **Master of Business Administration** offers an intensive graduate program that educates students in theories and practices of the modern business world. The MBA program fosters independent learning and enables students to contribute intellectually to the business profession.

Students specialize in one of three areas: Leadership for Managers, International Business or Marketing. In addition, MBA students complete general coursework in valuable areas such as accounting, finance, legal and ethical responsibilities of management, marketing and quantitative methods. Graduates demonstrate a conceptual understanding of advanced business strategies and critically analyze and solve problems based on applied research methods.

Keiser University's MBA program enables students to contribute to the business profession and fosters independent learning. Upon completion of this program, students are able to:

- Evaluate an organization's financial position through financial statement analysis and/or forecasting
- Summarize and discuss the ethical and legal responsibilities of organizations.
- Apply quantitative methods and/or statistical tools to enhance business decisions.
- Compare economic environments and markets and their impact on business

Through a conceptual understanding, apply managerial leadership skills, marketing strategies and/or international business concepts, theory, and research to critically analyze and solve problems in unpredictable environments.

Students are required to select one of three major concentrations. Students take 10 major courses for 30 graduate credit hours (common to all concentrations) and 12 graduate credit hours in a concentration area. Therefore, no elective courses are offered in this program.

To receive a Master of Business Administration degree, students must earn 42 graduate level credit-hours. Thirty-six of the program hours must be completed through Keiser University.



A LETTER FROM... THE LATIN DIVISION DEAN



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an excellent and productive winter semester.

I am happy to announce that the Latin Division is growing and that now we have representation from the following countries: Mexico, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Puerto Rico (Commonwealth).

It is indeed a real pleasure to recognize the Latin Division students who have excelled in their studies during the fall 2007 semester:

Honor Roll List: 3.5 – 3.74 GPA

Millie Ham Milagros Silva Ocasio

Shirly Nuñez Norma Aviles

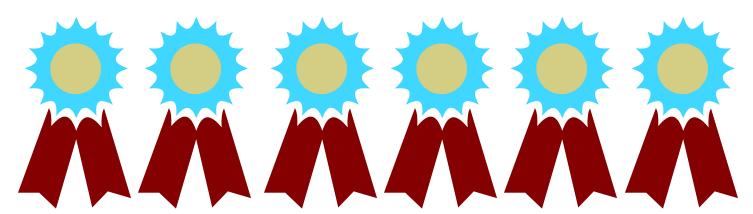
Robin Barquin Claudia Ferreira

Dean's List: 3.75 – 4.0 GPA

Eduardo Pierluisi Maykel Gil Martha Perez Carmen Cintrón Nelvin López Sonia Rivero

Karla Estrada Andrés Negro Laura Rodríguez-Blaseotto

Nelson Sánchez Fernando Sánchez



Success Stories in the Latin Division

I would like to share two success stories in the Latin Division. As you all know, I have students all over the globe and I love to hear that the students are succeeding academically and professionally.



Carmen Cintron started her BA on February 25, 2007 and has been able to remain on the Dean's list since she started with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Carmen works for Microsoft in Puerto Rico where she started at a very young age. She started in the manufacturing department duplicating diskettes and through the years the company has recognized Carmen's talents. She has been promoted a couple of times within the corporation and is now in the Planning and Scheduling Department. Carmen was recently flown to the USA to be acknowledged for her 15 years at Microsoft.

Carmen Cintron, BA, Management student



Robin Barquin, BA, Management student

Robin Barquin started his BA on January 2, 2007. Barquin's fine grades have placed him on the Honor List which he hopes to improve to get on the Dean's List very soon. Robin is the General Manager of Synapsis, a multinational company with a full portfolio of products such as: "outsourcing, telecommunications, software development, consulting services (http://www.synapsis-it.com/synapsis_ingles//index.php?

option=com_content&task=view&id=34&Itemid=41). Robin has written a vast number of articles for business magazines in Colombia. He recently wrote for "Revista Gerente (Manager Magazine) and Revista Dinero (Money Magazine). Since Robin took over the company in Colombia, the company has shown a 30% in growth. He strongly believes that all employees deserve respect, great treatment, a little of craziness and innovation. This type of leadership has given him the tools to create a great work atmosphere for the 400 people he supervises. One of the many innovative ways Robin is using to motivate his employees is that in December, he allows them to wear their PJ's to work. This has created a sense of comradeship among employees. On his leisure time, he enjoys singing and playing the guitar with his rock band which is composed of Synapsis employees.

I hope to continue writing more about success stories. We love to hear from our students during good or bad times. It will be my pleasure to disseminate positive events that are happening. I urge to send me information regarding great things that are occurring in your lives. Please enjoy the rest of the winter semester and I wish you all luck in all your future endeavors. Keep up the great work you are all doing!!!

Sincerely,

Dean Porta-Merida

National Job Search Sites



With more than 1000 job search sites online, there's something for everyone - even if your idea of high-technology is a fax machine. In fact, stereotypical "techies" are no longer the most likely group to search for jobs online. A 1999 survey by CareerMosaic.com shows that more managers and sales professionals are looking for jobs online than any other group surveyed.

Of the 1000+ sites out there, about a dozen stand out as the best in terms of job listings or other services, such as relocation data or salary updates.

<u>www.ajb.org</u> The real "monster" of job search boards, it lists nearly 1.5 million jobs across the country. Created and maintained by the U.S. Department of Labor, AJB also includes Career InfoNet, which details highest-paying jobs, jobs with most openings, and the fastest-growing occupations to help you decide which career is best.

<u>www.monster.com</u> At the top of the commercial job search sites with about 500,000 jobs, monster.com offers exceptionally effective breakdowns to identify the jobs most likely to meet your needs. Sign up for a "search agent" and receive emails when new jobs are posted. (Also used as the basis for AOL's job search function.)

<u>www.jobsonline.com</u> Billed as the fastest-growing job search site on the web with about 200,000 jobs, this site includes a number of work-at-home and computer-based jobs.

<u>www.careerpath.com</u> Powered by newspapers - where classified ads have long been a mainstay of any successful job search - this site includes more than 300,000 jobs. Registered users can save refined searches to make checking in easy.

<u>www.hotjobs.com</u> An easy-to-use site that breaks jobs down into "channels" where searches can be centered, it also includes salary surveys and relocation information.

<u>careerjournal.com</u> A free service of The Wall Street Journal, this site features jobs from major national and international corporations broken down into geographic regions. Also includes career-oriented business news, job search tips and career columnists.

<u>careerhighway</u> A limited number of job descriptions can make searching for some jobs more difficult. Does offer weekly email updates on job opportunities.

hotjobs.com Extensive job listings with "employer search" feature that allows jobseekers to select from thousands of potential employers.

<u>careershop.com</u> Targeted specifically for IT and healthcare professionals, it also includes information on online training opportunities.

www.careermosiac.com Recently merged with headhunter.net to provide more comprehensive job listings.

<u>www.jobs.com</u> Also includes an online university where classes ranging from MS Windows to web research and communications strategies.

<u>www.worktree.com</u> A metasearch site which also includes list of links to other sites like job searches, libraries and newspapers.

<u>www.JobAnywhere.com</u> Quickly sorts through 20 major job web sites, hundreds of job newsgroups and classified ads from 96 newspapers nationwide.

A Poet's Place

Submitted by: Melody Anderson

Criminal Justice Student

Definition of Me

The way I talk does not define who I am

The pristine stride in my walk does not define who I am

I define who I am.

Neither the curl of my hair

Nor the clothes I wear define who I am

I define who I am.

Neither the color of my skin

Nor the neighborhood I live in define who I am

I define who I am.

And I define myself as a person choosing to find my own destiny

Because in reality

I can't be what everyone else expects me to be

I can only be what I know how to be

And that's me...



A Poet's Place.....continued.



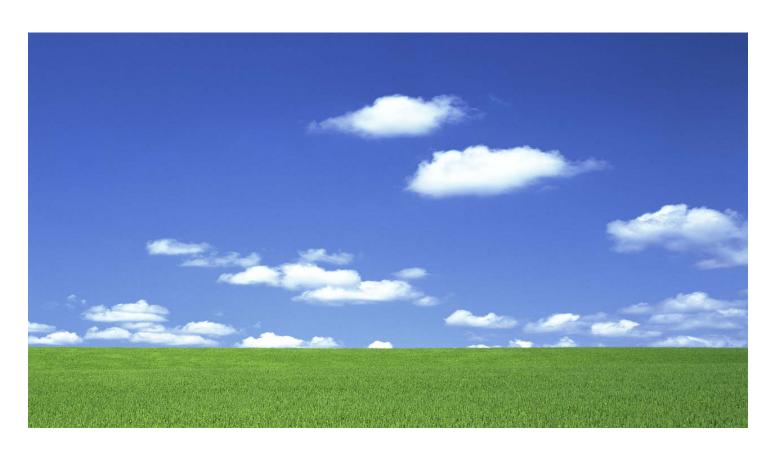
Submitted by: Victoria Korotcova

Now that I know your love is true,

I am a person who can fly Without scare, without danger Of falling down on earth from sky!

You can be world for me indeed, You can be all the man I need, You can erase away the fear, Through all the pain you stay with me.

I can't believe you looked my way, If it's a dream-don't want to wake. Filling my world with love and care, You made my soul no longer bare.



A Poet's Place.....continued.

A Soldiers Strength

As I pack my bags and say goodbye I see the flash

before my eyes. I made my promise to always stay, but

life has pulled me the other way. Duty calls and ${\bf I}$

must go. While I stand proud and salute the flag I

embrace the moment for this may be my last. As I enter

the terror and the rage I feel my hands begin to

shake. My sight growing dim and the sounds are faint I

look down and see the blood that made me feel this

way. I feel myself slipping while the tears run down

my face all I can remember is the promise I made to

stay. I see the battle that I must face while I am

carried out with oxygen on my face. I hear them say

don't let go, but the picture in my hand is what kept

me whole. I awake the next day and find that I am

still here, while the picture I was holding is now

standing here. I knew right then that I had come home.

I thank god for my strength that kept me here, but

that picture of my children is all I needed to defeat my fear.

Pamela Lee Michaud

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US Presidential Candidate Visits KU

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, Keiser University catapulted into the national spotlight as the Sarasota campus hosted Governor Mitt Romney, candidate for the United States presidency.

http://www.mysuncoast.com/global/story.asp?s=7762194

http://www.bradenton.com/687/gallery/348282.html

(Bradenton Herald Photo Gallery)



Governor Romney seen greeted by supporters and students at Keiser University, Sarasota campus in January.



Share your voice! Be Heard! VOTE

JOB SEARCH CHECKLIST—1, 2, 3 GET HIRED!!



Below are a list of some of the suggested ítems on your checklist to ensure a successful search!

- Create a marketable resume! Need help? Contact the Department of Student Services for assistance!
- Organize yourself with the job search log Need one? Contact the Department of Student Services for assistance!
- Sign up with local placement agencies for temp to perm – allows you to go behind the scenes in business to find out what you really want out of a company w/o making a firm commitment! Need

to find them? www.yellowpages.com

- 4. NETWORK attend B2B networking events, sign up with local business organizations – it's WHO you know! How about joining a professional organization?
- Set up <u>Auto searches</u> with <u>www.careerbuilder.com</u> – they will email you jobs that fit your skills daily!
- GET NOTICED- get that resume out there!Commit yourself to a target # each week.
- 7. Be persistent and consistent! It will pay off.....
- 8. After you land that interview, contact us for tips and tools to having a great interview

From: Michelle Brecher, Director of Student Services

Mbrecher@KeiserUniversity.edu

Online Bookstore

Order your text book here:

https://www.college-booksonline.com/kcebooks.htm

View text book prices here:

https://www.college-booksonline.com/





The HELP DESK!

the eCampus **HELP DESK** is available 24/7 to assist you with **Technical issues** regarding system set up requirements. Contact the Help Desk

at 1-877-345-9800

or email helpdesk@keiseruniversity.org.

When Students Blog.....a personal reflection

By Sandra Hernandez.

AA, PL graduate and current BA student

The Homeless.

Does it hurt you to call them "bums"? It hurts me terribly. I don't like it when someone assumes they are on drugs or just begging for booze. It may be so for some people, but not everyone.

I'm not naive.
I know what's out there.
I know what is going on around me- that's precisely why it hurts.
Because I can See them.
Can you See them?

Have you ever really just looked into a beggars eyes? It's so powerful- Looking and Seeing. It robs a piece of you when you look into the eyes of pain, loneliness, grief, desperation, hopelessness. I've seen an abyss of pain in one glance that lasted all but two or three seconds. I distinctly remember the tanned, frayed, wrinkled skin around this man's eyes. He'd been out in the sun for days. Tired. He looked very tired. He was thin, rather lanky and not too old- mid to late 40s I'd say.

He had a name. I didn't ask. I couldn't speak. I just looked. He Saw me too that day.

Sometimes I wonder how shameful it must be to walk amongst the cars in the heat, begging for money or food knowing what others are thinking- but I can't. It's too much to comprehend, I realize. He didn't look ashamed so much as I felt ashamed... I felt ashamed of myself for not Seeing people like him sooner. For not wanting to See.

I'm sure in his life he's had his moments.

Moments filled with memories of a jubilant childhood. Running around with friends and getting into trouble with the boys down the street.

Then going to school and getting caught up in the he said, she said foolishness. He may have been married with children. Gone to war and made it back home.

He could have. He may have. He probably did. He had his moments. We've all had ours.

Years before I had my first child I worked in downtown. Right in the heart of misery.

Misery on legs.
Many displaced people around.
More than I wanted to see.
I'd turn a cold shoulder.
I wouldn't look- pretend they weren't there.

I'm sure you've noticed some of these people yourself... the black man with the dreads that walks miles and miles talking to himself. The black woman that yells into her purse at bus stops. The white woman that dresses up and wears heavy make-up carrying her luggage all over.

I told you.
You've noticed, but you haven't Seen them.
It takes courage to really Look.
I know that.
It does.

Well one day, I went to lunch with a friend- wonderful girl- just as cold as I. We ate, and ate, and I just couldn't finish. I figured I'd take my leftovers to the office and have it as dinner for when I headed to school after work. As we walked out, we were bombarded by a group of about 5 suits.

Male suits. Didn't see me. I didn't like that. I was shoved aside for their grand entrance.

Macho.

Money, macho.

I glanced to the floor and thought, "What the hell is wrong with these people?" Just then I noticed a dirty hand with grimy nails raise up toward my face from below. The gloves were dusty black, fabric all torn and scuffed. He was better off without the 'glove'. The man said nothing. Just put up his hand, then in somewhat of a reflex put it back down.

No one sees him. Why would they start now?

... We Connected.

I saw him for the first time.

I Saw him. He Saw me.

Have you ever felt a sudden rush of feelings; something so fast that it makes you kind of hot, but you don't sweat? Like you can't believe you are about to do something... and you watch yourself act in slow motion?

I did. I did.

I bent down and asked him, "Are you hungry?" I'll never forget his astonished look.

Flabbergasted. Shocked really.

Yet he humbly answered, "Yes Ma'am, very." So I gave him my Styrofoam package and utensils. I said, "Here."

The entire sidewalk just froze.

People looked at me like I was stripping in broad daylight. They still didn't see him. I rushed inside again, refilled my drink and handed that to him as well. Poor soul was so hungry he couldn't even speak.

He just ate.
I was happy.
I liked seeing him eat.
He was beautiful.

With that I left- I walked away. Then unexpectedly one of those suits that pushed me aside before came back... he stopped me and said, "That was very kind of you" and he rejoined his posse. He saw me after all, but he still didn't see the hungry man slouched on the ground.

He didn't see him. He chose not to.

For days after that I looked for the old, withered man in the streets where the first meeting took place. I never saw him again.

Never. I will never forget him, or what was said. Never.

We had our moment.

I invite you to open to your eyes and see people.

All people.

Be a part of their moments and make them a part of yours.

Pictured to the right is blogger Sandra Hernandez. She is an AA, PL graduate and current BA student

Career Network Services!

Post Resume - Search Job - Network with employers!

Register with the Career Center at:

www.collegecentral.com/keiser

Current Students – register in the **STUDENT** section

To Register – use a password and ID that you create!

*Please start the ID with EC (For ECampus, example: EC12345)

- 1. Write down your log in/ID for easy access!
- Enter your info and upload your RESUME
- 3. Resumes must be in the following format: .doc, .pdf, .rtf

AFTER student services APPROVES your resume, you can:

- View your resume
- Search for jobs
- Forward your resume to employers
- See how you are progressing in your search

You can update your resume at any time by uploading and edited version on top of the existing one on file.

Questions? Contact The Department of Student Services at 866-534-7371



Keiser University is dedicated to your success by offering a variety of Career Placement Assistance Services.

Support is within reach!

We offer:

- One on One Career Counseling
- Resume Assistance
- "Professionalism" eWorkshops
- College Career Network Job Bank Access
- National Job Fairs Information

These services can help you in a variety of ways:

- Create your resume
- Network with employers Nationwide
- Search & apply for jobs posted to Keiser University Career Job Bank
- Build professional skills
- Increase your marketability within your chosen field.

Contact Student Services for more info! 866-534-7371

Giving back to your community? Calling all students!

Are you giving back to your community by volunteering or participating in charitable events? We want to hear from you! Please share your stories and experiences about how volunteering in your community has changed your life. We know by telling your story, you can inspire others to reach out in their own community.

Email your story to Michelle Brecher at: Mbrecher@KeiserUniversity.edu

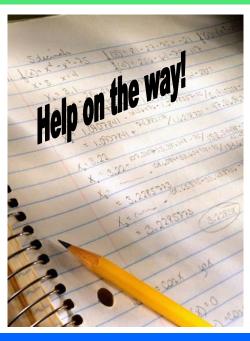
WE WANT TO KNOW:

Who you are, where you live, who you volunteer for, how you change lives, & how changing lives has impacted you!



Have a Problem you can't solve? Get EXTRA help in the MATH CENTER! Open 24/7

Get help in math anytime! The KU online Math Help Center is located within the eCollege platform and is currently open to all active students online. This is a supplemental course that provides extra materials to students currently enrolled the math program online. Students will interact with peers and use the enhanced websites and information to aid them in their math courses. This supplemental course is not graded on attendance. This is only to enhance you online experience!



Obtain the extra help in:

- Basic Math
- Intermediate Algebra
- College Algebra
- Statistics

Got a question?

The solution is simple!

Log on and get help today!!!

KUDOS CONNIE SUE!



I would like to commend my online professor, Connie Sue Centrella, for her compassion and interaction with me and my classmates with our online courses. I have taken online courses with other universities and never have I had so much interaction from another teacher as to concern for me and my studies. Connie Sue is an asset to the staff at Keiser University as her enthusiasm and support of education has kept me look-

ing forward to my next class in Aquatic Engineering.

Barbara L Pieklo

Aquatic Engineering Student



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A students point of view... By Nicole Mendoza



Hello, my name is Nicole Mendoza and I am majoring in Health Services Administration. There are many people that wish that they could do certain things and have certain things. Many people make excuses and say that there are things in their way and they are not able to do what they want. I am 22 years old and on December 26th I was in a very bad car accident that put me in the hospital until January 18th. I was pinned in my car and I sustained multiple traumas including bilateral fractures of the pelvis, a sternal fracture, a sacral fracture, and a fracture at the base of my skull that is right next to the nerve that affects all of my motor skills. All of the doctors told both my family and I that I was very lucky to have survived the accident. I give thanks every day that I am still alive and the only surgery I needed was to repair my hip. I had surgery to repair my hip on January 2 and I have been going through physical and occupational therapy since then. The doctors that were caring for me said that I was doing better than they expected and that I could go home a week early. As soon as school re-opened

from the Holiday Break I called my Academic Advisor, Instructor and Dean of my program, I explained the situation to them and asked if they would be able to work with me because I knew I wouldn't have been able to keep up with the assignments but I would work as hard as I possibly could to turn everything in, in a timely fashion. I have been so exhausted from trying to get around my house without being able to walk, since I still cannot put weight on my left leg. With all that I am dealing with, I have managed to catch up with all my assignments. When I spoke with the school, they suggested that I take a medical leave of absence so that I would be able to recuperate without having to worry about school. I have come so far and have been through so much that I cannot stop now. I graduate in October of this year and I plan to be up and walking again by then so that I will be able to walk across that stage on Graduation Day. That is my goal and I want other students to know what I have gone through and that if you believe and have faith, you can do anything you put your mind to. Nothing can stand in the way of your hopes and dreams. Things could have been a lot worse for me and things can always be a lot worse in every situation. I have pushed myself so hard and so much that there is nothing that can keep me down and away from pursuing my goals. I am passing my strength and my courage onto current and future students. Do not let anything hold you back from doing what you want to do. Thank you for allowing me to share my story with you and I hope that you gained something from it.

-Nicole Mendoza

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This is a helpful tip not only for your students but also for anyone with credit cards.

UNIVERSAL DEFAULT CLAUSE

The Universal Default Clause is not new, but is gaining more popularity with credit card companies. To understand the clause, you must first understand the definition of default.

Default is a failure to meet financial obligations. If you are late making your minimum payment—the amount you agreed to pay when you signed the credit card application—you are considered in default. Typically, the credit card company will charge you a late fee and your interest rate will increase on that card.

This rate is variable and could increase your APR another 10-20 percent depending on the card.

The Universal Default Clause allows Credit Card 'A' to increase your interest rate on their card if you default on Credit Card 'B'. If all of your credit cards have this clause and you default on one, then the interest rate on all your cards could increase. But the Universal Default Clause doesn't pertain only to credit cards—a late payment with a phone company, a utility company, or a cable company could also cause a ripple effect.

This action may not seem legal, but it is. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency labels the practice as "unacceptable" for national banks, and requires full disclosure to the consumer. If you look on the back of your billing statements in the very small print you will see wording much like this:

All your APRs may increase if you default under any Card Agreement that you have with us because you fail to make a payment to any other creditor when due, you exceed your credit line, or you make a payment to us that is not honored.

Making late payments or defaulting has many consequences: late payment fees, **increased interest rates**, and **lower FICO scores**. Now the Universal Default Clause can cause other credit cards to increase their interest rates as well. A great **payment history weighs 35 percent of your credit score (more than anything else).**

Increase your score and not your interest. Make your payments on time.

Stressed? Advice from a student who's been there!



7 Pointers to Lift a Bad Mood

No one can live a long and healthy life without the will to go on; sometimes mood swings can make us feel that life is too much for us. A bad mood not only gives you a gloomy outlook, it also lowers your immune function, leading the way to illness. Here are some suggestions to lift your mood, your spirit, and your health.

1. A Laughing Matter

"Laugh Therapy," pioneered by Norman Cousins, has turned out to have real substance. Research has discovered that laughter and joy boost immune functions, especially the production of the natural killer cells that help defend the body from illness and cancer.

Laughter also increases the release of endorphins - compounds that give you a sense of well-being in your brain. Without a doubt, joyful people liver longer and healthier lives, so read your favorite comics, watch your favorite comedies, and laugh it up!

2. Amino Acid for Restored Mindset

When an imbalance or deficiency is creating a bad mood, the Europeans use supplements of a natural compound found in human cells to regulate mood and restore a healthy mindset.

3. Hands-On Healing

Human touch increases the production of endorphins, growth hormone, and DHEA, all of which lengthen your life span and lower the negative impact of stress. Studies have found that patients who are regularly touched recover faster than those who are not touched. So give someone a hug and feel both of your moods improve.

4. Boost Your "Youth Hormones"

You don't need pills to flood your body with a rejuvenating flood of growth hormones. Research has found that doing squats and leg presses will greatly increase your natural production of the "youth hormone". Increased growth hormone translates to an elevated mood, among other physical benefits. Keep it up with weight training, knee bends, push-ups, and rowing.

5. Take a Bracing Breath

Breathing correctly is important for dispelling the toxins and wastes from your body; in fact, it is estimated that we expel only about 30 percent of toxins in our bodies through the bowels and bladder-the rest is all respiratory. Breathing is also a great way to clear your mind, boost your energy, and improve your mood. Practice deep, slow, rhythmic, breathing daily with mind-body disciplines such as tai chi, yoga, qigong, and meditation.

6. Smell the Joy

Research has shown that smell has a definite impact on our bodies and minds. When you stimulate the olfactory nerves inside your nose, you activate the limbic system of your brain, which is associated with moods and memory. This concept is instrumental to aromatherapy, a natural health tradition that makes use of the healing powers of plants with strong scents.

Aromatherapy recommends treating depression with jasmine, eucalyptus for exhilaration, and grapefruit to increase alertness and joy. Just put a dab of the essential oils from these plants on your temples, back of your neck, or acupressure points. Another option? Boil the herb in water and inhale the steam through your nose.

7. Feel Fine with Flowers

There is a reason that flowers are the traditional get-well gesture. Colorful flowers have a powerful influence on moods; they can uplift a patient's mood and even combat stress. One study found that during a five-minute typing assignment, people sitting next to a flowering bouquet were more relaxed than those who sat near foliage-only plants.

I hope these tips help the good feelings flow! I invite you to visit often and share your own personal health and longevity tips with me.

May you live long, live strong, and live happy!

Tatiania Tabb, AA Business Administration

Student Q&A



Question: I only have a few classes left. What can I do to start preparing for graduation?

Answer: First, congratulate yourself on your achievement! Contact Student Services for resume assistance and ask about our "*Professionalism*" eWorkshops. Also, if you haven't registered with the College Career Network Services, it is a benefit to do so! All Graduating Students will also need to complete the required graduation exit paperwork to complete their student file.

Question: Is there a graduation ceremony?

Answer: Yes! Keiser University holds a graduation ceremony twice per year! It is a true celebration to share with friends and family. July through December graduates walk in January. Those graduating January through June, walk in July. Attending the ceremony is optional.

Question: How do I get my degree?

Answer: Keiser University will order your degree after you have completed your exit interview and your final grades are posted. Students must be cleared by all departments to receive their custom printed degree by mail.

Email us you questions at Mbrecher@KeiserUniversity.edu

5 tips toward career success at a job fair

- 1. Research the companies in which you have an interest.
- 2. Dress professionally—as if this were your personal interview time.
- 3. Create a 30-second "this is why you should hire me" commercial about yourself.
- 4. Bring plenty of resumes to hand out.
- 5. Follow up with the employer within 48 hours after the event with a thank you letter.



Need Assistance preparing for a job fair? Call Michelle Brecher @ 866-534-7371. I have lots of tips and tools to ensure your next event is a success!



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