

# **KEISER** **UNIVERSITY**

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## **Keiser University Held Their Second Annual Statewide Commencement in Orlando** *The Honorable Cary Pigman addressed the graduates as the keynote speaker*

Orlando, FL—Feb. 6, 2014— On Saturday, Feb. 1, Keiser University held its second annual statewide commencement ceremony celebrating the accomplishments of its graduates throughout the state of Florida and those that attended classes online across the nation. The nearly 300 graduates and more than 2,000 guests were fortunate to have The Honorable Cary Pigman, Florida State House of Representatives deliver the commencement address. The ceremony was held at the Orange County Convention Center.

“Being able to share in this joyous occasion with our graduates, their friends, and families was a wonderfully fulfilling experience,” said Belinda Keiser, Vice Chancellor. “We are extremely proud of the graduates who have worked so hard to achieve their dreams and are now entering the workforce with the necessary tools for success in their professional lives,” she added.

The graduating class of 2013-2014 experienced a first in Keiser University history with a three-way tie for the honor of Valedictorian. Marcia Bygrave of West Melbourne earned her Bachelor’s of Science degree in Nursing, Christopher Hoffman of Palm Bay earned his Bachelor’s of Arts degree in Accounting, and Sinia Espinoza of Cutler Bay earned her Bachelor’s of Arts degree in Business Administration.

In order to honor and recognize partnerships within our communities, Keiser University bestows “Employer of the Year” awards. At this year’s graduation, Florida Hospital and Wuesthoff Hospital were recognized for their involvement with our campuses and for their hiring of Keiser University graduates in health care and other degree fields.

### **About Keiser University:**

Keiser University is a private, not-for-profit university serving nearly 20,000 students pursuing doctoral through associate degrees on 17 campuses, online and internationally, employing 3,500 staff and faculty.

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 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.

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