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Representative Dwayne Taylor to Serve as Commencement Speaker for Keiser University's Daytona Beach Campus

Daytona Beach, FL—June 8, 2012—Keiser University's Daytona Beach campus, administration, students, faculty, staff and families are pleased to welcome State Representative Dwayne Taylor as the 2012 commencement ceremony speaker for the 285 graduates. The event takes place at the Mary McLeod Bethune Performing Arts Center located at 698 West International Speedway Blvd. on Friday, June 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Representative Dwayne Taylor, a native Floridian, was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2008 and subsequently re-elected. He currently serves on the State Affairs Committee, Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee, Congressional Redistricting Subcommittee, and Select Committee on Water Policy.

"It is an honor to celebrate the achievements of our graduates," stated Matt McEnany, campus President. "We are thrilled to have Representative Taylor join us as our keynote speaker and look forward to the words of wisdom he will impart to our graduates."

The class of 2012 is proud to acknowledge its Valedictorian, Heather McCain, who will graduate with her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Before pursuing her Bachelor's, McCain earned her Associate's degree in Criminal Justice with Keiser as well.

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<u>About:</u> 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.

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. The University ranks 1st in Florida and 2rd 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^{*}.

Keiser University's educational reach extends globally through its international programs, including its 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