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Representative William Proctor to Serve as Commencement Speaker for Keiser University's Jacksonville Campus

Jacksonville, FL—June 8, 2012—Keiser University's Jacksonville campus, administration, students, faculty, staff and families are pleased to welcome State Representative William Proctor as the 2012 commencement ceremony speaker for the more than 230 graduates. The event takes place at the Prime F. Osborn Convention Center located at 1000 Water Street on Friday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. William L. Proctor was elected to the Florida House of Representatives to represent District 20 in 2004 and was reelected three times thereafter. Representative Proctor has passed legislation in areas such as healthcare, veterans and military affairs, historic preservation, and all levels of education. Currently, Representative Proctor serves as Chairman of the House Education Committee and as a member of the Appropriations Committee.

"Graduation is an extraordinary milestone for all of our students, and it is an honor to have Representative Proctor share his congratulations and wisdom with the class of 2012," stated Lisamarie Winslow, Campus President. "Our graduates are ready to begin a new stage in their professional lives and take the next step towards future success in their careers."

The class of 2012 is proud to acknowledge its Valedictorian, Larry Peoples, who will be speaking at the ceremony. Peoples has earned his Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Business Administration and Criminal Justice.

Graduation will be exceptionally significant as the first graduating class of the Physical Therapy Assistant program is recognized.

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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 the 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