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Port Orange Single Mother of Three Named University Valedictorian 90 Graduates Earn High-Demand Degrees

Daytona, Florida—Jan. 17, 2008— Carrie Shoultes of Port Orange is proof that adversity and hardship are not barriers to excellence. Shoultes, a single mother of three, has been named valedictorian of Keiser University's winter 2007 graduating class, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. When her oldest son was diagnosed with a mental disorder, she changed her major from accounting to criminal justice.

"I learned that some behaviors are misunderstood and that some children go untreated," Shoultes stated. I decided to change my major to criminal justice because I wanted to work with juveniles. I just felt that crime rates could go down if we target the issues early on with children who experience things in their life that can be fixed, added Shoultes.

"Keiser University is often described as having a family-like atmosphere due to small class sizes and our emphasis on personalized attention," stated Matt McEnany, campus president. Our one-class-at-a-time scheduling format and combination of online and on-campus classes provides an environment for working students and students with families to be successful. Carrie's accomplishment is a perfect example of that, added McEnany.

When Shoultes learned that it was between her and another student for valedictorian, she hoped the other student would be named to avoid having to make the speech. But she quickly realized that as valedictorian, she would have a unique opportunity to publicly thank her strongest supporters, her children, Briana, 13, Collin, 11, and Ian, three.

The commencement ceremony will take place Friday, Jan. 18 at 7:00pm at the Mainland High School Performing Arts Center located at 1255 West International Speedway Boulevard in Daytona Beach. State Representative Dorothy Hukill (H-28) will serve as the keynote speaker.

Keiser University, Florida's leading private, statewide provider of career-focused, post-secondary education is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Keiser University offers master's, bachelor's and associate degrees in high demand career fields meeting workforce and economic development needs in the communities we serve. In 2006, Keiser University was the nationwide leader in production of Associate of Science graduates in Health Professions and Related Sciences (Community College Week Analysis of US Department of Education Data Released July 8, 2007).

Keiser University's Daytona Beach campus serves approximately 500 students earning degrees in Business Administration, Accounting, Criminal Justice, Health Science, Health Services Administration, Paralegal, Computer Graphics and Design, Information Technology, Massage Therapy, Crime Scene Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Assisting, Massage Therapy, Radiologic Technology, Sports Medicine and Fitness Technology, Video Game Design, Management Information Systems, and Legal Studies.

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