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Keiser University's Lakeland Campus Celebrates First Graduating Class of 2008

Medical Assisting students have a bright employment outlook

Lakeland, Florida—Jan. 19, 2008—Keiser University shares in the successes of another graduating class in Lakeland. The commencement ceremony will take place Saturday, Jan. 19, at First Presbyterian Church located at 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive at 11:30am.

Commissioner Sam Johnson, Board of County Commissioners for Polk County will serve as keynote speaker for the graduating class.

"The successes of our graduates will extend far beyond this milestone of achieving their degree, as evidenced by the vast number of graduates who have already secured employment in their field of study," stated Rebecca Rodgers, campus president. "It's so gratifying to know that students come to Keiser University to fulfill joint educational and career goals. When they walk across the stage, not only have they fulfilled those goals, but they are now poised to make a positive impact on this community as a result of their achievements."

Medical Assisting at the Lakeland campus is 10 percent of the current population of 750 students, with seven graduates walking during this graduation. This program has doubled in size in 2007 and can be completed in as little as 16 months. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, medical assisting graduates can look forward to excellent job opportunities with employment projected to grow much faster than average. Adult Primary Care has already hired two of the graduates thanks to these students being able to find employment, in their field, prior to graduation.

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 serves more than 12,000 students at its 13 campuses throughout the State of Florida and through the online division. In addition, Keiser University has international cooperative agreements in China and Moldova to serve international students.

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 2007, 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).

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