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**Keiser University Students Advance To Compete in the State HOSA Competition**  
***Six students from the Port St. Lucie and West Palm Beach campuses will compete in April***

Port St. Lucie, FL –Feb. 10, 2014— The HOSA– Future Health Professionals (Health Occupation Students of America) Florida Region IX Winter Leadership Conference and Competition was held at the West Palm Beach campus of Keiser University for the second year in a row.

The Keiser University students who competed all qualified for State Competition and have earned the right to compete at the State Competition on April 3-6 in Orlando, FL at Disney's Coronado Springs. Those moving on to the state competition are Christina Cherwa (Medical Assisting), Ryan Spellman (Researched Persuasive Speaking), Lucas Reis (Prepared Speaking), Lexie Harris (Massage Therapy), Michelle Mazone (Clinical Specialty), and Nicole Klein (Researched Persuasive Speaking).

“Keiser University is proud to host the regional HOSA competition at our West Palm Beach campus to continue our partnership with local schools and support ongoing students interested in health occupations,” stated Kimberly Lea, Campus President in West Palm Beach. “As a University system, we are collectively very proud of the students who will be advancing to the state competition in April.”

The conference included healthcare competitions among middle and high schools, as well as postsecondary schools in the Region IX division. There were nearly 850 students from Indian River, Port St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and Martin Counties who competed in various competitions including clinical nursing, dental science, CPR/First-aid, interview skills, and a variety of other categories.

HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). The goal of this organization is “to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.”

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