## KEISER UNIVERSITY LAKELAND CAMPUS

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## **CONGRESSMAN DENNIS ROSS ADDRESSES KEISER UNIVERSITY GRADUATES**

Clark and Daughtrey Medical Group, P.A. will also receive an Employer Choice Award

Lakeland, FL—June 4, 2013—The faculty and staff at the Lakeland campus for Keiser University, congratulate the Class of 2013 for their tremendous accomplishments and achievements. The class of 450 graduates will receive their commencement address from Congressman Dennis Ross at The Lakeland Center-George Jenkins Arena, located at 701 W. Lime Street on Friday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Keiser University is pleased to welcome back Congressman Ross as a keynote speaker for their graduates. Congressman Ross, who was born and raised in Lakeland, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010, where he represents Florida's Twelfth District. Prior to being elected to serve in Congress he served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2000 until he was term limited out in 2008.

"We are thrilled to celebrate our first cohort of Physical Therapist Assistant and Radiation Therapy graduates," stated Rebecca McDonnell, Campus President. "Commencement is the culmination of a powerful educational journey. We are honored that our graduates chose Keiser University as their institution of choice for higher education."

The Valedictorian for the Class of 2013 is Brittany Huey, who earned her Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. She previously earned her Associate of Science degree in Computer Graphics & Design and hopes to utilize the skills she learned from both degrees to start her own business. Aside from working and attending school full-time, she was also active in Student Government Association, the Leadership Distinction program, Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Beta Delta. When asked how she was able to make it all work, "Without my mother, I wouldn't have been able to achieve my academic dreams – she was a remarkable support system and I am so grateful for her."

Clay Corcoran, has been named the Salutatorian and earned his Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.

The Lakeland campus is pleased to present the Employer Choice Award to Clark and Daughtrey Medical Group, P.A. The award is presented to roughly eight community partners throughout the year who have been strong supporters of the University through the hiring of graduates and by their participation as Advisory Board members. Clark and Daughtrey Medical Group, P.A. serves as an externship site for medical assisting students and has hired numerous graduates from the Lakeland campus.

**About:** Keiser University (KU) is a private, not-for-profit university serving nearly 20,000 students pursuing doctoral through associate degrees on 15 campuses and online and employing nearly 3,500 staff and faculty.

Keiser University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award certificates and degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral



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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 an off-site campus in Shanghai, China.

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