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### **Keiser University's Melbourne Campus Welcomes State Representative Ritch Workman as Commencement Speaker**

Melbourne, FL—June 15, 2013— The Melbourne campus would like to extend a warm welcome to State Representative Ritch Workman as the 2013 commencement ceremony speaker. The graduation takes place at The King Center for the Performing Arts located at 3865 N. Wickham Rd. on Saturday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m.

The over 220 graduates will be addressed by State Representative Ritch Workman, who was elected to the Florida House in 2008. Representative Ritch Workman was first elected to the Florida House in 2008. In his first session he passed the Alonzo Mourning Access to Care Act, which gives end stage kidney disease patients access to Medicaid coverage. Since then he has served as Chair of the Community and Military Affairs and Finance and Tax subcommittees and has passed major legislation relating to Pension and Growth Management reform. Most recently, he passed legislation restricting unwarranted drone surveillance on Floridians. Rep. Workman represents District 52, and lives with his two children in Melbourne.

“Graduation is a time to reflect on the accomplishments and achievements of the educational journey students have just completed,” said Colleen Browne, Campus President. “We are so proud of this graduating class and their commitment to pursuing their dream of a new career.”

The Class of 2013 is proud to recognize their Valedictorian, Coleen Poitingner. She maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA while earning her Master of Business Administration (MBA). Previously, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Health Services Administration from Keiser University. Poitingner is teaching for three separate colleges, while also holding a full-time job building and managing a medical office. This ceremony has special significance, as her parents have driven down from Ohio to share in this momentous occasion. The Salutatorian for this graduating class, Bobbi Licalzi, earned her Master of Nursing from the graduate program.

This spring, over 5,000 Keiser University graduates will cross stages throughout the state signifying completion of their college degrees and the beginning of the next chapter in their professional lives.

**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.

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