Keiser University to hold its first statewide commencement ceremony on Jan. 5 at the Bob Carr Arts facility in Orlando

Keiser University will hold its first statewide commencement ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of its graduates throughout the state of Florida and those that attend classes online throughout the nation.

The event begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5, at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre in Orlando. The address is 401 W. Livingston St.

U.S. Congressman Daniel Webster of Florida’s 8th Congressional District will serve as the commencement speaker. More than 400 graduates and 2,500 guests are expected to attend the ceremony.

Typically, Keiser University’s graduations are held on campus by campus each year during the summer. A recent online survey indicated that students from across the state and nation desired a second opportunity to participate in a statewide graduation ceremony.

More than 35 years ago, Keiser University was founded on a “serving-the-student first” philosophy and this special event is “another example of the university’s evolution and commitment to meeting their needs.”

Additional speakers and special award recipients are in the confirmation process.

Keiser University is a private, not-for-profit university serving nearly 18,000 students pursuing doctoral through associate degrees on 15 campuses, internationally and online. Keiser University employs more than 3,500 staff and faculty.

The 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, master’s, and doctoral levels.

Sixty-two percent of Keiser University students graduate in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as well as health-care fields.

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 a campus in Shanghai, China.

Fiber art exhibit to open at King Center

Bold graphic designs, realistic portraits, and monochromatic abstracts are just some of the pieces that will be showcased during the exhibit “A New Look at Fiber Art.” Featuring the work of the “Dirty Dozen Fiber Artists,” the exhibit will be on display from Jan. 7 through Feb. 4 at the Harris Corp. Art Gallery of the Maxwell C. King Center lobby in Melbourne. The 12 members of the Dirty Dozen Fiber Artists consistently win awards with their pieces. The members include Barbara Bibbo, Jill Brown, Peggi Hoodfield, Elizabeth King, Ellen Linde, Rev. O’Connell, Dij Macarro and Pat An Parker. For additional information, call 800-5550 or send an e-mail message to QuilterDig@earthlink.net.