Keiser University, law enforcement team up for degree programs

DAYTONA BEACH — Keiser University has teamed up with the Daytona Beach Police Department and the Volusia County Sheriff’s Office to offer on-site bachelor’s degree programs in criminal justice, homeland security and public safety administration.

Keiser faculty go to the Daytona Beach Police Department and the Volusia County Sheriff’s Office to conduct classes.

“Forging this partnership with Keiser University has proven to be tremendously beneficial to law enforcement officers in Volusia County who wanted the opportunity to pursue a degree in the Criminal Justice field,” Daytona Beach Police Deputy Chief Stephen Beres said in prepared release.

He added that “having on-site classes at the Daytona Beach Police Department assists the officers in meeting their professional, educational and personal schedules.”

Officers and dispatchers from St. John’s County Sheriff’s Office, Volusia County Sheriff’s Office, Daytona Beach Police Department, Ormond Beach Police Department, Deland Police Department, Orange City Police Department and the Volusia County Department of Corrections are participating in the program. For the convenience of the law enforcement professionals the classes are tailored around their shift schedules and offered in an online and on-site hybrid format.

Shane Strum, associate vice chancellor of business development for Keiser University, said Beres, who earned his master’s degree in criminal justice from Keiser, and Sgt. Lou Marino from the Volusia County Sheriff’s Office, who is currently a student, have been instrumental in helping to start the program. Currently, 44 students are enrolled in the partnership from agencies in Volusia and Flagler counties.

In other area college news:

■ BETHUNE-COOKMAN: Jared Yancey, a 2005 Bethune-Cookman University graduate who works at the U.S. Department of State, recently presented two $500 scholarships to B-CU students Edrico Ambrister and Patricia Ragsdale to help them get textbooks for next spring. Both students are majoring in international studies. The students are the first recipients of the Ambassador Terence Todman Scholarship, named for Todman, who served as U.S. ambassador in numerous countries. The Thursday Lunchen Group, which is part of the Department of State and other departments, hopes to provide ongoing scholarships, according to B-CU officials in Daytona Beach.

■ DAYTONA STATE: The Young Professionals Group is funding three $1,000 scholarships for Volusia County students at Daytona State College. “The YPG has always been committed to attracting and retaining young professionals in our area. This scholarship allows us to help grow future leaders by investing in their education,” said President Tim Stockman. The three scholarships will be granted for the Spring, Summer and Fall semesters at DSC in 2013. One student will be selected for the $1,000 scholarship per term. Applicants are required to be recent graduates (within a year) of a Volusia County high school and must meet certain community service and/or employment requirements. Young Professionals Group board members will take part in the selection process. The recipients of the scholarship will be invited to attend YPG board meetings and events. For more information about the YPG, contact Stockman at 904-586-3512. For information about DSC scholarships, contact Gail Weinstein at 386-506-4506.

■ EMBRY-RIDDLE: Representatives from United, SkyWest, Jet Blue, Cape Air, Compass and American Eagle airlines met last week at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University’s campus in Prescott, Ariz., to discuss the impending pilot supply shortage. Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for pilots and other issues facing the industry. The group discussion is the first of two that will take place at Embry-Riddle, as another meeting is being planned in November at the university’s Daytona Beach campus.

■ EMBRY-RIDDLE: Embry-Riddle President John Johnson and the Chancellor of the Worldwide Campus, John Watret, have approved the establishment of the Embry-Riddle Worldwide College of Business to replace the current Worldwide Department of Business Administration. Business programs at Worldwide currently serve more than 4,000 undergraduate and 2,500 graduate students in eight degree programs, Watret said. The Worldwide College of Business will be organized into three departments: the Department of Graduate Studies and Management Science, the Department of Graduate Studies, Leadership and Business and the Department of Undergraduate Studies, Business and Management. Emory-Riddle Asia, for example, is growing at a steady pace, with the first group of MBA in Aviation students graduating from the Singapore campus this December.

■ DAYTONA STATE: Potomac State College of West Virginia University will recognize five individuals during Homecoming festivities this fall, including John R. Herman, who will be recognized posthumously with the Alumni Achievement Award. Herman’s widow, Helen, resides in Ormond-by-the-Sea. Herman attended Potomac State from 1936 to 1938. He played violin in the Long Bay Symphony Orchestra of Myrtle Beach, S.C., the Melbourne (Fla.) Community Orchestra and second violin in the Daytona Beach Community College Civic Orchestra. He was a retired geophysicist and considered himself a Renaissance man because of his many interests, which included being an amateur historian, a poet, artist and a musician.

■ EMBRY-RIDDLE: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University’s Honors Program Distinguished Speaker Series includes David Wolman, author of “The End of Money” today at 7 p.m. in the Gail Lemerand Auditorium, Willie Miller Instructional Center, 600 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Daytona Beach. The lectures are free and open to the public. Wired magazine’s contributing editor, Wolman, set out on a globetrotting exploration of the history and future of cash, payments, banking, and currencies.

■ EMBRY-RIDDLE: John Ekaterinian, a leading expert in computational mechanics, recently joined the College of Engineering at Embry-Riddle’s Daytona Beach campus as a distinguished professor of Aerospace Engineering. Internationally renowned for his research in multiphysics, multiscale phenomena, Ekaterinian has authored over 150 journal articles, conference proceedings and book chapters. He is an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, editor-in-chief of the journal Aerospace Science and Technology and associate editor of the journal Progress in Aerospace Sciences.

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