Keiser University Proudly Announces Gary Vonk’s Selection to Join Florida Chamber Foundation’s Six Pillars Caucus System

West Palm Beach, Florida—April 7, 2011—The Florida Chamber Foundation announced that Gary Vonk, Campus President at Keiser University’s West Palm Beach campus has been selected to serve on their Six Pillars Caucus System. Vonk will join other leaders from across the state on Quality of Life & Quality Places Caucus to help craft the first-ever, state-wide strategic plan.

The Six Pillars Caucus System is a qualitative research program aimed to engage the best and brightest minds in the state to develop a plan for Florida’s future economy that includes high-wage jobs, global competitiveness and vibrant communities by the year 2030. The program launched last year and current members have already begun to construct the foundation for the plan. In this second year, Caucus members’ deliberations will become more focused in order to finalize the first draft.

“It is a privilege to be selected for this opportunity to influence the course of Florida’s economic future and work to diversify and create high demand careers,” said Gary Vonk, Campus President at the West Palm Beach Keiser University campus.

Gary Vonk has served as a leader in higher education as well as a faculty member having taught at the upper division university level in courses in business, management and technology. Mr. Vonk joined Keiser University in January of 2007 after a career of nearly thirty years in retailing and company turnaround management. Vonk currently serves on the board of directors of the Workforce Alliance of Palm Beach County and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

“The Foundation looks forward to working along-side these thought leaders to refine goals, strategies and tactics that will lead to the state’s first-ever strategic plan for prosperity,” said Dr. Dale A. Brill, President of the Florida Chamber Foundation.

Others interested in getting involved in the discussion are encouraged to join the Six Pillars Collaborative website. Those interested should email FloridaSixPillars@FLFoundation.org for an invitation to the site.

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