Keiser University Celebrates More Than Three Decades in Career-Focused Education

The Pembroke Pines campus also celebrates their grand opening

Pembroke Pines, Florida—Sept. 8, 2011—At the grand opening for the new Pembroke Pines campus, Keiser University, which celebrates 35 years of successfully providing career-focused education, will provide another $1 million in new scholarships statewide in honor of its transition to not-for-profit status.

The regionally accredited independent university received final approval this summer from the Department of Education to complete its transition to not-for-profit status. To mark the occasion the university is holding events at all of the campuses statewide with Pembroke Pines having their event on Sept. 13, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. The new two-story, 78,000 square foot campus is located at 1640 SW 145th Ave. in Pembroke Pines. The campus first opened in 2004 with 60 students and has grown to over 770.

At Keiser University’s Pembroke Pines campus there has been a shift in the programs and it is now referred to as, The College of Advanced Technology. The campus is designed to support the needs of Information Technology (IT) students seeking real-world, hands-on experience using industry standard software and hardware.

There are also seven computer labs housing a combined total of 64 Windows based computers, 20 Apple iMac computers and a Collaboratorium equipped with computer and 52” Touch screen LCD Display. Although the College of Advanced Technology is the central focus of the campus, it is also important to note the campus includes 39 classrooms, five medical labs, one crime scene lab, a library and a 121-seat auditorium.

“This is an important opportunity for Keiser University to open its doors and celebrate with friends and advisors throughout the communities we serve,” said Vice Chancellor Belinda Keiser. “In support of our communities, we are going to provide $1 million in new academic scholarships to Florida students in addition to our existing $12 million annual scholarship program.”

There will be six new scholarships for students and prospective students to apply for including a Founder’s Scholarship; Developing Tomorrow’s Talent Scholarship; Students Making a Difference Scholarship; Rising to New Heights Scholarship; Building the New Economy Scholarship; and Today’s Heroes, Our Leaders Scholarship

“We believe this transition is an exciting turning point for Keiser and higher education in Florida and will expand upon a tradition of service and excellence committed to preparing the state’s present and future leaders,” stated Belinda Keiser, Vice Chancellor of Community Relations and Student Advancement.

Vice Chancellor Keiser said her family had worked for decades toward not-for-profit status to create a legacy for his family and provide the citizens of Florida with a valuable, ongoing higher

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education resource. The final step in that plan was the acquisition of Keiser University earlier this year by Everglades College, Inc, a 501©3 not-for-profit corporation.

"Together our universities, operating independently, will continue our mission of career-focused education, and also remain committed to our 'students first' philosophies," said Gregg Wallick, Chairman of the Board for Everglades University.

Keiser University serves nearly 19,000 students on 18 campuses, employing over 3,000 staff and faculty. The university is Florida's leading statewide provider of career-focused, post-secondary education and is regionally accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Keiser University serves students seeking associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in over 60 high demand degree programs at its Florida campuses, online, Graduate School and College of Golf divisions. 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.

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