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Keiser University Awards \$205,000 in Scholarships to Aspiring Culinary Artists

Tallahassee, Florida—April 1, 2008— On March 25 at the Eighth Annual Prostart Culinary Team Competition, Keiser University's Center for Culinary Arts awarded \$205,000 in scholarships to first, second and third place winners in the competition's four categories: Gourmet Meal, Management, Edible Centerpiece, and the Waiter's Relay. Almost 500 students from 60 Florida high schools participated.

Keiser University provided 12 first place recipients \$10,000 scholarships, 11 second place recipients received \$5,000 scholarships and 12 third place recipients received \$2,500 scholarships totaling \$205,000. The winners can use their scholarship funds at Keiser University's Centers for Culinary Arts in Tallahassee, Melbourne or Sarasota.

"At Keiser University we believe the best way to invest in the future of Florida's workforce is to provide scholarships to deserving students," said Gene McDonnell, State Director of High School Admissions. The Prostart Culinary program provides career focused students the ability to gain a jump start on their college education and future careers by exposing them to the culinary arts field through hands on training in their high schools.

Last month, Keiser University's Center for Culinary Arts in Tallahassee received the prestigious "Exemplary" program distinction by the American Culinary Federation Foundations Accrediting Commission (ACFFAC). Twenty-two culinary arts programs out of 183 nationwide were recognized as "Exemplary" placing Keiser University's program in the top 12 percent throughout the country.

Keiser University offers the Associate of Science in Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry. Over 200 students are enrolled in the Culinary Arts programs at Keiser's three Centers for Culinary Arts.

About Keiser University:

Keiser University, Florida's leading private, statewide provider of career-focused, post-secondary education is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Keiser University offers master's, bachelor's and associate degrees in high demand career fields meeting workforce and economic development needs in the communities we serve. In 2006, Keiser University was the nationwide leader in production of Associate of Science graduates in Health Professions and Related Sciences (Community College Week Analysis of US Department of Education Data Released July 8, 2007).

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