

# KEISER UNIVERSITY

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### **Keiser University Fashion Design and Merchandising Students Awarded Industry Scholarships**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida—Nov. 18, 2008— Thanks to the Fort Lauderdale chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Keiser University students and aspiring fashion designers, Ciera Hill and Georgina Patrizio, are one step closer to achieving their dreams. Hill, of Deerfield Beach, received a \$1,000 scholarship and Patrizio, of Miami, received a \$500 scholarship to assist with expenses as they pursue their Associate of Science degrees in Fashion Design and Merchandising.

“It is a privilege for our students to be recognized by the Fort Lauderdale chapter of the American Sewing Guild,” stated Nelly Tejada, Fashion Design Program Director for Keiser University. “Our university is career focused and as we prepare students for their future professions, it is exciting to see the competitive advantage they are earning,” added Tejada.

Keiser University’s Associate of Science degree in Fashion Design and Merchandising prepares students for a career in the apparel industry. The program is designed to combine the creative and business-oriented training necessary for employment in the field. Students are provided a hands-on collaborative learning curriculum and instructed in facilities that are equipped with industrial-quality sewing machines, pressing units, dress forms and cutting tables.



Photo L to R: Georgina Patrizio (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Elouise Crowder, President of the Fort Lauderdale chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Ciera Hill (1<sup>st</sup> Place)

Keiser 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 approximately 12,000 students seeking associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees in over 40 high demand degree programs at its 13 campuses and through its online and Graduate School divisions. The Graduate School opened in 2006 and offers the Executive MBA program among a variety of master’s degrees in education and criminal justice. Keiser University’s educational reach extends globally through its international programs including the Latin Division and cooperative agreements in China and the Eastern European nation of Moldova.

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According to a *Community College Week* analysis of U. S. Department of Education data released June 16, 2008, Keiser University was named the nationwide leader in production of Associate of Science graduates in Health Professions and Related Sciences for the third straight year (2006-2008).

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