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### **Post-Soviet Era Students Earn Bachelor's Degrees from Local University Chancellor Amazed at Milestones Since First Day of Classes 31 Years Ago**

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida—May 6, 2008— When the Keiser family founded the Keiser School in 1977 with one student and one program, they never dreamt that one day they would be honoring a class of over 400 graduates including five from Moldova, a country formerly under communist Soviet rule. The one room school opened in a storefront on Oakland Park Boulevard and 31 years, 13 locations and tens of thousands of graduates later, Dr. Arthur Keiser, Chancellor, is announcing the addition of two new Master's degree programs to the university's recently established graduate school.

On Saturday, May 10, Keiser University graduates will take the stage at 10 a.m. at the Coral Springs Center for the Performing Arts located at 2885 Coral Springs Drive in Coral Springs. State Representative James Waldman will deliver the keynote address. The university has added Master's degrees in Education and Criminal Justice to the MBA program offerings.

Keiser fondly recalls the very first day in 1977 when his first and only student at that time, Terry Prezzemello, arrived late fearing she had disrupted the class. Prezzemello was told, "It's OK dear, you are the class."

Prezzemello, now known as Terry Schmidt, helped establish Keiser's nursing program several years ago and is currently an instructor training registered nurses to become surgical operating room nurses in Keiser's prestigious Perioperative Nursing program.

Keiser University established a cooperative agreement with Moldova State University to provide a dual business administration degree to students seeking higher education in one of Europe's poorest countries. The Moldovan students take courses online and in their home country from visiting Keiser instructors. Some students have also made the trip for month-long courses at Keiser University's Fort Lauderdale campus. Moldova has very little infrastructure and these students are expected to contribute to the economic future of the country's commerce and tourism industries.

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 serves over 12,000 students seeking associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in over 40 high demand degree programs.

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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