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## **State Senator Daniel Webster and Metro Orlando EDC President/CEO Ray Gilley to Address Graduates**

### ***Chancellor Amazed at Milestones since First Day of Classes 31 Years Ago***

Orlando, Florida—May 13, 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 1,350 graduates including 75 from their nearly six year old Orlando campus. Thirty-one years, 13 locations and tens of thousands of students later, Dr. Arthur Keiser, Chancellor, is announcing the near completion of the Orlando campus's \$4.3 million expansion to welcome their first class of nursing students and the addition of two new Master's degree programs.

On Friday, May 16, Keiser University Orlando campus graduates will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. at the Orlando Baptist Church located at 500 South Semoran Boulevard. Fitting with the campus's growth, the expansion of the master's programs and the addition of the nursing program to fulfill local and statewide workforce shortages, State Senator Daniel Webster and Metro Orlando EDC President/CEO Ray Gilley will serve as the keynote speakers.

In addition to the current MBA program offerings, the university's two new Master's degrees in Education and Criminal Justice will begin September, 2008. The nursing program is enrolling now for the September, 2008 and January, 2009 class starts.

"With budget cuts and enrollment caps facing the state university system, we are a proven, regionally accredited higher education alternative for students seeking convenient scheduling to pursue high demand degrees," stated Keiser. We will continue to grow, staying true to our mission of serving students first, meeting employer needs and contributing to the economic development of Florida's communities, he added.

Keiser's 20,000 square foot Orlando expansion is scheduled for completion late next month and will include approximately 14 labs and 14 classrooms supporting healthcare degree programs such as nursing, occupational therapy, and histology, an additional 3.5 acres and 250 parking spaces. Upgrades will also be made to the original 40,000 square foot campus after the expansion is completed. The campus opened in 2002 and serves 750 students.

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 approximately 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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