

# THE SEAHAWK SCOOP



Keiser University Clearwater

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Dear Students,

Welcome back to campus! I hope you've had a restful and enjoyable break, and that you're feeling rejuvenated as we embark on another exciting semester together!

As we come together to continue our academic journey together, I want to remind you that you are at the heart of everything we do here at Keiser University Clearwater. This semester, we are thrilled to offer even more opportunities for growth, learning, and personal development. Whether you're returning to finish your degree, diving into core classes, or just getting started with your degree, there are countless ways to make this a meaningful and impactful term.

Our faculty and staff are here to support you every step of the way. As we continue to build a "Student First", collaborative, and inspiring campus environment, I encourage you to take full advantage of all the resources available to you. From academic advising, tutoring and our student services, there are endless ways to enrich your experience and connect with the Keiser community. You can also take the opportunity to get involved with one of our organizations!

Remember, the road ahead may have its challenges, but with your passion, perseverance, and the support of this campus, I am confident you will continue to achieve great things. This is a time for you to dream big, to embrace new opportunities, and to push the boundaries of what's possible.

On behalf of the entire Keiser family, I wish you a successful and fulfilling semester. Let's make it one to remember!

Warmest regards,  
President Wade





## Celebrating Medical Assisting Excellence:

Medical Assistants' Week is promoted as a week-long event to make the public aware of all the hard work that medical assistants do. Annually, October 23 is designated as Medical Assistants Day. In that same fashion beginning on October 21, Keiser University celebrated Medical Assisting Day by honoring its exceptional students. The celebration was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of these aspiring healthcare professionals.

During the festivities, each medical assisting student received a lapel watch, a symbol of their commitment to the field. The watches, presented by their instructor, served as a reminder of the students' journey and the importance of timekeeping in the medical industry.

The students were also surprised with a special lunch from Campus President Wade and Karen Bisco, Director of Student Services, followed by a specially prepared scrub top cookie decorated in Seahawk colors from their instructor, Kellie Baker to show appreciation for the students' hard work and commitment to their training.

Medical Assisting Week is a time for us to recognize the remarkable achievements of our students. These soon to be Medical Assistants demonstrate professionalism, excellent skills, a strong work ethic, and genuine passion for patient care. We are proud to celebrate their accomplishments and look forward to their bright futures in the healthcare industry.



## Information Technology and Cybersecurity

The IT Program here at Keiser University-Clearwater prides itself on encouraging students to pursue certifications that will allow more career opportunities and expand their cyber knowledge outside of the classroom. Industry certifications help individuals stand out in the job market, signify a commitment to professional development, and keep you up to date on cybersecurity knowledge that is constantly evolving.

The BSIT Cyber Program would like to congratulate our very own Wanda Guadalupe for passing the Certified in Cybersecurity Certification Exam in early December. Professor Small sent out an announcement in November to inform students of a free Cybersecurity certification available for them to complete. Wanda too on the challenge, studying and sitting for the exam within just a month and passing with flying colors. This will be her 2nd cyber certification, and she doesn't plan on stopping there.

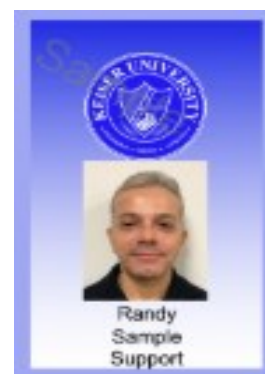
We also have an exciting opportunity for students from all programs who are interested in obtaining the highly coveted CompTIA A+ , and Network + Certifications. Professor Robinson will be hosting a study cohort for these certifications and a sign-up sheet will be in the student lounge starting the first week in February. Once you sign up, additional details for meeting days and times will be provided. **Don't miss out!!**



# NOTICE

## STUDENTS, STAFF & FACULTY

**ID BADGES** must be worn while on campus.  
All **VISITORS** must check in and obtain a **VISITORS** badge.



To obtain an ID badge, please visit the Front Desk Receptionist .





## CONGRATULATIONS NURSING COHORT XVII

The nurse pinning ceremony at Keiser University Clearwater was a heartfelt celebration of dedication, perseverance, and achievement. These remarkable men and women worked tirelessly to complete their rigorous nursing program, demonstrating resilience and compassion every step of the way. With smiles, tears, and proud hearts, they marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of an exciting new journey. As they prepare for their final milestone - the NCLEX exam- they carry forward the knowledge, skills, and values that will define their careers in healthcare. This ceremony was a testament to their commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.



## Career Services

Keiser University is dedicated to your success by offering a variety of Career Assistance Services.

### What we offer:

- One on One Career Counseling
- Resume Assistance & Development
- eWorkshops & Podcasts
- College Central Network– job opportunities
- Job Fair Information & Resources
- Career Resources
- Mock Interviews
- Leadership Distinction Workshops

### These services can help you in a variety of ways:

- Create your resume, cover letter and more!
- Learn to network with employers nationwide
- Search & apply for jobs posted on College Central Network
- Build professional skills
- Increase your marketability within your chosen field.

### READY TO BEGIN?

Start with registration with our career center and resume review! [www.collegecentral.com/keiser](http://www.collegecentral.com/keiser).

**Student Services is here to assist you!**  
**Please email me at [Kbisco@keiseruniversity.edu](mailto:Kbisco@keiseruniversity.edu)**  
**Or stop by Student Service Office today!**

*All dates, times, and topics are subject to change without notice.*

# Leadership Development Workshops

DATE	TOPIC	TIME/LOCATION
01/22/2025	Getting the Interview	6:00 p.m. Kaltura
02/19/2025	The Interview	1:00 p.m. Auditorium
03/19/2025	Professionalism	6:00 p.m. Kaltura
04/16/2025	Career Fair Success	1:00 p.m. Auditorium



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**Your Student Organizations!**  
*Monthly Meetings Listed on Monthly Calendars.*



## Monthly Activities

Please check the monthly calendar found  
on your  
Blackboard for specific dates and times....

**SGA/SNA/PTK/SVA Meetings**  
**Graduate Exit Seminars**  
**Community Service Days**  
**Leadership Development Workshops**



### **New Student Orientation Dates**

01/08/2025  
02/05/2025  
03/05/2025  
04/02/2025

**Register Today for our Online Job Board**  
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**Check Your Credit, Protect Your Credit!**  
**Contributed By: Geoff Stam, Director Default Management and Financial Literacy  
Office of the Chancellor**

The world of credit can be confusing, challenging, and downright maddening to understand. Yet, it is one of the most important aspects of your financial health. Your credit reflects how responsible you are with other people's money. Credit health (or what most refer to as a credit score), is derived from the information contained in your credit report(s). Reviewing your credit reports regularly (at least once every 12 months) from all 3 credit bureaus, (Experian, Equifax, TransUnion), is essential to ensure the information in those reports is correct.

The credit report contains a vast amount of data about your past and present credit transactions (including student loans). It's used primarily by potential lenders to evaluate your creditworthiness (ability to borrow). But it can also be reviewed by current and potential employers, licensing agencies, and insurance underwriters. Prior to applying for credit or a new job, you will want to get and review a copy of your credit report. Information reported inaccurately can cause many issues for any of these activities!

You are allowed 1 free report from each of the 3 reporting agencies once every 12 months. The best place to obtain your reports is [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com). Beginning with the pandemic and continuing today, this website allows consumers a free credit report from each agency once every week! You can also contact the bureaus individually, but [AnnualCreditReport.com](http://AnnualCreditReport.com) provides access to all 3 in one place.

Services like Credit Karma (TransUnion and Equifax), Credit Wise (TransUnion and Experian), Credit Journey (Experian only), and various others may not provide information from all 3 bureaus. What you receive might only be a summary of data, not a full, comprehensive report. Remember, we are focusing on the credit report, not the credit score!

Why view all three bureaus? Companies that you have credit with may report differently to each bureau, or they may only report to one bureau. Which report might be used for review or scoring is up to the lender you are applying with, so we don't always know which one will be used. We need to make sure the information in each report is accurate, that no one has compromised our credit data or used our identity.

Checking your credit report (s) does NOT hurt your score! Neither does checking your own credit score, but we will discuss the score in another article.

Besides the annual report, you are also entitled to a free report under the following circumstances:

1. A company has taken adverse action against you, such as denying you credit, insurance, or employment (you must request a copy within 60 days of the adverse action)
2. You're unemployed and plan to look for a job within the next 60 days
3. You're on welfare
4. Your report is inaccurate because of fraud, including identity theft.

You can order your free annual report online at [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com), by calling 877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

Alternatively, you can contact each of the three credit bureaus:

**Experian National Consumer Assistance Center**, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com), P.O. Box 2104, Allen, TX 75013-2104, **(888) 397-3742**

**TransUnion LLC**, Consumer Disclosure Center, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com), P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016-2000, **(800) 916-8800**

**Equifax, Inc.**, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com), P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, **(800) 685-1111**

**Attention Student Loan Borrowers!** Remember, interest accrual and federal student loan payments restarted September 1, 2023. If you hold federal direct Unsubsidized loans, interest started to accrue on those loans September 1, 2023. Federal direct Subsidized loans will continue to have the interest paid by the federal government while you remain a student above ½ time (in-school deferment) or are on a deferment period such as grace period.

**Please register for the free website portal [iontuition.com](http://iontuition.com), to track your loans; know your servicer, review interest rates and accrual as it restarts, understand repayment plans/options, as well as deferment, forbearance, and consolidation.**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. If there is a specific topic you would like to hear about, please let me know. I can be reached by phone at **904-238-3099**, or [gstam@keiseruniversity.edu](mailto:gstam@keiseruniversity.edu).





# Micro-Internships

Get Experience. Get Paid. Get Hired.



Through these short-term, paid, project-centered experiences, you can demonstrate your skills, explore career paths, and expand your professional network. Unlike traditional internships, these paid opportunities are available year-round, tend to be remote, typically range from 10 to 40 hours of work, and are deadline-driven as opposed to set during specific hours - perfect for students with erratic or hectic schedules!



Scan the QR code, and follow the steps below, to create a profile and begin applying to available opportunities.

### Create a Profile



Signing up takes less than 10 minutes!

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### See Micro-Internships



Check out details on available assignments, including when they're due and the pay.

### Apply



Decide which opportunities interest you and apply.

### Complete the Assignment



Once selected, work directly with the company. Do your best to make a good impression!