The Seahawk's Gazette

Melbourne Campus:
Winter Semester 2025 Edition

Keiser University has upheld its position as one of the top 25 universities for promoting social mobility, according to the U.S. News & World Report's 2025 <u>Best Colleges</u> ranking.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT BROWNE:

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK! I hope you had a wonderful holiday filled with family, friends, and fun! I speak for all faculty and staff in wishing you a happy and healthy new year. I want to assure you that my staff and I will do everything possible to help you attain your goals and be successful as you start this exciting new chapter in your lives. We are honored to ring in 2025 with you and greatly appreciate your dedication to earning your degree! As a reminder, I have an open-door policy so don't hesitate to stop by my office if you need assistance.

Winter Semester CAMPUS HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY:

7:30 am - 9:30 pm

FRIDAY:

7:30 am - 5:00 pm

SATURDAY:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

(Hours may vary by department)



ADMISSIONS NEWS

Did you know that completing a Bachelor's degree can lead to higher income, increased job growth, and advancement opportunities? Bachelor degree holders earn more over their lifetime versus Associate degree holders. Earning an advanced degree can show employers that you are ready to take the next step in your career!

The coursework for the Bachelor programs is designed to help you think more critically to help you become a stronger leader. We have Bachelor programs that can be completed in as little as 8 months and all online!

Come visit Admissions so that we can fill you in on your options for your next degree using the coursework you have already completed for your Associates!

Let the Melbourne Campus help you continue to reach for the stars!!!!

Sources: The College Payoff - Education, Occupations, Lifetime Earnings (PDF) and How Much Does a Degree Increase Your Earnings? (With Median Salaries)

Our TEAM helps students reach their educational and career goals while promoting the development of a well-rounded professional. Student Activities | Student Organizations | Community Outreach | Job Placement Assistance Resume Assistance | Career Development Seminars



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Monday - Thursday:

8:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

College Central Network STUDENT RESO

FREE career services including:

Online job board Job search on the go Job agent matching Resume review Career focused webinars Podcasts and career articles Volunteer and internship opportunities

Register today at:

www.collegecentral.com/keiser

It is a graduation clearance requirement to have an approved resume on file on College Central Network before you graduate.

Online Career Center Resume Review Mock Interviews Graduate Exit Seminars

Leadership Distinction Program (LDP) **FAQs on Graduation:**

www.keiseruniversity.edu/studentservices/graduation

Job Fairs & Recruiting Events Newsletters & Calendars Student ID Cards

> **Work-Study Program** Information on:

Housing, childcare, insurance for students, graduation requirements and much more



Library News



THE MELBOURNE CAMPUS LIBRARY IS HERE TO SERVE YOU!

Stop by and meet our staff, Nadia Hajo, Librarian, and Breanna Powell, Library Assistant, or visit the online library at https://www.keiserlibrary.com/ for access to over 80 databases of academic journals, eBooks, videos, and more!

Hours OF OPERATION:

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 am - 8:30 pm Fri: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm Sat: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Sun: Closed





Please visit our bookstore for your textbooks, uniforms, supplies, Seahawk gear, Starbucks coffee and other merchandise!

Hours of Operation:

M on - Wed: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm Thurs - Fri: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

ONLINE BOOKSTORE:

http://www.bkstr.com/keiserstore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials

BURSAR'S OFFI

Who we are: Our office is responsible for managing your student account.

What we do: We post charges, such as tuition and fees, and make sure your costs are being covered by your Financial Aid and / or student payments. We also determine eligibility for refunds, stipends, and tuition reimbursement.

How we can help you: We can answer your questions about your account, charges, payments and refunds! If you have any concerns, please stop by our office (located across from the bookstore) or

How to make a payment: You can pay online through your Student Portal, and you can also pay over the phone, in person, or by setting up recurring monthly payments.

BURSAR'S HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 8:30 pm Friday - Saturday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



THE SEAHAWK'S GAZETTE - WINTER 2025

We are pleased to announce that the Leadership Distinction Program (LDP) has some new and exciting offerings. Existing seminars have been improved and some new titles have been added, including: Virtual Interviews, Success in Your Job, Career Fair Success, Emotional Intelligence and Linked-In.

Upon completion of the program, students will receive a single red honor cord to wear at graduation and will have this honor denoted in the commencement program. Please note that completion includes a community service component. See Blackboard or stop by Student Services for a schedule.



Receive written feedback on your work or schedule a synchronous phone call or Teams meeting to discuss your work.

You can find additional resources within the **Blackboard** course room, saved under Courses as Keiser Writing Studio. To submit a paper for written feedback, click on the Undergraduate Student or Graduate Student Submit a Paper tab. To request a synchronous writing consultation through phone or Teams, click on Request a Meeting.

The Writing Studio is available for appointments seven days a week: Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST Sundays: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST

The coordinators' schedules vary. Check them out to find the appointment time most convenient for you.

For more information, visit: https://www.keiseruniversity.edu/writing-studio/

Student Organizations

Please see the monthly calendar for meeting dates and times.



Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society (AΔN)

Advisors: Ms. Carrie Frank and Dr. Shay Mulvany Minimum GPA 3.0

Requirement: Completion of two nursing semesters to join

National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)

Advisor: Mr. Daniel Perry

Requirements: Associate and Bachelor's Nursing Degrees

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society (ΦΘΚ)

Advisor: Ms. Mary Garrett Requirements: Completion of 12 credits and a minimum GPA of 3.75 to join

Student Association of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (SAAND)

Advisor: Ms. Monique Riviere Requirement: Dietetics and Nutrition Degree

Student Government Association (SGA)

Advisor: Ms. Mary Garrett

Benefits: Professional Development & Social Awareness

Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)

Advisor: Ms. Amy Hunger Requirement: Occupational Therapy Assistant Degree

Student Physical Therapy Association (SPTA)

Advisor: Ms. Kalee Reid

Requirement: Physical Therapist Assistant Degree

Student Veterans of America (SVA)

Advisor: Dr. Kevin McGarry Open to student veterans and interested students in all degrees

REASONS YOU SHOULD JOIN A STUDENT ORGANIZATION:

Social Skills Development **Professional Development** Resume Building

Network Development Social Awareness Confidence Building

FROM THE DESK OF DEAN BENSON:

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable winter break. As we embark on a new semester, I wanted to share some tips to help you achieve success and make the most of your college experience.

Set Clear Goals: Start by setting academic and personal goals for the semester. Having clear objectives will keep you focused and motivated.

Stay Organized: Use a planner or digital calendar to keep track of important dates, assignments, and exams. Staying organized will help you manage your time effectively.

Attend Classes Regularly: Make it a priority to attend all your classes. Active participation and engagement are key to understanding the material and performing well.

Seek Help When Needed: Don't hesitate to ask for help if you're struggling with a subject. Utilize campus resources like tutoring sessions, study groups, and office hours with professors.

Maintain a Healthy Balance: While academics are important, it's also crucial to take care of your physical and mental health. Make time for exercise, hobbies, and social activities.

Stay Connected: Build relationships with your peers, professors, and advisors. Networking can provide support, guidance, and opportunities for growth.

Stay Positive and Resilient: Challenges are a part of the learning process. Stay positive, be resilient, and don't be afraid to adapt your strategies if needed.

Develop Good Study Habits: Find a study routine that works best for you. This might include studying in short, focused sessions, taking regular breaks, and reviewing your notes regularly. We hold regular academic seminars to help with studying techniques and habits — Seahawkinars. Look for these announcements in class and in Blackboard.

Get Involved on Campus: Join clubs and organizations that interest you. Getting involved can help you make new friends, develop new skills, and enhance your college experience.

Practice Self-Care: Make sure to get enough sleep, eat nutritious meals, and take time to relax and recharge. Self-care is essential for maintaining your overall well-being.

Stay Informed: Keep up with campus news and events. Being informed about what's happening on campus can help you take advantage of opportunities and stay connected with the college community.

Manage Stress: Learn and practice stress management techniques such as deep breathing, meditation, or yoga. Managing stress effectively can improve your focus and productivity.

Set a Budget: College life can be expensive. Create a budget to manage your finances and avoid unnecessary stress. Look for student discounts and ways to save money.

Be Proactive: Take charge of your education by being proactive. This includes seeking out internships, attending career fairs, and exploring opportunities that align with your career goals.

Reflect and Adjust: Periodically reflect on your progress and adjust your strategies as needed. Being flexible and open to change can help you overcome obstacles and stay on track.

Remember, every student's journey is unique. Find what works best for you and don't be afraid to seek support when needed. Here's to a successful and fulfilling semester!

"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow is our doubts of today." - Franklin D. Roosevelt



IMPROVE YOUR FINANCIAL LITERACY

Hello Keiser Students!

Happy NEW YEAR and welcome back! This year make sure to take advantage of IONtuition's services to get your educational finances in order:

- Students can call or chat with a student loan repayment expert.
- You can register on IonTuition's portal to manage your student loan repayment.
- Connect with live repayment specialists who can assist you in contacting your federal servicer and matching you to a better repayment plan.
- Create your account today at: portal.iontuition.com/Keiser

Financial Literacy: Improve your Financial Literacy and Win Money! IonTuition users have access to a comprehensive financial aid literacy program. This program includes regular sweepstakes offerings. Users have the chance to win up to \$1000 by completing financial literacy program tasks.

IonTuition is FREE to all Keiser students.

That Time of Year has arrived: Students are able to complete their 2025-26 FAFSA application! Please log into Studentaid.gov to begin and complete your application.

Below are a few reminders:

- Consent is <u>REQUIRED</u> for Financial Aid eligibility.
- NO CONSENT= NO FINANCIAL AID (consent is for the entire FAFSA cycle and can not be revoked.
- Your FSA ID is required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Contributor = parent/stepparent or spouse of a student applicant.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Friday - Saturday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



A Financial Reset for 2025

CONTRIBUTED BY: Geoff Stam, Director Default Management and Financial Wellness, Office of the Chancellor

Hello 2025! While we set our financial sights on a new year, we continue to see everything from eggs, to gasoline, to clothing, to our electric bill cost us more money. Our dollar seems to cover less and less. With that in mind, how do we make the money we have stretch further?

It's time to re-evaluate and reset our budget. We don't necessarily have to cut out or down on everything we do, but where can we make some adjustments to make sure everything we need to cover financially is handled.

Wondering where to start? Begin with the Short-Term Financial Goals. These goals typically are less complicated to complete and generally more manageable. Anything from saving for an emergency fund, paying down a credit card or other debt, saving for a special item, or making sure you are breaking-even at the end of the month/budgeting period. Your goals depend on your personal (family) financial status. Create these goals with the **SMART** principles in mind to set you on your path.

The **SMART** principles: **Specific** – very clearly defined; **Measurable** – has checkpoints to show progress; **Attainable** – a goal that you can complete and is not out of reach; **Relevant** – goal is yours (and your family's) and important to your financial health; **Time-Framed** – you set a time to complete it (3 months, 6 months, 12 months).

Next, determine your income, identify expenses (ALL of them), and create a simple budget. This is your roadmap to completing your financial objectives. View your budget as a guide to your money and not a restrictive document. A way for you to tell your money what to do versus wondering what happened to it all. But don't forget to treat yourself (even if it's a small treat) within your budget. Your short-term goals should drive this budget.

If you've never created a budget before, it might be frustrating initially and the first attempt may not be successful, and that's okay. If you learn from the mistakes and apply them to the next budget, it will be more effective. Plus, there are plenty of FREE tools available to take advantage of that can assist you along the way.

It's not a document set in stone, it will change and refine itself over time. The more you use it, the more effective the budget will become, and you will see your goals nearing completion.

Here are some sites to help:

https://www.google.com/sheets/about/

https://mint.intuit.com/

https://goodbudget.com/

https://www.rocketmoney.com/

https://www.ramseysolutions.com/everydollar/budgeting

https://portal.iontuition.com

Focus on the positive that comes from any of the financial goals you have achieved! Don't let your mistakes to stop you from trying to realize financial success, learn from them.

Every goal you reach will help you move on to the next goal and the next. With some work, determination, and perseverance, you can make 2023 a financial success!

Attention Student Loan Borrowers!

If you hold federal direct unsubsidized loans, interest will start to accrue on those loans from the time they are disbursed. Federal direct subsidized loans will continue to have interest paid by the federal government while you remain a student above $\frac{1}{2}$ time (in-school deferment) or are on a deferment period such as grace period.

Please register for the free website https://portal.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 need additional assistance. I can be reached at (904) 238-3099, or status getam@keiseruniversity.edu .

Kelser Gares About Our Community JANUARY IS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR AWARENESS MONTH

The month of January is designated as National Blood Donor Month in the United States. Due to holiday celebrations, inclement weather, and cold and flu season, the winter months are often a time of reduced donations and an increased risk for blood shortages. National Blood Donor Month celebrates blood donors during this critical time and reminds people of the importance of donating blood. Help ensure that this lifesaving resource is readily available to patients during this time. (https://www.aabb.org/fordonors-patients/national-blood-donor-month)

The Big Red Bus will be on campus on Wednesday, January 29th from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm



To do your part, visit https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now and schedule an appointment using sponsor code 23462

Donors receive a long-sleeved T-shirt and a \$20 eGift Card

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

Earning Rewards
Is a Donation Away



Every time you donate, you are not just giving hope, you are also earning rewards. OneBlood's exclusive rewards program is designed to show their appreciation for your incredible generosity. Your contributions save lives and unlock many benefits. What You Can Earn: Gifts, eGift Cards, Bonus Bucks and Partner Promotions. (https://www.oneblood.org/promotions/ways-to-earn.html)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL 2024 Dean's List and Honor Roll Recipients!



Abigail Hubbard Abigail Joy Sausaman Abigail Rice Alex Smith Alexandra Bula Alexis Jackson Amanda Ashley Rangel Amanda C Pichardo Amy J Hunger Andrea Aravena Andrea Campbell Andrea Jane Hobert Andrew Moore Andriana Autumn Bonner Angela Scarsella Angelia Raschilla Anthony Fuel April Jones Ariadny Rosa Ashlee Bennett Ashleigh R Hinman Ashley Faith Barnhill Ashley Hernandez Rivera Ashley N Ware Ashley Vanessa Gonzalez Asyeika Marie Laboy Perez Austin Cromwell Bethanie Nicolle Bultman Binying Gao **Brett Michael Marcinik Brittney Brusca** Caroline Jakubik Caroline Rogers Cecelia Noon Charley Herzig Cheryl A Duvall Christopher Cooper Christy Traylor Cierra Graham Cohen Aleman Colbie Brooke Blair Cory Humphries Courtney Eanes Courtney Seeloff Courtney Thompson Craig Maynard Cristian Jayson Rodriguez Crystal Speirs Dakota Whitney White Dawn Marie Rogers Deja Moore Demetrius Taylor

Dezerae Martin

Diana Falcon Baez

Efrain Rivera Castro

Elaina Lancour Ellen Mae Haag Elmira Baitassova **Emily Morrison** Emma Pena Erin Plonski Felicia Managay Gabriel Ripoll Gladys Y Santiago Gorden McCourt **Gregory Mata** Haley Bielarz Hannah Schneider Harley Layne Tinney Heather Louise Dupree Hector Lugo Hope Watt Jacob Albaugh Jade Long James Lagrassa James Lee Breeden James Sayaman Jamie Barber Janelle Williams Jasmaine Williams Jasmine Flores Lopez Jason Tatum Jennifer Siverio Jeremy Dunaway Jessica Castro Fiuza Jireh Joy Alverio Joenetra Duplessis John P Csady Jontua Levar Bravo Jordan Taylor Profeta Jose Rivera Thomas Joshua Gill Josiah Dorris Juanita Cruz Junia Saint Louis Katelin Sheheen Katie Gomes Kayla LeeAnn Waldrop Kelly Whitworth Kenyatta Gadson Kirsten Hager Kloee Dillon Krystal Jones Latrece Simmons Lauren N Parry Laylah Lara Leah Branck Lee Sanford Liiun Wang Lindsay Cafariella Lindsey Bode

Luce Adhemar

Madelynn Pierce

Madilyn Klingler

Madison Howard Madison Nunez Magan Elizabeth Powell Makenzie Gilliam Maria Paulina Atehortua Marina Baer Mary Dier Matthew Geary Meghan McCann Meghan Wade Melinda Munn Melissa Slyter Michael Clark Mikki Lala Miranda Glover Miller Misha Dixon Nadine Pierre-Louis Natalia Paola Cantillo Natalie Alexis Romero Neil Mehta Nicholas Copp Nicholas Fox Nicolas Cangelosi Nicole Rasmussen Nicole Whitney Nytasia Gozikowski Nyx Zaid Nieves Lopez Peter Merced Priscilla Elizabeth Martinez Raean Devane Richard Lee Robert Kern Rosio Fernandez Roxanne Abbruzzese Rvan Bonnichsen Ryan Russo Sandra Hudson Sarah Snyder Shaniqua Pressley Shareen Williams Sherise Bristol-Williams Shianne Thompson Skyler Mikenzie Hancock Sokchantha Brown Sommer Cheyene Denson Sophie Ville Stephanie Sandberg Stephen Benjamin Stephen Vega Summer Hayes Sydney Rekar Timothy Gills Vanessa Falcon Verna Stokes Faine Victoria Ashley Bilal William Helmick William Johnson

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Jeremy Wood

Jerick Sandoval Jessica Goodman Jessica L. Gray Jolynda Ann Hetzell Kari Kociuruba Katherine E Leroy Katherine Watkins Keanna Mcintyre Keaton Mccullough Klein Keiosha Morris Keith Hamilton Brown Kendel Ramirez-Rivera Keona Davis Kimberly O'Brien Kloey Marsh Kristin Alicia Kinney Krystal Fraser Lashard Gardner Latisha Gowins Lillian Muhammad Lily Roman Lisamy Borrero Lisette Vanessa Winans Marcus Dewayne Tillmon Cornett Matthew Peck Melissa Leigh Gonzales Morgan Phillips Nadine Simon Natalie Vincent Nicolas David Mendoza Nicole Spaziante Odette Garcia-Rivas Olivia Chickadel Pedro Edwin Diaz Phanuela Moncoeur Ramon Yadiel Lopez Reunna Tashay Hughes Samantha Nicole Savoia Samuel Bardy Sarah Poulsen Saysharel Marquez Gonzalez Sean OMalley Shannon Lertola Shannon Midnight Sforza Susan Voneta Howerton Tamalyn Libbey Tess Mumm Theodore Straight Thomas Armstrong Thomas Brauer Tracee Hutker Veronica Turner Yahaira Matias Madera Zachary Walls





PARKER MICRO-INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Q. "What are micro-internships?"

A. "Micro-internships are short-term (usually between 10 - 40 hours), often remote, paid projects, working for real companies."

Keiser University provides the opportunity for our students to apply for short-term, professional, paid work experiences through **Parker Dewey** Micro-Internships.

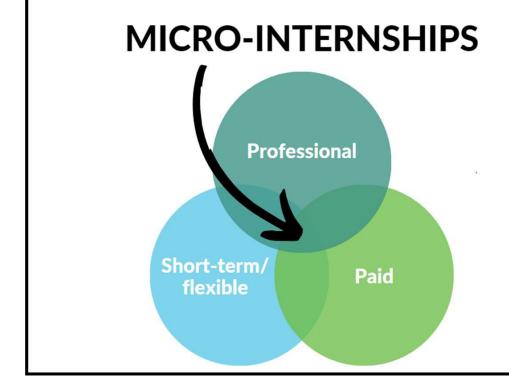
Through these short-term, paid, project-centered experiences, you can demonstrate your skills, and expand your professional network.

Unlike a traditional internship, these paid opportunities 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!

Not only does this help the companies across various industries and departments who are looking for skills like yours, but it also allows you to get real-world experience and network with professionals. Additionally, by engaging these companies early in your college career, you can make yourself a more experienced and appealing candidate for future internship and career opportunities.

To learn more and start applying, visit https://info.parkerdewey.com/keiseruniversity/students and create a profile.

We encourage you to have your resume reviewed via College Central Network before applying for an internship. For additional information, please call or stop by Student Services.





Keiser University License Plates



Keiser University has partnered with the Indian River County Tax Collector's Office to enable Seahawks from **ANY COUNTY IN FLORIDA** to be able to purchase their KU license plate through the mail (and at no extra fee). All you need to do is click the link below to submit the form, and a representative will contact you and walk you through the process of ordering your plate and having it delivered in the mail. That's right – no trip to the DMV required!

Upon submitting this form, a representative from the Indian River Tax Collectors Office will contact you during regular business hours. **Please be prepared to provide the following:**

- 1. Vehicle Info (make, model, tag info)
- 3. Payment Information

2. Mailing Address

4. Insurance Information

Cost & Fees

The following fees will be charged in addition to your regular registration fees:

- \$30 Specialty plate fee (\$25 of which goes to Keiser Mills Foundation to support student scholarships)
- \$28 One-Time plate replacement fee (if within 3 months of your birthday)
- Replacement fee is \$39.85 if not within 3 months of your birthday

To get started, simply click on the link below, fill out the form and hit submit, or visit https://www.keiseruniversity.edu/license-plate-form/

The information will be sent to the Indian River Tax Collector's office and a representative from their office will call you to collect additional information along with your method of payment.

You'll be showing your school spirit, knowing that \$25 of every purchase will go to fund the Keiser Mills Foundation to provide scholarships for deserving students attending Keiser University in pursuit of their degree. Thank you again for supporting Keiser University. **GO SEAHAWKS!**

ORDER A KU LICENSE PLATE NOW

