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**Keiser University’s Miami Campus Serves as an IRS Tax Preparation Site**

*Keiser University has the highest number of tax returns accepted in region*

Miami, FL—March 5, 2015 —Keiser University’s Miami campus, from Jan. 21 through April 15, is serving as a site for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Of the close to twenty participating sites, the Miami campus has prepared the highest number of returns since their 2015 VITA season began.

The IRS offers free tax help, through the VITA Program, to taxpayers who qualify. Students, in the Accounting and Business programs at the Miami campus of Keiser University, who wished to participate in this program were required by the IRS to pass an examination and are now certified to prepare tax returns. A faculty member was also certified by the IRS and is always on site when the public is at the campus for tax preparation.

“We are proud to have had the IRS accept 95 tax returns thus far for members of the community who have come in to have our students prepare their taxes,” said Dr. Gary Markowitz, Campus President. “Community service is a part of Keiser University’s mission, so this is an exceptional opportunity for our accounting and business students to put into practice the skills they learn in their program while providing a service to the community.”

This is the fourth year KU students have participated in this program and the campus is working closely with the City of Sweetwater to ensure their residents are aware this service is available to them. This tax preparation service is being offered free by Keiser University students as a benefit to the community.

The Miami campus is located at 2101 NW 117 Avenue in Miami. The campus will be have tax preparation available on Wednesday’s from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday’s from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through April 15, 2015.

**About Keiser University:** Keiser University is a private, not-for-profit university serving nearly 20,000 students pursuing doctoral through associate degrees on 17 campuses, online and internationally, employing 3,500 staff and faculty.  Keiser University holds Level VI accreditation signifying recognition of its expanded doctoral degree offerings.

Sixty-two percent of KU students graduate in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and healthcare fields, providing the talented workforce necessary for Florida to compete globally. Over 20 percent of Keiser University students are members of the armed services, veterans, or military family members.

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