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**Keiser University’s College of Advanced Technology Announces Vice Mayor Iris Siple Serves as Commencement Speaker**

*Keiser University’s Pembroke Pines campus expects close to 300 graduates*

Pembroke Pines, FL—May 2015—Keiser University’s Pembroke Pines administration and faculty are proud to welcome Vice Mayor Iris Siple as the 2015 commencement ceremony speaker. The event takes place at the Coral Springs Center for the Performing Arts located at 2855 Coral Springs Drive on Friday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

The close to 300 graduates will be addressed by South Florida native Vice Mayor Siple. Born, raised, and educated in Hollywood, Florida the Vice Mayor has served three terms on the Pembroke Pines City Commission, having first been elected in 2004, and then re-elected unopposed in 2007. She was elected to her third term in 2012 and has served as Vice Mayor three times while on the Commission. Vice Mayor Siple has served on numerous City and County boards, including having been a Board Member of the YMCA of Broward County, the Broward League of Cities, Executive Board Member of Minority Development & Empowerment, Inc., and is currently a Board Member on the Florida League of Cities, and a Member of the Broward County Children’s Services Board.

“This year we are excited that our first cohort of students in the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Investigations program to be receiving their diplomas and in honor of Mother’s Day, one of the stand-out graduates is a single mom, Christina Mitchell,” said Cecil Kidd, Campus President.  “As with each graduation there are a multitude of graduates to highlight for their exceptional efforts in pursuing their dream of a new career path.”

This spring, close to 5,400 Keiser University graduates are expected to cross stages throughout the state signifying completion of their college degrees and the beginning of the next chapter in their professional lives. The Class of 2015 is proud to recognize their Valedictorian Cheryl Anderson. Anderson, a veteran and Phi Theta Kappa member, earned her Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies.

Also being featured during this commencement ceremony will be the Salutatorian, Andrew Rojas who earned his Bachelor of Science in Network Systems and Data Communications. The Graduate of Distinction will be Hermaley Lubin who earned her Associate of Science in Medical Assisting.

**About Keiser University:**

Keiser University is a private, not-for-profit University serving nearly 20,000 students offering 100 degrees at the doctoral through associate level on 17 Florida 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. Statewide Keiser University campuses currently have 60 accredited programs, spanning 21 program offerings, from 18 accrediting agencies/regulatory agencies to ensure that the top industry standards are met in degrees such as nursing, occupational therapy assistant, radiologic technology, physical therapy assistant, physician’s assistant, and many others.

Keiser University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award certificates and degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, masters, specialist, and doctoral levels.  Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Keiser University.

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