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**Keiser University’s Fort Myers Campus Holds Spring Commencement Ceremony**

***Nearly 210 graduates will receive keynote remarks from Mayor Marni Sawicki***

**Ft. Myers**, FL—June 2015—The faculty and staff of the Fort Myers campus of [Keiser University](http://www.keiseruniversity.edu/), welcome family and friends to the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2015 on Friday, June 5. The graduation will take place at the Harborside Event Center located at 1375 Monroe Street in Fort Myers at 7:00 p.m. The graduates will be given their keynote address by the Mayor of Cape Coral, Marni Sawicki.

For the Class of 2015 their valedictorian will be a former graduate of KU, Diego Armando Moreno, who previously earned an Associate of Science in Information Technology in December of 2012. He is currently graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Cyber Forensics/Information Security and is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

“Keiser University, Fort Myers is proud to announce our 2015 graduating class and this year, we have Master’s to Associate level graduates participating in our commencement ceremony,” said Nancy Tedros, Campus President. “Our graduates have made their education a priority, have overcome obstacles to achieve success, and will now have the ability to be hardworking professionals in our community.”

In terms of hard work to earn a college degree, there are a myriad of examples in this graduating class but one that stands out is Crystal Ferone, who is graduating with her Associate of Arts degree in Health Services Administration. Aside from being a mother and a wife, she is a full-time student who strived to be successful in her program and to get the most out of her college experience. She was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and elected President of the local chapter, Beta Tau Tau. As though her academic accolades weren’t enough, out of the 900,000 students in the Florida education system she was one of 124 students chosen to be a part of the 2015 All Florida Academic Team.

This spring, close to 5,000 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 nearly 210 graduates from the Ft. Myers campus are fortunate to be addressed by Mayor Marni Sawicki. Mayor Sawicki was elected as the first woman mayor of Cape Coral. With a Master’s degree in business, she has spent the majority of her career in the insurance industry, where her most recent role was that of Vice President of Marketing for a specialty insurance wholesale company. She is now the CEO/President of her own strategic marketing company, Indigo Pros and uses her expertise to aid small to medium-size companies in everything from strategic planning to product launches. In addition, she is the Executive Director of the Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association. Professionally she serves on the following committees/organizations: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Cape Coral Budget Review Committee, Audit Committee, Transportation Advisory Commission (CTAC), Florida League of Cities, Florida League of Mayors, and the US Conference of Mayors.

**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.

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