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 **Keiser University Students Selected to Serve as 2015-2016 Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) Presidential Fellows**

**Ft. Lauderdale**, FL—October 2015— Keiser University (KU) announces that three students have been chosen for the prestigious Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida Presidential Fellows Program for the 2015-16 school year. The purpose of the ICUF Presidential Fellows Program is to organize student-led campaigns in support of independent higher education in general and the Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) in particular.  Students who actively engage with the state government benefit the state, their communities and independent higher education.

“Keiser University is honored to have Lawrence, April, and Jordan representing our 20,000 students as 2015-1016 ICUF Presidential Fellows,” stated Dr. Arthur Keiser, Chancellor of Keiser University. “Having such well-rounded, impassioned students who are eager to advocate on behalf of higher education opportunities which impact not only them but students statewide is commendable. Keiser University is proud to be a member of ICUF, which consists of 31 colleges and universities and serves more than 150,000 students throughout the state of Florida, he added.

The Keiser University students chosen to represent KU and ICUF as Presidential Fellows are:

**Lawrence Alspaugh II**, a Dietetics & Nutrition major from the Lakeland campus who served in the United States Air Force and is a member of Toastmasters, the Student Veterans of America, Student Dietetics Association, and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

**April Griffin**, a Biomedical Science student at the Fort Lauderdale campus who served in the United States Marine Corps and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She is a licensed massage therapist who does work with the Upledger Institute-Dolphin Assisted Therapy for Autistic Children in the Bahamas.

**Jordan Vidal**, a Nursing student from the Orlando campus who is a member of the Leadership Distinction Program, Student Government Association, Student Nurses Association, and serves as a Student Ambassador for the campus.

The Presidential Fellows Program will train and engage campus leaders during the academic year to boost ICUF’s impact in Tallahassee. ICUF Fellows have built a legacy of energizing students, parents and alumni to be actively involved in their government’s decisions. Eligible students are full-time students at an ICUF institution at the senior, junior or sophomore level for the entire academic year.  In addition, eligible students must be Florida residents who receive the Florida Resident Access Grant.

**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 18 Florida campuses, online and internationally, employing 3,500 staff and faculty.

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.

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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