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**Keiser University to Host Over 1200 Local Healthcare Students at**

**HOSA Leadership Conference this Friday, February 5, 2016**

*Keiser University places a high priority on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and healthcare programs*

West Palm Beach, FL—Feb. 2016— Keiser University is gearing up to host the 2016 Florida HOSA – Future Health Professionals Region IX Winter Leadership Conference on Friday, February 5th, 2016 from 9am – 3pm.

In addition to its own student competitors, Keiser will welcome over 1200 middle school, high school, and postsecondary HOSA students from Palm Beach, Okeechobee, Indian River, Port St. Lucie and Martin Counties as they gear up to compete in a variety of clinical nursing, dental science, CPR/First-aid, and interview skills events at both Keiser University West Palm Beach campuses located at 2085 Vista Parkway and 2600 N. Military Trail.

“As a university known for promoting educational excellence in the field of healthcare, we’re thankful for the opportunity to welcome the next generation of dedicated students to both our West Palm Beach and Flagship campuses and to encourage our own students as they compete,” said Kimberly Lea, Keiser University’s West Palm Beach Campus President who is spearheading the event.

HOSA-Future Health Professionals formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America is a national career and technical student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Technology Education Division of ACTE. HOSA is composed of secondary and postsecondary/collegiate students. It is headquartered in Southlake, Texas. HOSA is the largest student organization that prepares students to ener the health care field.

The students who rank in the top three of their categories will move on to the State Leadership Conference being held in Orlando, Florida in April.

**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 3,800 staff and faculty.

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