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**Keiser University’s Miami Campus Holds Summer Commencement Ceremony**

*Barry Johnson, President & CEO of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, will serve as keynote speaker*

**Miami**, FL—June 2016—The faculty and staff of the Miami campus welcome family and friends to the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2016 on Saturday, June 11. The graduation will take place at the Bank United Center located at 1245 Dauer Drive in Coral Gables at 10:00 a.m. The nearly 270 graduates will be given their keynote address by Barry Johnson, President & CEO of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

“This year’s commencement ceremony includes the first graduating class of Physical Therapist Assistant graduates who will all be looking to take their board exams in July,” said Dr. Gary Markowitz, 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.”

The valedictorian for this graduating class who will make brief remarks at the ceremony, is Lilia Diaz-Quiroga, who earned her Bachelor of Arts in Accounting. The salutatorian, Fidel Castillo, is a veteran who earned his Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and participated in the Leadership Distinction Program.

The class of 2016 is fortunate to have Barry Johnson, president and CEO of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, as their commencement speaker. Mr. Johnson joined the Greater Miami Chamber in 2004 following 25 years in corporate communications leadership at AT&T, wrapping up his career as vice president of corporate affairs for the company’s Florida operations. He has been active in the south Florida community for over 25 years having been chairman of the Economic Development council of South Miami-Dade County and co-chairman with the mayor of Miami-Dade County of the first community’s long-term economic development plan, *One Community, One Goal*. Currently, he is a member of the Orange Bowl Committee, the Board of Directors of the Beacon Council, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Economic Development Council of South Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami Mayor’s International Council and Past Chairman of the Miami-Dade Advisory Board of the Florida Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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