

Flagship Campus

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**Keiser University Chancellor Dr. Arthur Keiser Names Dr. Gary Vonk President of Flagship Campus**

*Vonk is a long-time Palm Beach County resident, educator, business leader, and member of charitable organizations*

West Palm Beach, FL–Jun. 20— Keiser University (KU) Chancellor, Dr. Arthur Keiser has announced that Dr. Gary Vonk, has been named president of Keiser University’s Flagship campus located at 2600 North Military Trail in West Palm Beach.  Dr. Vonk has been with KU since 2007, having formerly served as president of the Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach campuses, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Keiser University’s growing Graduate School and Online Division.

“Dr. Vonk has a long proven commitment to innovation and providing students with opportunities to gain the knowledge, understanding, and talent needed to achieve their professional goals through education,” said Keiser.  “His extensive history of academia, business, civic, and philanthropic leadership in Palm Beach County makes him the perfect fit to lead the advancements at our Flagship campus,” he added.

In July 2015, Keiser University announced that it had achieved its long term goal of establishing a Flagship campus in Florida with the acquisition of Northwood University’s West Palm Beach campus.  In less than one year, Keiser University relocated and quickly expanded its popular College of Golf and Sport Management campus to the Flagship campus. The University also launched a Doctorate of Chiropractic Medicine College, announced a Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Global Leadership, nearly doubled its degree offerings, and expanded its 17-sport NAIA / Sun Conference athletics to include lacrosse and swimming.

“The opportunities the Flagship campus continues to provide our students, athletic teams, partners in the community, and all whom we serve here and abroad, are boundless,” said Vonk.  “I am thrilled to be taking on this new role at a time for even more milestones to be achieved as January 2017 also marks Keiser University’s 40th year,” he added.

Vonk is well-known throughout the West Palm Beach community for his charitable work as a board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin County, and his service on the fundraising campaigns of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and United Way.

Vonk said that he looks forward to continuing the progress of the Flagship campus which welcomes a community influenced and collaborative approach. His strong business background and commitment to local partnerships will ensure the innovations at the campus, including the Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Global leadership, become both student and community successes.

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**About Keiser University:** Keiser University, co-founded by Dr. Arthur Keiser, Chancellor in 1977, 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. Keiser University and the Keiser Mills Foundation provide nearly $44 million annually in need-based and academic scholarships.

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