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Keiser University Student Receives a Scholarship From The Florida Nurses Foundation

Orlando, FL – Dec. 29, 2010 – The Florida Nurses Foundation (FNF) announced the statewide recipients of the 2010 scholarships. Keiser University is pleased that Leigh Ann Del Rio, a student at the Orlando campus, is one of the proud beneficiaries of the scholarship.

This year, FNF awarded funding for 31 scholarships, over \$16,000, to students throughout the state of Florida. Each year, FNF provides scholarships and research grants to students and registered nurses. Del Rio learned of the scholarship in her role as President of the National Student Nurses Association – Orlando branch.

"Nursing is a second career for me and I am grateful to have received this scholarship, which will help me to pursue this dream," stated Leigh Ann Del Rio, Keiser University student. Prior to attending Keiser, Del Rio was an elementary school teacher for many years and was even named Teacher of the Year in 2009. Because she loves to teach she still advises other teachers at the elementary school she used to work at in Kissimmee. At Keiser she is also a member of PTK, a national honor society.

FNF was established by members of the Florida Nurses Association (FNA) in 1983. The FNF focus has evolved over time to include support of nursing education and research and to provide assistance to nurses in need, as well as public policy education. Funding for FNF initiatives comes from FNA member donations, entrusted FNA member funds and FNF fundraising efforts.

Keiser University is Florida's leading statewide provider of career-focused, post-secondary education and is regionally accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Keiser University serves approximately 18,000 students seeking associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in over 50 high demand degree programs at its 14 campuses and through its online, Graduate School and College of Golf divisions. Keiser University's educational reach extends globally through its international programs including the Latin Division and cooperative agreements in China and the Eastern European nation of Moldova.

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