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

*State Senator Bill Galvano serves as keynote speaker*

**Sarasota**, FL –May 20, 2016— Keiser University will hold its commencement ceremony on May 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the Sarasota campusat the Bradenton Area Convention Center, One Haben Blvd., in Palmetto. Over 280 students will cross the stage to accept their degrees in front of their immensely proud family, friends, faculty, and campus staff.

“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,” shared Todd Cunningham, Campus President.

The student selected by the Deans and faculty members to address his fellow graduates is Bryce Norman, who is graduating from the Bachelor of Science in Cyber Forensics / Information Security program. Norman served in the United States Army for 3.5 years and during that time he did a year-long tour in Iraq. His commitment to his education earned him job with Amazon managing multi-million dollar IT and robotic infrastructure builds. Motivational words from Norman’s speech, “My education here has directly impacted my success in field and I know it will do the same for all of our graduates as long as they apply themselves…When life gets tough, don’t forget that this was tough and you still made it through….Attack whatever is next in your lives with the same hard work and dedication that you poured into your studies here and continue to invest in yourselves.”

The valedictorian for this graduating class is Marissa Zacarolli, who earned her Bachelor of Science in Forensic Investigations. The salutatorian, Michael Dodd, earned a Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering.

State Senator Bill Galvano, who has elected to the Florida Senate in 2012 and is currently the Senate Majority Leader will address the Class of 2016. Senator Galvano serves a s a member of the Senate Committee on Reapportionment, Rules, Full Appropriations, Agriculture, Education Pre-K-12, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Health Policy, and the Joint Legislative Budget Commission.

For the last several years, Keiser University has held the top ranking in Florida and second in the nation for production of associate graduates in the health professions and related clinical sciences. Over 20 percent of Keiser’s student body are veterans, service members or military family members.  Having served and sacrificed for their country, many returning veterans choose health care fields to continue their life of service.  The US News and World Report ranked Keiser University the thirteenth “Best College for Vets” in the Southern region of colleges in the United States.

**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. Keiser University and the Keiser Mills Foundation provide nearly $44 million annually in need-based and academic scholarships.

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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