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**Keiser University’s Miami Campus Served as an IRS Tax Preparation Site**

*Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program had a successful partnership with Keiser University*

**Miami**, FL—June 21, 2016 — From Jan. 21 through April 13, 2016 Keiser University’s Miami campus participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA), in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). This tax preparation service was offered free by Keiser University students as a benefit to the community.

The IRS provided the statistics for the VITA program that was held at the Miami campus of Keiser University. Of the tax forms submitted, 179 were accepted with the total refund amount for users being more than $345,000.

The IRS offers free tax help, through the VITA Program, to taxpayers who qualify. Students, in the Accounting and Business programs at the Miami campus of Keiser University who wished to participate in this program were required by the IRS to pass an examination and were then certified to prepare tax returns. A faculty member was also certified by the IRS and was always be present on site anytime the public was at the campus for tax preparation.

“Community service is a part of Keiser University’s mission, so this was an exceptional opportunity for our accounting and business students to put into practice the skills they learn in their program while providing a service to the community,” said Dr. Gary Markowitz, Campus President.

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