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Keiser University Celebrates Graduates at Spring Commencement

Tara Richter, CEO of Richter Publishing, serves as keynote speaker

Tampa, FL – June 2017— Keiser University's [Tampa](#), [Clearwater](#), and [New Port Richey](#) campuses will hold a joint spring commencement ceremony on **June 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Grace Family Church located at 5100 W Waters Avenue in Tampa. Over 120 students are eligible to cross the stage to accept their degrees in front of their immensely proud family, friends, faculty, and campus staff.

“The staff and faculty at the Tampa campus are extraordinarily proud of the accomplishments of the graduates who will participate in this commencement ceremony. [Keiser University](#) is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and has been a vital educational resource in the Bay Area community for 12 of those 40 years,” shared Brandon Barnhill, Campus President.

The valedictorian and student speaker for this graduating class is Luke Paltoo, who earned his [Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Analytics](#). During his time at the Tampa campus he served as a member of the Student Government Association and completed the Leadership Distinction Program. After graduation Mr. Paltoo will continue his work as a revenue specialist at Florida Medical Clinic. He shared a lesson learned during his time in the program, “I finally understand that knowing how to do a job is different from knowing why a job needs to be done. Education gives us the ‘why’ and being on the job provides us with the ‘how’. The marriage of education and on-the-job skills completes the circle to make us better workers and leaders.”

The salutatorian, Irvin James Pulliman, has earned his [Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies](#). Mr. Pulliman is a veteran and is currently working as a program manager at CAE, Inc.

Gina Cossey shared, “As the Campus President for the Clearwater campus, I am honored to be part of university whose culture puts students first. I am extremely proud of my recent graduates and look forward to hearing of their accomplishments as they begin their journey through life.”

Keiser University is excited to announce the 2017 commencement speaker Tara Richter. Ms. Richter is the President of Richter Publishing based in Tampa. She specializes in helping business owners how to write

their non-fiction story in 4 weeks & publish a book in order to become an expert in their industry. She has written and published 10 books and has been featured on CNN, ABC, FOX, and USA Today. Ms. Richter was recognized as a 2015 Amazon Best Selling Author and 2013 Finalist for Tampa Bay's Business Woman of the Year Award. Ms. Richter has a degree in Graphic Design.

For 40 years, Keiser University has been a talent development leader providing over 100 doctoral through associate degrees in workforce shortage areas in Florida's targeted industries. The "students first" philosophy combines soft skills, leadership preparation, financial literacy, student support services including tutoring, writing and math labs, monitored learning gains, and convenient scheduling options for working adults.

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.

Ranked #23 by US News & World Report in its 2017 Best Regional Colleges South category, 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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