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### **Keiser University Baseball Picked Tenth in NAIA Preseason Poll**

**West Palm Beach Florida – November 7, 2017** Keiser University opens the season ranked No. 10 in the NAIA Baseball Coaches' Preseason Top 25 Poll, the national office announced Tuesday. The Seahawks were recently picked to finish second in the Sun Conference behind No. 4 Southeastern University.

Reigning NAIA National Champions, Lewis-Clark State tops the poll with 467 points, Faulkner is second with 452 points, and Oklahoma City is third with 434 points. The Seahawks were tenth with 337 points.

The Sun Conference leads all leagues with four teams represented in the poll including; No. 4 Southeastern, No. 10 Keiser, No. 21 St. Thomas and No. 25 Webber International.

The reigning Sun Conference Regular Season and Kingsport Regional Champions, Keiser Seahawks will look to build on their 43-21 overall record. KU returns a pair of All-Conference players in Carlos Pena and Tivon Faneyte.

Faneyte was named First Team All-Conference after finishing the season batting .293 with 13 home runs and 42 RBIs. Faneyte finished with a .963 fielding percentage and had four assists from right field. He was also 21-22 in stolen bases.

Pena was named to the All-Sun Conference Second Team, finishing the season with a .295 batting average. The senior catcher recorded 11 extra base hits including two long balls and plated 37 RBIs. Pena finished the year with a .384 slugging percentage and also had 40 assists and 341 putouts from behind the plate.

Under the direction of new head coach Brook Fordyce, the Seahawks kickoff their season on Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. in a single game against Taylor. The Seahawks first conference series is on the road at South Carolina Beaufort on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

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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. For additional information regarding Keiser University, visit [www.keiseruniversity.edu](http://www.keiseruniversity.edu).