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Wage and Investment

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Violet Nikolici Lowrey, Director of Student Services  
Keiser University - Fort Lauderdale Campus  
1500 N.W. 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Dear Ms. Lowrey,

The Internal Revenue Service is pleased the Keiser University plans to continue its efforts to increase the number of families applying for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Nationally, the IRS believes up to 20 percent of eligible families have not claimed the credit.

The Plantation Territory Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication (SPEC) Office has successfully partnered with the university to provide free tax preparation service and to promote EITC through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. This year, the University prepared 78 returns, which is quite an accomplishment for a first-year site. Based on the positive experiences at the site, students have expressed excitement in how much they have learned, and even expressed a desire to come work for the Internal Revenue Service!

In the Plantation Territory, Keiser University actively educates the community regarding the EITC and other family-friendly credits. The organization has used its voice to promote financial asset education to low-income residents, thus promoting economic stability.

As our association progresses, the Plantation Territory SPEC office will continue to provide training resources and data collection to the organization. We look forward to a continued affiliation to positively impact the families we service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nora Campos".

Dr. Nora Campos  
Acting Manager, Plantation Territory  
Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and  
Communication