



City of Sweetwater

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Keiser University – Miami Campus
2101 NW 117th Ave.
Miami, Florida 33172

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Sweetwater has proudly held a community-based, "Town and Gown" partnership with Keiser Miami University that was established in 2012. Among a variety of collaborative efforts, Keiser and City have worked to form internship programs, volunteer opportunities at community food banks and emergency aid distributions, and services for seniors.

Sweetwater's relationship with Keiser University has undoubtedly been of great benefit to this community. The City's internship program for Keiser students has contributed the labor of skilled and educated young professionals to the City, while providing them with invaluable professional experience. Moreover, the City has employed Keiser students and graduates as employees. In our experience, these individuals have proven to be well-prepared professionals that have added value in their respective areas of employment. Additionally, this partnership has transcended the realm of academia as it relates to community service. For instance, some of the emergency distributions of supplies during hurricanes – along with other distributions of large amounts of food – would have been impossible without the rapid response of Keiser's volunteers and staff.

In addition to being an academic institution, Keiser University has proven to be a multifaceted community resource that positively contributes to its surrounding community. The City of Sweetwater is honored to have this distinguished institution within its municipal boundaries and looks forward to continuing this fruitful partnership into the future.

Sincerely,

Robert Herrada
Assistant City Manager