



May 2, 2018

Violeta Huesman
Keiser University – Sarasota Campus
Director of Student Services
6151 Lake Osprey Drive
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Dear Ms. Huesman:

It is my immense pleasure to congratulate Keiser University on 40 years of service to the local community. Being just over 50 years old ourselves, Port Manatee and Keiser University share the distinction of just how great a community impact an organization can have in such a relatively brief period. Our port prides itself on creating over \$2.3 billion annually in local economic impact while supporting more than 24,000 jobs, without the benefit of ad-valorem taxes.

I personally chose Keiser University to further my own professional development in the Homeland Security Degree Program. I was extremely impressed with the professionalism and real-world knowledge of the programs faculty. The programs curriculum is not only relevant but provides a solid foundation for the training we need to fulfill our public safety and security responsibilities. Fifty percent of our department's senior staff is comprised of Keiser Alumni.

Based upon my personal experience it shouldn't surprise you that when seeking potential employees for our security department, a Keiser graduate is considered exceptionally qualified. Therefore, it should be of no surprise that we recently chose a "Seahawk" to fill a critical leadership position within our security department.

With community service being our common goal, it is my hope that we can strengthen our relationship with the university. I would love the opportunity to discuss how we can work together to ensure future graduates continue to meet the level of professionalism Keiser graduates are known for. It's been an outstanding 40 years.

Go Seahawks!!!

Sincerely,

David M. St. Pierre
Director of Public Safety & Security