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To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to speak on the behalf of Keiser University, and to emphasize how important this university is to the community of Polk County, Florida, for several reasons.

My name is Carla Saviñón, and I am a 2018 Keiser University graduate. I currently work for Bartow Regional Medical Center (BRMC), a BayCare Health Systems company that precepts Keiser interns for both clinical and foodservice supervised practice dietetic internships. Aside from the enrichment that each individual student provides to preceptor-preceptee relationship, many of these interns go on to be hired into the hospital system as registered dietitians and continue to serve the populations within their local community.

Keiser University has a mutually beneficial relationship with the local hospital systems in Polk County, such as BayCare Health Systems. BayCare has multiple hospitals throughout the Tampa Bay area, and most of these facilities' precept Keiser University students from the Bachelor of Nutrition and Dietetics program. BayCare has been providing healthcare to those in the Tampa Bay area for over 20 years, with plans to expand throughout Central Florida.

The interns that have participated in both clinical and food service experiences here at BRMC have enriched not only the lives of the patients that they have daily contact with, but also the preceptors and other mentors that they interact with daily. The interns accomplish this through a combination of their own personal experiences, their Keiser education, and their training with the local preceptors, many of which like me, are Keiser Alumni.

Keiser interns are always well prepared, punctual, and professional. They seamlessly integrate as a part of the team from day one of their internships, and they are always motivated and excited for the opportunity to work alongside our team. I have always been impressed with their skill set and general wealth of knowledge, and I feel they are well prepared not only in their internships, but also for the jobs that await them when they graduate.

I would not hesitate to hire a Keiser University graduate if the opportunity were presented to me. I feel that the discipline and education that these graduates receive prepares them for the reality of the working world and helps to prepare them for the future roles they will hold, especially within the field of dietetics and nutrition.

If there is anything else I can add or offer to support the graduates of Keiser University, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



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