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KEISER COMMENCEMENT

Keiser University's Daytona Beach campus, where students start and finish programs every month, held its first year-round May commencement last week, handing diplomas to 163 students.

The commencement, at the Mainland High School Performing Arts Center, was highlighted by a valedictorian speech by 49-year-old Candy Bishop, who earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

"I believe that it is never too late to learn and that learning keeps our minds active and constructive," Bishop said in a news release before the event. "I did not want to just watch my world go by; I wanted to be a part of it and school allows me to do just that."

State Rep. Pat Patterson, R-DeLand, gave a commencement address.

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