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## **Keiser University Celebrates First Class of MBA Graduates *Chancellor Recalls First Day of Classes 31 Years Ago***

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida—January 8, 2008— When the Keiser family founded the Keiser School in 1977 with one student and one program, they never dreamt that one day they would be honoring their first class of MBA graduates. Thirty-one years, 13 locations and tens of thousands of students later, Dr. Arthur Keiser fondly recalls the first day the school opened. He remembers his first and only student at that time, Terry Prezzemello, arriving late and fearing she had disrupted the class. Prezzemello was told, “It’s okay dear, you are the class.”

Prezzemello, now known as Terry Schmidt, helped establish Keiser’s nursing program several years ago and is currently an instructor training current registered nurses to become surgical operating room nurses in Keiser’s prestigious Perioperative Nursing program.

Today Keiser University serves over 12,000 students seeking associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees in over 40 high demand degree programs. On Saturday, January 12, 2008, 400 Keiser University graduates, including the first class earning MBA degrees, will take the stage at 10:00 a.m. at the Coral Springs Center for the Performing Arts located at 2885 Coral Springs Drive in Coral Springs. State Representative Franklin Sands (H-98) will deliver the keynote address.

Elina Zaychik, age 23, of Boca Raton, is the class valedictorian receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration-International Business. Zaychik is originally from the Ukraine and is an accomplished ballroom dancer and instructor. She has obtained a position with Boca Raton international securities broker-dealer, AVM, L.P.

At Keiser University, our focus is student learning outcomes,” stated Belinda Keiser, Vice Chancellor of Community Relations and Student Advancement. In 2006, 94% of our graduates statewide were placed in careers and we expect the same exciting news from this class of graduates. The information technology and healthcare career fields are showing a bright employment outlook and Keiser University graduates are well trained and academically prepared to make an immediate impact in those high demand areas, added Keiser.

Keiser University, Florida’s leading private, statewide provider of career-focused, post-secondary education is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In 2006, Keiser University was the nationwide leader in production of Associate of Science graduates in Health Professions and Related Sciences (Community College Week Analysis of US Department of Education Data Released July 8, 2007).

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