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Presidential Candidate Governor Mitt Romney Visits Sarasota Campus

Sarasota, Florida—Jan. 25, 2008— On Wednesday, Jan. 23, Keiser University catapulted into the national spotlight as the Sarasota campus hosted Governor Mitt Romney, candidate for the United States presidency. The audience included over 100 of Sarasota's healthcare students lining the front and rear of the platform as university Vice Chancellor Belinda Keiser introduced the candidate.

Governor Romney delivered his campaign stump speech to the standing room only crowd of over 200 in the culinary banquet room, while another 150 guests watched from the lobby via webcast. Romney supporters and undecided voters listened as he touted his economic stimulus plan, his healthcare insurance successes, energy independence and his commitment to family values.

"I will not need briefings on how the economy works; I know how it works," Romney told the interested listeners. "I've been there. I think it's time to have a president who understands the economy, understands jobs, understands why jobs come and go."

Regarding energy independence, he said it has been discussed since Jimmy Carter was president.

"Were you born when Jimmy Carter was president?" Romney asked a group of nursing students, several shook their heads no. "See, we've got folks here that weren't born when we had presidents talking about doing that and yet it hasn't happened."

Radiology student Stacy Furbay, 22, said she decided two weeks ago that she was going to support Romney for president. While Ray Yopez, another radiology student remained undecided.

The students learned on Tuesday, Jan. 22, that Governor Mitt Romney's campaign bus "Change Begins with Us" would be stopping in for a visit at the campus. All agreed that politics aside, having an opportunity to personally meet a candidate for the U. S. presidency is extremely rare. As the students exited the first building to enter their reserved seating in the Center for Culinary Arts, the magnitude of such an event set in. Satellite trucks filled the parking lot and over 50 members of the national and local media lined the hallways and rear of the banquet room while local residents stood in line to catch a glimpse of the Governor.

About Keiser University:

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.

Keiser University offers master's, bachelor's and associate degrees in high demand career fields meeting workforce and economic development needs in the communities we serve. 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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