

Keiser University's Lakeland Campus and the Lakeland Economic Development Council Celebrate the Groundbreaking of a Second Building

LAKELAND, Fla., Jan. 26 /PRNewswire/ -- Keiser University will celebrate an expansion of its Lakeland campus with the groundbreaking of a new \$4.5 million, 25,000-square-foot building to accommodate a student population that has doubled in the past two years. The ceremony will take place today, Monday, Jan. 26, at the Keiser University Lakeland campus located at 2400 Interstate Drive at 5 p.m., immediately following the Lakeland Economic Development Council meeting.

"The growth we have seen in the past two years is very exciting and this new building will allow for us to continue serving the students in this community," stated Rebecca Williams Rodgers, campus president. Aside from partnering with the Lakeland Economic Development Council she is also pleased to have the Advisory Board members for the Keiser University Lakeland campus in attendance, along with local elected leaders in the community.

Keiser University is committed to addressing Florida's workforce needs and continues to expand the course offerings to meet the needs of the employers in the community. To that end, the Lakeland campus has several new programs on the horizon, which will be housed in the new building.

"Keiser University is honored to be part of the Lakeland community and is looking forward to making this additional investment in the city's economic base," said Belinda Keiser, Keiser University vice chancellor. "It is our belief that the strong vision of Lakeland's leadership will bring continued success to the community."

Some of the expected attendees from the community are Florida State Representatives Kelli Stargel and Seth McKeel, Polk County Commissioner Randy Wilkinson, Mayor Ralph "Buddy" Fletcher, Lakeland City Commissioners Glenn Higgins, James Verplank and R. Howard Wiggs. The President of Polk Works, Stacy Campbell-Domineck is also projected to attend.

Keiser University is Florida's leading private, statewide provider of career-focused, post-secondary education and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Keiser University serves approximately 12,000 students seeking associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in over 40 high demand degree programs at its 13 campuses. In addition to the statewide campuses, there are two divisions of the main Ft. Lauderdale campus to serve our students, the online division and the Graduate School. Keiser University opened the Graduate School in 2006, which offers the Executive MBA among a variety of graduate level degrees in education and criminal justice."

According to a Community College Week analysis of U. S. Department of Education data released June 16, 2008, Keiser University was named the nationwide leader in production of Associate of Science graduates in Health Professions and Related Sciences for the third straight year (2006-2008).

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