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### **Keiser University Receives Two Recognitions for Outstanding Community Service and Partnership**

Port St. Lucie, FL—March 18, 2008—Savanna Ridge Elementary School Principal Barbara Kelley knows the true meaning of partnership and recently she bestowed the school's annual "Outstanding Partnership and Commitment" award to Keiser University students and the administration for their contributions.

"Keiser University has taken the time to forge a "true" partnership with Savanna Ridge Elementary. They give material resources by assisting with fund-raisers, food drives, special projects and instructional aids. Keiser's commitment is expressed by serving as mentors through our reading program and guest speaker at special events. We have a common goal in that we are committed to excellence and feel every student should have the opportunity to soar to greater heights. Our school values this wonderful partnership and wanted to express our heartfelt gratitude with a token of appreciation for services rendered this 2007 - 2008 school year," stated Kelley.

This two year old partnership has allowed college students to have a positive impact on elementary school students through a number of activities including holiday toy and gift basket drives, big brother/big sister partnerships for students in need, Thanksgiving food drives, and donated "back to school" supplies for teachers and students. Additionally, Keiser University sponsored the school bus for a field trip for Savanna Ridge fifth graders for their field trip to Kennedy Space Center and donated a new laptop computer and printer to the faculty.

Keiser University campus president Barbara Loven was truly grateful and honored for the recognition from Principal Kelley.

She added, "At Keiser University our staff and students view community service as a responsibility and our focus on 'student's first' mirrors that of Savanna Ridge's dedication to their students' education. The partnership has been as beneficial an experience for our students as it has been for theirs. We look forward to working with the fine students and faculty at Savanna Ridge for years to come and we are honored that they have chosen us as their outstanding partner of the year."

Additionally, Keiser University was awarded the distinction of "Business Partner of the Year" by the St. Lucie County School District.

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 serves more than 12,000 students at its 13 campuses throughout the State of Florida and through the online division.

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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