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Belinda Keiser has devoted her career to advancing Florida's economic and workforce development, global competitiveness, education and healthcare communities. In addition to serving on various governmental boards, Belinda is the Vice Chancellor of Keiser University (KU), currently serving for over 35 years, and is an advocate for students' accessibility to higher education and talent development.

She most recently served as a member of the **Constitution Revision Commission** appointed by Governor Rick Scott. Florida is the only state in the Union with a Constitution Revision Commission. The 37-member commission meets only once every 20 years to make recommendations for amendments to our State's Constitution for consideration by Florida voters.

Under her leadership, KU has grown into Florida's second largest, not-for-profit university, serving 20,000 students pursuing 100 doctoral through associate degrees in many of Florida's targeted industries. Nearly 25 percent of the student body are active duty service members, veterans, or military family members. With 21 Florida campuses and 3,800 team members, KU's annual economic impact is \$3 billion and results in more than 30,000 direct and indirect jobs. Regionally accredited by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges** at Level VI, KU in its 40th year, continues to serve Florida students, families, and employers seeking career-ready graduates.

Belinda Keiser has served as an Ex-Officio member of the Florida Council of 100, member of the Board of Florida's Chamber of Commerce and its Policy Council, and on the **Florida Government Efficiency Task Force**. Previously, she served as the Chair of Workforce Florida Inc.'s (currently known as CareerSource Florida) Board of Directors from 2005 to 2010. She recently completed consecutive terms—eight years—as a reappointed member of the 17th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. Currently she serves as an appointee of Governor Rick Scott to the **Board of Directors for both Enterprise Florida, the State's primary economic development board, and Space Florida**.

In 2019, Belinda Keiser joined the **Foundation for Florida's Future** as a member of the Board of Trustees at the request of former Governor Jeb Bush citing her commitment to the foundation's goals of providing access to quality education preparing students for lifelong success.

In 2016, Belinda Keiser was entered into the **Congressional Record in Recognition of Women's History Month** by Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart and Speaker Paul Ryan for her work in the areas of education, public service and philanthropy.

Belinda also established the Keiser Mills Foundation, which provides unique scholarship and learning opportunities to students seeking international, entrepreneurial, leadership and civic engagement experiences as part of their college education in Florida. Keiser University has awarded over \$72 million in scholarships to needs-based and academically deserving students over the last two years. Mrs. Keiser leads by example throughout the University with her charitable and philanthropic efforts for non-profit organizations close to heart, such as the **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association and the American Cancer Society**. Additionally, she supports many others charitable organizations throughout Florida including private and public schools and their Back-to-School backpack and supply drives, support for first responders, Veterans, medical centers, and other nonprofits.

She received a bachelor's degree from Florida State University, a certificate in paralegal studies from Keiser University and a Master of Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University.

Belinda Keiser has been married to her husband, Dr. Arthur Keiser, for 34 years. She is the proud mother of Robert Keiser, a graduate of George Washington University and Executive Director of a private college, and Andrea Keiser, her daughter-in-law, a South Florida land use attorney. In 2018, she welcomed her first granddaughter, Isabelina Keiser.