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**Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges
Congratulates Two Florida Winners of National Awards**

Top student, employer honors among an elite field of winners selected by the national Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities at the U.S. Capitol

TALLAHASSEE, FL – March 12, 2012 – The Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges (FAPSC) extends congratulations to two top winners from Florida recognized recently by the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU).

Everglades University student Derrick Buchholz of Sarasota received a 2012 GREAT (Graduate Recognition for Excellence, Achievement, and Talent) Award, and the East Florida Division of HCA Healthcare in Fort Lauderdale was named a recipient of its 2012 National Employer of the Year Award.

Buchholz was one of five GREAT Award winners chosen based on academic excellence and ability to overcome great odds to achieve their educational dreams. Following a car accident and cancer diagnosis, Buchholz moved to Sarasota where he worked at Aircraft Service International Group at the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport while pursuing a bachelor's of degree in Aviation Technology in 2009. Buchholz served as president of the Student Government Association, is involved in many community service activities, mentors other aviation students and is scheduled to complete a Master's of Aviation Science Degree later this year.

HCA Healthcare's National Employer of the Year Award, a new award with two honorees for the top honor, was selected based on employers that demonstrate an active, long-standing relationship with private sector, postsecondary institutions and their students

“To have both a student and employer selected for a national honor further illustrates the strength of what Florida has to offer,” said Kathy Mizereck, FAPSC executive director. “We’re proud of these two honorees that exemplify what we strive to achieve in Florida – career-focused higher education for students that also fills an employer need for skilled professionals.”

The Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges works on behalf of Florida's 360 degree granting and 550 non-degree granting career schools and colleges. Licensed by the state, these schools

educate and prepare over 379,000 students each year for employment in more than 200 occupational fields. For more information, visit www.FAPSC.org

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Left to right, Kathleen Lavergne, Division Vice President Clinical Services/ Quality, HCA Healthcare East Florida Division, is congratulated on the national Employer of the Year honors from APSCU by Belinda Keiser, Vice Chancellor of Community Relations and Student Advancement, Keiser University.



Caroline King with Everglades University in Sarasota congratulates student Derrick Bucholz on being selected as one of five GREAT winners selected nationwide by APSCU.