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### **Everglades University Honors Graduates at Spring Commencement**

Sarasota, FL—May 21, 2014—[Everglades University's](#) Sarasota campus, administration, students, faculty, staff and families are pleased to welcome Hospital Corpsman Chief Allison Levy as the 2014 commencement ceremony speaker for the graduates. The event takes place at the Sarasota Orchestra located at 709 North Tamiami Trail on Friday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m.

The 40 graduates will receive their keynote address from Hospital Corpsman Chief Allison L. Levy, United States Naval Reserve. Chief Levy has earned the Navy Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device/Hourglass, Pistol Shot Medal, and the USAF NCO PME Graduate. During her civilian career she has owned several businesses but she is currently running her own information technology company.

“This is a special commencement for our campus since we will see the first graduating classes for our newest programs of Alternative and Renewable Energy Management, Crisis and Disaster Management, and the Master’s of Entrepreneurship,” stated Caroline King, Campus Vice President.

The Class of 2014 is proud to announce Diana Linville has the honor of being the valedictorian for this graduating class. Having earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Alternative and Renewable Energy Management, she is part of the first group of students to graduate with this degree. While at Everglades University (EU) she was an active member and served as President of the Student Government Association and also participated in the Leadership Distinction Program. Another honor for her during her time at EU was to serve two consecutive terms as an Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) Presidential Fellow. She represented the university in Tallahassee with other Fellows in order to speak to the issues facing students attending private, not-for-profit colleges.

The salutatorian for this graduating class is another graduate of one of the newest programs. Phillip Martin Hall earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Crisis and Disaster Management while serving as president for the Student Government Association and completing the Leadership Distinction Program.

#### **About Everglades University:**

Everglades University is a private, not-for-profit university offering Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in majors such as Business, Construction Management, Alternative Medicine, Aviation and Alternative and Renewable Energy Management. Everglades University is regionally accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The main campus is located in Boca Raton with branch campuses in Sarasota and Orlando.

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