



About Kepler Space Institute and University

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The vision for a United States Space University has been held by thousands of Space professionals and educators for decades. Our Founding President and inspirational leader, Dr. Richard Kirby, unfortunately died on 24 September 2009. I was elected President. By 2010 it was clear to the KSU leadership that becoming qualified and registered as a new university in America is a complex task. The Board of Directors decided to register the Kepler Space Institute (KSI) in South Carolina. The Institute, as a 501(c) (3), permitted education, programs and events that would be building blocks for achieving University status.

Kepler Space Institute and University is committed to direct its efforts, resources, qualifications and talents to endeavors that benefit humanity now and in the future. Our KSI leadership formulated the *Law of Space Abundance* in 2009, defined as “*Space offers abundant resources for humanity’s needs.*” It was a logical law, flowing from research and discoveries over centuries. We seek to guide people, groups, businesses, agencies, and international organizations to achieve new goals and visions facilitated by the material and spiritual resources that await us in Space.

Our Kepler Team, which collectively has spent one thousand work years within the Space Community, is proud to be launching the world’s first *Journal of Space Philosophy* with this Issue in the Fall of 2012. We invite global Space professionals and enthusiasts to subscribe to the Journal on our website, www.keplerspaceuniversity.com. There is no charge and we encourage global comments on our blog dedicated to the Journal, regarding the streams of intelligence you will find; and to our proposed KSI Space Philosophy, “*Reverence for Life Within Ethical Civilization*” provided by our Provost, Dr. Bob Krone.

Philosophy has been the study of the meaning of life and of humanity since Plato. The era of humans living in Space has begun. *The Journal of Space Philosophy* will document the set of ideas that will enhance that movement from Earth both for Earth’s benefits and for humankind’s survival.

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Editor’s Note: Kepler Space Institute and University (KSI & KSU) has been blessed throughout its short existence by the volunteer work of talented entrepreneurs with extensive experience in the Space Community. When our Founding President, Dr. Richard Kirby, died at the height of his intellectual productivity, on 24 September 2009, our group of Kepler leaders turned to Robert L. Frantz who had all the qualifications needed to become President. He said “Yes” (no salary was available) and has brought KSI to operational status and supervised KSU planning ever since. *Bob Krone, PhD.*
