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## Dr. Michael Martin Awarded Rocky Vista University's 2018 Presidential Award of Excellence

**Parker, CO-** Rocky Vista University (RVU) is proud to acknowledge Michael Martin, PhD, Associate Dean for Integrated Curriculum, as the recipient of the 2018 Presidential Award of Excellence. Dr. Martin, who passed away in May, was selected for the honor by his faculty peers.

The award is given to those educators who best exemplify professionalism and integrity in teaching. Dr. Martin was recognized for his tireless dedication to students and staff alike. As one of RVU's original faculty members, he placed a high priority on maintaining the lofty standards set by the school.

"Dr. Martin is, simply put, the embodiment of the Presidential Award of Excellence and all it represents," said Clinton E. Adams, DO, FACHE, RVU President and CEO. "An inaugural member of the faculty at Rocky Vista University, Dr. Martin has been a source of wisdom, compassion and innovation from the beginning."

A Colorado native, Dr. Martin received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences from Colorado State University. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Texas Houston.

Prior to arriving at RVU, Dr. Martin worked as a Research Associate in Molecular Pharmacology at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and also spent time as the Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at the University of North Texas.

"I love working here at Rocky Vista University. I was one of the founding members, original faculty, and I think [our faculty is] one of the key reasons we've been so successful," Dr. Martin said in a pre-recorded message upon receiving his award.

## About Rocky Vista University (RVU)

RVU is a health-sciences university based in Parker, Colorado and Ivins, Utah. RVU was founded in 2006 and opened its doors in August of 2008, enrolling students in its four-year program of study leading to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree in the University's College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM). The Ivins Campus matriculated its first class in 2017. RVU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a commission of the North Central Association. RVUCOM is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). In 2016, RVU added a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) degree program and is adding a Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) in 2018. Rocky Vista University provides quality healthcare education while inspiring students to serve with compassion, integrity and excellence. For more information, visit <u>www.rvu.edu</u>.