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Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine – Southern Utah Welcomes Class of 2022 with White Coat Ceremony

[October 3, 2018 – Ivins, UT] Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine – Southern Utah (RVUCOM-SU) held its White Coat Ceremony at the Tuacahn Center for the Arts in Ivins, Utah on September 22nd. Approximately 1,000 were in attendance or participating in this annual event.

The White Coat Ceremony is a medical school tradition that welcomes new students into the medical profession. Keynote speaker Donna Milavetz, MD, MPH, FACP, addressed the students about the importance of practicing self-care and being a compassionate physician. Dr. Milavetz is the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer of OnSite Care Clinics who is focused on improving healthcare outcomes by providing high quality primary care services to Utah's employer based communities. Utah ranks 44th in the nation for primary care physicians, with 58.4 active primary care physicians per 100,000 people.

The ceremony was emceed by David J. Park, DO, FAAFP, FACOFP, Vice President and Dean for the Southern Utah Campus. Esteemed speakers included Clinton E. Adams, DO, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer of RVU; Maha Sallam, PhD, Chair of RVU's Board of Trustees; Chris Hart, Mayor of Ivins; and Representative Chris Stewart, U.S. Congressman for Utah's 2nd District.

Upon being coated by faculty members, the students recited the vision statement that they as a class had written. In it, they pledged to “foster a culture of excellence through encouragement and respect” and “above all, honor the intrinsic dignity of all individuals.”

The Class of 2022 is comprised of 128 students from 30 different states and representing 65 different universities and colleges. Forty-four percent of the students were from Utah. These elite students were selected from a competitive applicant pool of 2,094 candidates. The class is made up of 69% males and 31% females with ages ranging from 21 to 38 years old. The mean MCAT score was 505.8, and the average cumulative GPA for the class was 3.59. In keeping with RVU's continued support of military students, 7% of the incoming class are attending on the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program.

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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 accrediting by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a commission of the North Central Association. RVUCOM is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). RVU has also added a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) degree program and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) to its Colorado location. Rocky Vista University provides quality healthcare education while inspiring students to serve with compassion, integrity and excellence. For more information, visit www.rvu.edu.