



## NEWS FROM ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY

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#### Rocky Vista University Recognized with Military Friendly® Top 10 School Gold Award

[January 28, 2019 – Parker, CO] Rocky Vista University (RVU) has been awarded a Top 10 School Gold Award by Military Friendly® for its exemplary military educational programs and veteran initiatives. RVU has been honored with the Gold distinction under the non-traditional category. This distinction is reserved for schools scoring within the top 10% of their category. RVU ranked 7th of all schools in its category receiving the Military Friendly® School designation.

The Military Friendly® awards provide a competitive view of how an organization is performing compared to similar organizations. To be considered for the award, schools must first receive the designation of Military Friendly®. Schools are scored and ranked based on several benchmarks including graduation rate, job placement rate, and armed forces tuition assistance funding. These rankings set the standard for the colleges demonstrating positive employment and education outcomes for veterans and their families.



During the 2018-2019 academic year, RVU had 98 military students enrolled in the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP), which offers students comprehensive tuition assistance for an advanced medical degree in exchange for service commitment in their chosen branch of the military. An additional 19 veterans were also enrolled in the University.

RVU commissions military students at the start of their program, after which they are enrolled in the Military Medicine Track. The specialized track provides an overview and introduction to military medicine and incorporates surgical simulation using the Cut Suit®, immersion-based reality training, and leadership and discipline skills. In addition to innovative program offerings, RVU hosts an annual Military Appreciation Ceremony to honor students, faculty, staff, and members of the community who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces.

Students and faculty on the Southern Utah campus also work closely with the Southern Utah Veterans Home (SUVH) to provide long-term osteopathic medical care for the veterans, Gold Star parents, and military spouses who reside there. Most recently, SUVH was ranked number

one by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for having the lowest re-hospitalization rate among 15,000+ nursing homes across the nation.

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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 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). 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](http://www.rvu.edu).

**About Military Friendly® and Victory Media:**

The Military Friendly® Employers and Military Friendly® Schools designation process includes extensive research and a data-driven survey of leading companies and colleges nationwide. The survey, methodology, criteria and weightings are developed with the assistance of an independent advisory council of educators and employers, and tested by EY based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media. The survey is administered for free. Criteria for consideration and recipients of the designation can be found at: <https://militaryfriendly.com>. Founded in 2001, Victory Media is a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) that connects the military community to civilian employment, entrepreneurial and education opportunities through its G.I. Jobs®, Military Spouse, Vetpreneur®, STEM Jobs<sup>SM</sup> and Military Friendly® brands. Learn more about Victory Media at [www.victorymedia.com](http://www.victorymedia.com).