



## NEWS FROM ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY

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#### Rocky Vista University Announces Commencement Speaker, Dr. Scott Ellner

[April 2, 2019 – Parker, CO] Rocky Vista University (RVU) is pleased to announce that Scott Ellner, DO, will be providing the keynote address at the University's 2019 Commencement Ceremony.

A board-certified physician specializing in general surgery, Dr. Ellner serves as Group President for Physician Alignment at Centura Health where he provides leadership to Centura Health Physician Group, Colorado Health Neighborhoods, and FullWell. He is also an educator and public health leader, having authored 20-plus publications and 200-plus speaking engagements. Previously, he served as CEO of Centura Health Physician Group, providing whole-person care at the multi-specialty group.

Dr. Ellner is committed to ensuring a collaborative environment between physicians, patients and hospitals to achieve optimal patient care outcomes. He is responsible for multiple patient safety initiatives, as well as guiding Saint Francis Medical Group (a 400-provider multi-specialty practice in Connecticut) to be adaptable in the face of a changing reimbursement and regulatory environment.



*Scott Ellner, DO*

“When we select commencement speakers we are focused on role models who exemplify RVU's Mission and Core Values,” said Clinton E. Adams, DO, FACHE, RVU President and CEO. “Scott is an osteopathic physician who has used his education to serve others with excellence, integrity and compassion. We are privileged to share this very important moment in time with our phenomenal RVU graduates.”

The commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in Denver. Doors will open an hour in advance. RVU will award degrees to 151 graduates from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and 24 graduates from the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program.

The commissioning officer for military graduates will be Major General Ronald J. Place, MD, Director of the National Capital Region Medical Directorate and Transitional Intermediate Management Organization within the Defense Health Agency. He also serves as Clinical Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. MG Place's exemplary service in the U.S. Army has led to numerous awards for clinical excellence including the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Combat Medic Badge.

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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).