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RVUCOM Students Train in Hyper-Realistic™ Simulations at Cut Suit® Week

[May 10, 2019 – Parker, CO] Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM) students from the Military Medicine Track participated in Cut Suit Week, a large-scale, healthcare simulation event hosted by Strategic Operations, Inc. (STOPS). The event took place at the Stu Segall Productions facility in San Diego, California from Sunday, April 28th to Saturday, May 4th.

RVUCOM students were joined by their counterparts from Touro University Nevada, A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, and Western University of Health Sciences for a hands-on learning experience alongside first responders. After brushing up on their surgical skills at workshops throughout the week, students participated in Hyper-Realistic™ scenarios that included an active shooter, explosions, a domestic violence incident, and various surgical simulations. During the scenarios, they rushed to treat patients suffering from life-threatening injuries, and performed a wide range of medical procedures including chest tube thoracotomies, deep wound packing, combat tourniquet application, intraosseous infusions, and more. The Cut Suit® (a human-worn body suit which simulates realistic trauma) was utilized for life-threatening injuries requiring complex surgical procedures.

The simulations, part of STOPS' Intensive Surgical and Trauma Skills Course, were designed to completely immerse participants in battlefield conditions and emergency situations, and allowed students to hone their skills in a controlled environment. The back-to-back scenarios also highlighted the unique aspect of emergency medicine for physicians serving in the Armed Forces: triaging the wounded and providing critical care en route to a surgical facility.

The Hyper-Realistic™ training at Cut Suit Week went beyond the medical procedures as students experienced an active scene from the perspective of law enforcement, which included how they treat a scene before the victim makes it to the Emergency Room (ER) or Operating Room (OR). For those students who volunteered to be standardized patients, they also experienced first-hand how trauma can affect a patient before they have received medical treatment.

For Hannah Douglas, OMS II, Cut Suit Week was a thoroughly educational experience. "I had the opportunity to gain hands on surgical, emergency, and anesthesiology exposure," said SD Douglas. "I went in thinking I was going to fall behind studying for [my board examinations], and instead came away knowing I will be a better physician because of it."

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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.

About Strategic Operations, Inc. (STOPS)

Strategic Operations Inc., on the lot of Stu Segall Productions, a full-service TV / movie studio in San Diego, Calif., provides "Hyper-Realistic" training services and products for military, law enforcement and other organizations responsible for homeland security. The company employs state-of-the-art Hollywood battlefield special effects, combat wound effects, medical simulation systems like the "Cut Suit," role players, subject matter experts, and training scenarios to create training environments that are the most unique in the industry. Over the last 15 years Strategic Operations has provided Hyper-Realistic training support to more than 850,000 military – and civilian first responders – in the U.S. and Canada. For more information, visit www.strategic-operations.com. To Follow ISSC week go to "Contact Us" Make sure to enter your e-mail and paste ISTSC_4-29-2018 in the remarks section of the web form.