



## NEWS FROM ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY

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#### **RVU President Clinton E. Adams, DO, FACHE, Delivers the Keynote Address at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine Commencement**

[June 19, 2019 – Parker, CO] Clinton E. Adams, DO, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rocky Vista University (RVU), delivered the keynote address at the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine's 2019 Commencement Ceremony. The event was held on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at The Apollo Theater in New York, New York.

A board-certified physician in Anesthesiology and Family Medicine, Dr. Adams came to RVU after a distinguished thirty-year career in the United States Navy and numerous leadership roles in osteopathic medical education. While serving in the military, he attained the rank of Rear Admiral and was Command Surgeon for the United States Fleet Forces Command. Upon transitioning from the military, he served as Dean and Vice President of Clinical Affairs at Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the Robert A. Kistner Award, presented to those who have made significant contributions to osteopathic medical education, and the Distinguished Service Award by the American Osteopathic Association.



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At the Commencement Ceremony, Dr. Adams shared a personal story from his time as a resident in Family Medicine, and the lessons that it taught him. To treat his patient's severe depression, Dr. Adams quickly found he had to address her husband's health issues as well. This was made difficult as her husband was one of his superiors. By being a compassionate health care provider and an attentive listener, Dr. Adams was able to treat both husband and wife at a time when they were struggling to cope with mental health issues and addiction. He encouraged the Class of 2019 to embrace being a wellness partner for their patients as they move on to their residency training.

During his time at RVU, Dr. Adams has led the transformation of Rocky Vista University as it expands to offer additional health sciences programs, including the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences and Master of Physician Assistant Studies degrees, as well as the opening of a second campus location in Ivins, Utah.

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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 Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (Touro)**

Touro College was established in 1970 with the mission educate, to serve, to perpetuate and to enrich the historic Jewish tradition of tolerance and dignity. Created as an independent institution that would support and strengthen the Jewish community, Touro has remained steadfast in its commitment to Jewish continuity and, more broadly, to humankind. Since its inception, Touro has served and supported diverse communities, making world-class educational opportunities accessible to all members of society, across all races, nations, and creeds. Its core values are drawn from Jewish heritage and the Jewish intellectual tradition, focusing simultaneously on individual development and the greater good. Touro provides men and women an environment that nurtures personal growth and intellectual inquiry in superior academic programs. They also offer neighborhood-based programs that serve, and encourage service to, under-resourced communities. Touro students in turn become accomplished, thoughtful citizens who share and perpetuate Touro's belief in equal access to quality education, the treatment of all human beings with integrity and respect, personal and professional ethics, and the building of a responsive and responsible society. For more information, visit [www.touro.edu](http://www.touro.edu).