



## NEWS FROM ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY

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#### **Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine – Southern Utah Announces Keynote Speaker, Dr. Mark Briesacher**

[September 13, 2019 - Ivins, UT] Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine Southern Utah (RVUCOM-SU) is pleased to announce that Mark Briesacher, MD, will be providing the keynote address at the University's 2019 White Coat Ceremony.

During his time as Senior Vice President and Chief Physician Executive at Intermountain Healthcare, Dr. Briesacher has advanced the organization's long-standing efforts to be a leader in care that is centered on patient safety, quality, extraordinary experiences, great access and affordability. He is currently a member of the SelectHealth Board of Trustees, the Intermountain Medical Group Board, the American Medical Group Association (AMGA) Board, and the Board of Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Intermountain Area.

In earlier roles, Dr. Briesacher led the implementation of KidsCare, served as a Region Medical Director, and then as Senior Administrative Medical Director for the Intermountain Medical Group. He also led innovative initiatives as iCentra, the organization's clinical and business information system, and Model Healthcare System, which is the digitally-powered, transformational patient experience that Intermountain Healthcare is building.



*Mark Briesacher, MD*

"As a primary care pediatrician, Dr. Briesacher has made tremendous contributions to the health and well-being of countless patients and their families," said David Park, DO, FAAFP, FACFP, Vice President and Dean of the Southern Utah campus. "He has a great understanding of what needs to be done and always does the right thing."

The White Coat Ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 am at the Tuacahn Center for the Arts in Ivins, Utah. There will be 133 students matriculating into the medical school this year; the students hail from 19 states, with 43% of the Class coming from Utah.

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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).