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Rocky Vista University Announces Commencement Speaker, Dr. Stephen Shannon

[Parker, CO – April 26, 2018] Rocky Vista University (RVU) is pleased to announce that Stephen C. Shannon, DO, MPH, will deliver the keynote speech at the Class of 2018 Commencement Ceremony.

Dr. Shannon, a board certified physician with over 30 years of experience, is President of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) and the former Vice President for Health Services and Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of New England. He has also served as Chair of the AACOM Board of Deans.

During his career, Dr. Shannon has championed many worthy causes and has a strong history of leadership in public health and preventative medicine. He is the current President of the Federation of Schools of the Health Professionals and a member of the Veterans Administration's National Academic Affiliations Council.

“Dr. Shannon is becoming a legend in the osteopathic medical education community based on his work in Maine as the Dean at the University of New England and now the President of AACOM,” said Clint Adams, DO, FACHE, President and CEO of Rocky Vista University, “While at AACOM, he has opened many previously closed doors for our member colleges, created positions on nationally recognized medical education committees, taskforces and even the ACGME. He is more than a friend and confidant— he is a mentor to many.”



The event will be held at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in Denver. The doors will open at 4:00 pm with the ceremony set to begin an hour later. One-hundred fifty students will graduate from

RVU's College of Osteopathic Medicine, while twenty-six students will graduate from the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program.

RVU's military graduates will be commissioned by General James P. McCarthy. Prior to retiring in 1992, General McCarthy served as Deputy Commander in Chief of the United States European Command, as well as the ARDI Professor of National Security at the United States Air Force Academy.

RVU continues its trend of placing graduates into some of the nation's best residencies (osteopathic, allopathic, and military). The top specialties graduates will be entering are Internal Medicine (17%), Family Medicine (15%), Emergency Medicine (13%), and Anesthesiology (11%).

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). In 2016, RVU added a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) degree program and is adding a Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) in 2018 (pending accreditation). Rocky Vista University provides quality healthcare education while inspiring students to serve with compassion, integrity and excellence. For more information, visit www.rvu.edu.

The ARC-PA has granted Accreditation - Provisional status to the Rocky Vista University Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Rocky Vista University. Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has not yet enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA Standards or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the Standards as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students. Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class.