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RVUCOM Faculty and Students Receive Honors at ACOFP Conference

Parker, CO- Rocky Vista College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM) faculty and students were recognized by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) with several awards and honorary positions during the national conference held in March.

Thomas N. Told, DO, FCOFP dist., Dean and Chief Academic Officer of RVUCOM, received the ACOFP Lifetime Achievement Award. This renowned accolade honors outstanding individuals who have demonstrated career-long service to patients, the field of osteopathic family medicine, and the ACOFP.

Prior to receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, Dr. Told served as the ACOFP's national director from 2006 through 2007 and spent ten years on their board. He was named the National Educator of the Year in 2014-2015 and was also honored as the Family Physician of the Year in 1997.

Duane Koehler, DO, FCOFP dist., current president of the ACOFP, presented Dr. Told with the prestigious award. "After 35 years in rural practice," he said of Dr. Told, "he hung up his white coat and put on the suit coat of academia. Given [his] career-long commitment to practicing and teaching and because [he is] a beloved mentor and friend to all, we gratefully present [him] with this 2018 ACOFP Lifetime Achievement Award."

David J. Park, DO, FAACP, FCOFP, Vice Dean of RVUCOM and Campus Dean of RVUCOM's Southern Utah location, was elected as Vice President of the ACOFP. Additionally, Jill Pitcher, DO, FCOFP, Associate Professor of Family Medicine was named a Fellow of the ACOFP.

RVUCOM Student Doctor Elizabeth Stoll received the Osteopathic Family Medicine Student Award while RVU's student chapter of the organization was awarded with the President's Award for upholding the high ideals of the ACOFP.

Clinton E. Adams (DO, FACHE), President and Chief Executive Officer at RVUCOM was thrilled with the recent honors. "RVU's vision is to 'Achieve New Heights in Medical Education,'" he said, "This vision cannot be realized without having extraordinary educators and leaders among our ranks. The recognition we received at ACOFP clearly illustrates the innovative programs, diversity of talent and the delivery of excellence in medical education from our phenomenal students to the leadership of the osteopathic college. I could not be more proud of our team."

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.