

A Message from the President and Provost



This year's Rocky Vista University Student Handbook and Catalog is published as we await the matriculation of our 15th class of students in the DO program. This milestone, along with the success of our Master of Physician Assistant Studies (PA) and Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) students confirms that the RVU vision of achieving new heights in medical education is a reality.

By every measure, RVU faculty and students are delivering on the promises contained in our university Mission Statement: “Rocky Vista University provides quality healthcare education while inspiring students to serve with compassion, integrity, and excellence”. RVU students are leaders in national organizations, and in student outcomes: whether it is acceptance into and performance in medical school by our MSBS students, Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam pass rate and job placement by our PA students, or COMLEX pass rate and residency match success, our students are leading the way.

As I write this, we have recently announced the hiring of our inaugural Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). This university-level leader will report directly to the Office of the President and is charged with continuing the work started by students, faculty and staff, and the DEI task forces and advisory council. The office of DEI will work with students, faculty, and staff on their DEI initiatives as well as university-wide programming, education, and outreach.

The administration and faculty of RVU remains dedicated to the students and student experience. We know that healthcare education is challenging and at times overwhelming and we are committed to providing the support services that students need.

At Rocky Vista University we embrace core values of integrity, collegiality, compassion, diversity, excellence, service, and innovation. You will find these values every day during your time at RVU. That are meant to be inspirational, aspirational, and living declarations of who we are.

Please take the time to carefully review the material presented in this *RVU Student Handbook and Catalog*, as it includes information every student is expected to be familiar with, in addition to being an excellent resource.

Wishing each of you a successful year ahead.

Sincerely,

Warm regards,
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President, CEO, and Provost
Rocky Vista University