

# MISSION STATEMENT

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Rocky Vista University  
provides quality healthcare education  
while inspiring students to serve with  
compassion, integrity, and excellence.



## ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY | UTAH

**COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

Class of 2025 Commencement

TENTH OF MAY  
TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

## PROCESSIONAL AND POSTING OF COLORS

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ciara Robb, OMS IV

### INVOCATION

Amberly Reynolds, PhD

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF PURPOSE

David Forstein, DO, FACOOG (Dist.)

President; CEO, Chief Academic Officer, and Interim Provost

## GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John Peabody, MD, PhD

Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Teresa A. Hubka, DO, MS, FACOOG (Dist), FACOG, CS

## PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF THE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

### UTAH CAMPUS DEAN REMARKS

Laura Rosch, DO, CS, MS, FACOI

Campus Dean

## CONFERRAL OF THE DO DEGREE AND TASSEL CEREMONY

David Forstein, DO, FACOOG (Dist.)

## ALUMNI GREETINGS AND OSTEOPATHIC OATH

Ryan Greene, DO, MS

RVUCOM Class of 2015

### DEAN'S CHARGE

Heather Ferrill, DO, MS, MEdL

Vice President of Faculty Affairs; Dean of RVUCOM

## MILITARY COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Brig. General John Andrus, USAF

### CLOSING REMARKS

David Forstein, DO, FACOOG (Dist.)

## RECESSIONAL

# THE OSTEOPATHIC OATH

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I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and the life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for nefarious purposes to any person, though it may be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college and my profession, I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathic medicine which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Utah Class of 2025, families, faculty, and members of the RVU community,

Today is a celebration, not only for the students, but for everyone who has played a foundational role in their lives. They would not be here today if not for your love and support.

Graduates, today, you take the next steps in your career, entering the healthcare workforce at a time when you are most needed; ready and prepared to take your place alongside the rest of the medical team of which you have earned the right to be a part.

You are joining a network of approximately 149,000 practicing osteopathic physicians across the nation. By joining this network, you become part of a group of providers dedicated to promoting health in all your future patients. Be loyal to your profession and remember to treat all your patients with the utmost of compassion and care. Remember that everyone is someone's loved one – treat them as you would your own family.

As you transition from RVU Students to Alumni, please express gratitude to those who have helped you on your journey – your family, friends, faculty, and staff – all of whom stood with you to cheer you on during the good times, as well as those challenging moments, and now share the sense of pride and accomplishment with you. Also remember that you are always a part of the RVU Family. Never stop learning, growing in mind, body and spirit and become an integral member of the communities you will serve.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Forstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David A. Forstein, DO, FACOOG (dist.)  
President and CEO  
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### **TERESA A. HUBKA, DO, MS, FACOOG (DIST), FACOG, CS**

Dr. Hubka is a San Diego native with a degree in Biochemistry and Nutrition Science from UC Davis and a Master's in Biology and Clinical Nutrition from the University of Bridgeport. She earned her DO from Des Moines University and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecologic surgery at Mercy Hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Hubka is dual board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology and is a Distinguished Fellow of ACOOG and a Diplomat of ACOG. She founded Comprehensive Wellness Care, LLC, providing health services to women of all ages in Chicago since 1994. She is affiliated with Ascension - Resurrection Medical Center and served as Program Director of the Ob/Gyn Residency program from 2000 to 2015.

Currently, Dr. Hubka is a Clinical Professor and Department Chair of Ob/Gyn at Midwestern University and an active member of ACOG. She has held numerous leadership roles, including Past President of ACOOG, AOF, and the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society. She has been recognized as a "Top Doctor" in Chicago Magazine and received multiple awards for her contributions to the field.

Nationally, Dr. Hubka is the President of the American Osteopathic Association and has chaired various departments and workgroups. She is passionate about educating and advocating for women's health.

# FELLOWS

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# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Rocky Vista University Alumni Association was established in 2012 to create an active and united organization for graduates, dedicated to advancing osteopathic medical education and related health and biomedical sciences. Members of the Association mentor current students, interview prospective applicants, and participate in networking events. The Alumni Association also identifies sources for clinical rotations, internships, and residency programs, while educating the public on their importance for students and graduates. Additionally, the Association provides scholarships to incoming students at Rocky Vista University.



# THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION



The Presidential Medallion of Rocky Vista University is crafted from brass and weighs 24 ounces. It features the RVU seal in blue and gold. The chain includes two plates depicting the Rod of Asclepius - a snake encircling a staff, symbolizing medicine and healthcare in the United States. Additionally, there are nine plates representing RVU's core values: Collegiality, Compassion, Diversity, Equity, Excellence, Inclusivity, Innovation, Integrity, and Service. Above the seal, four plates display the current President, David A. Forstein, DO, FACOOG (dist.), along with three previous Presidents: Clinton E. Adams, DO, Cheryl D. Lovell, PhD, and Robert R. Roehrich, PhD. The Medallion is worn by the sitting President during commencement ceremonies and, when not in use, is displayed in the President's Suite.

# THE UNIVERSITY MACE

Historically, the mace has symbolized authority in the military, originally serving as a weapon to protect the king. As the tradition of carrying a mace into battle faded, it became popular in governmental ceremonies. By the 15th century, the mace had found its way into university settings, primarily associated with commencement ceremonies.

With the Class of 2012 Commencement approaching, Rocky Vista University sought the perfect mace to represent the institution. The available options were made of metal, looked generic, and didn't reflect RVU's identity. Therefore, RVU decided to commission a unique creation.



Chuck Hunsberger, the husband of former Associate Director of Admissions Katy Hunsberger, was tasked with carving the mace from wood. As a skilled woodworker, Chuck used over five types of Colorado wood to craft an elegant yet rustic mace that truly embodied RVU's spirit. This mace has been present at every commencement ceremony since its debut at the inaugural class graduation in 2012.