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**Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (RMUoHP) confers seventy-nine doctoral degrees. Dr. Stephen R. Covey speaks at Commencement Exercises.**

RMUoHP announces the graduation of seventy-nine Doctoral Candidates for the class of 2005. Forty-four of the seventy-nine graduates participated in commencement exercises that were held on August 6, 2005 in the Historic Provo Tabernacle in Provo, Utah.

Doctor of Science degrees were conferred on twelve candidates from the following specializations: Neurology, Advanced Neurology, Pediatrics, Orthopaedics, and Clinical Electrophysiology. Doctor of Occupational Therapy degrees were conferred on eighteen candidates, and Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees were conferred on forty-nine candidates.

"This is the largest graduating class we have ever had and we are tremendously proud of each graduate's accomplishments. These students have worked extremely hard to earn their credentials," said Dr. Richard P. Nielsen, President of RMUoHP. "We are also extremely honored to have Dr. Covey participate in our commencement exercises and address our graduates."

Dr. Stephen R. Covey was the keynote speaker at the annual commencement ceremony. "I am totally amazed to see the fruits of this university. It started in 1996—only 9 years ago," said Dr. Covey. "I have been to many commencement exercises. I have never seen a production like this in such a short period of time. Truly an amazing accomplishment." Dr. Covey's inspirational speech was titled "Trim Tab Your Life."

Dr. Grace Walker, who has now achieved a doctoral degree in both Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy, was the Alumni Speaker. Dr. Stanley L. Hartgraves, RMUoHP Vice President of Academic Affairs along with RMUoHP Graduate Program Directors hooded the candidates. Dr. Nielsen conferred the degrees.

Students from all across the United States enroll in RMUoHP's doctoral programs. This year's graduates are from thirty-five states and the US Virgin Islands. RMUoHP offers a limited residency education model where students travel to Provo for face-to-face instruction from the premier faculty in their respective fields and then complete their course work from home.

**About Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions:**

RMUoHP offers masters and doctoral degrees in health sciences to athletic trainers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, nurses, and other healthcare professionals. RMUoHP's programs are intended primarily for those seeking specialized training in advanced clinical, research and administrative skills.

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