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Dr. Stephen R. Covey will be the keynote speaker for 2005 commencement.

Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions (RMUoHP) announces the distinguished speakers for the 2005 Commencement Exercises. **Dr. Stephen R. Covey** will be the keynote speaker and the alumni speaker will be **Dr. Grace Walker**. Commencement exercises will be held in the Provo Tabernacle in Provo, UT at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 6, 2005.

“We are extremely honored and grateful that Dr. Covey has accepted our invitation to speak at this year’s commencement,” said Dr. Richard Nielsen, President of RMUoHP. “Our institution subscribes to and has actively implemented Dr. Covey’s philosophies. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to have such an influential speaker at graduation.”

In 1996, Dr. Covey was recognized as one of Time magazine's 25 most influential Americans and one of Sales and Marketing Management's top 25 power brokers. He is the author of several acclaimed books, including the international bestseller, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, which has sold over 15 million copies in 38 languages throughout the world. Dr. Covey has also authored other bestsellers such as *First Things First*, *Principle-Centered Leadership*, and *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*. His latest book, *The 8th Habit: From Effectiveness to Greatness*, which was released in November 2004, has already topped several bestseller lists.

Dr. Covey is cofounder and vice chairman of FranklinCovey, the leading global professional services firm with offices in 123 countries. FranklinCovey shares Dr. Covey's vision, discipline and passion to inspire, lift, and provide tools for change and growth of individuals and organizations throughout the world.

Dr. Grace Walker is a both physical and occupational therapist. She owns a private practice in Orange, California with a \$2 million operating budget and a staff of over 30. She graduated from the University of British Columbia as well as the Orthopedic Residency program at Kaiser Hayward. She has completed the

transitional DPT program and is completing the transitional OTD program at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions.

"Dr. Walker is a credit to RMUoHP, and my association with her and her family have been rewarding" said Dr. Stanley Hartgraves, RMUoHP Vice President of Academic Affairs. "Grace is an outstanding alumni of the University and will soon be the first individual in the nation to be awarded both the transitional OTD and the transitional DPT degrees."

Dr. Walker has spoken at national and international events and has authored several journal articles. Her practice achieved third place in the nation for orthopaedic outcomes in FOTO (Focus on Therapeutic Outcomes, July 2003). Additionally, she is an officer and board member of the Institute for Advancement of Orthopedic Manual Therapy. Dr. Walker is also a fellow of the American Academy of Manual Physical Therapy.

About Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions:

RMUoHP offers post-graduate degrees in the allied and rehabilitative health sciences including athletic training, physical therapy, nursing, pediatrics, occupational therapy, aging, health promotion/wellness and others. RMUoHP's programs are intended primarily for practicing health care professionals seeking specialized training in advanced clinical, research and administrative skills.

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