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Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions holds 2009 Commencement Exercises

RMUoHP held its 2009 Commencement Exercises on August 1, 2009 at the historic Provo Tabernacle in Provo, Utah. Sixty-five doctoral degrees were awarded and 18 graduates returned to Provo to participate in the ceremony. Doctoral degrees were awarded in various fields, including the Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree, Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, and Doctor of Science degree (in the areas of advanced neurology, athletic training, clinical electrophysiology, geriatric physical therapy, orthopaedic physical therapy, pediatric physical therapy, and sports physical therapy). The University's first Doctor of Philosophy degree in Nursing was also awarded.

Ms. Rebecca Austill-Clausen, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, delivered the 2009 commencement address. Ms. Austill-Clausen is president of Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc., in Exton, PA. She is a member of Temple University and Harcum College Advisory Boards and the American Journal of Occupational Therapy Editorial Board. Ms. Austill-Clausen is a frequent workshop presenter and recipient of numerous awards for innovative quality services in private practice. The alumni speaker was Dr. Michele J. Monaco, who is the first graduate of RMUoHP's Athletic Training Doctor of Science program. The Hartgraves' Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Dr. Jane Sweeney, Graduate Program Director of the PhD in Pediatric Science program at RMUoHP. Faculty and students came from across the country to participate in the commencement exercises.

About Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions:

RMUoHP offers doctoral degrees for current and future healthcare providers and educators, including athletic trainers, physical therapists, nurses, and occupational therapists. RMUoHP's non-traditional model enables students to complete advanced degrees without relocating. Curricula emphasize specialized education in advanced clinical, research, and academic areas. RMUoHP is currently developing a residential Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program which is scheduled to start in May 2010.

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