

RVU Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Rocky Vista University community acknowledges that we live, study, and work on the homelands of Indigenous peoples, original stewards of these lands and their legacies. These legacies include but are not limited to their contributions to the fields of medicine, mathematics, government, military service, arts, literature, agriculture, and engineering. We honor the original stewards of the land by committing to the development of healthcare education initiatives and multirelational connections with Native American communities in Colorado, Utah, and Montana.

To be read at Colorado events and ceremonies:

The tribal nations in Colorado are Cheyenne, Arapaho, Ute (you-tuh), Apache (uh-pa-chee), Comanche (kuh-man-chee), Kiowa (kai-uh-wuh), Lakota, Pueblo, Shoshone (shuh-show-nee) and the Navajo (Diné) people.

To be read at Utah events and ceremonies:

The nations in Utah are Fremont, Anasazi (ah-nuh-sah-zee), Paiutes (pai-oot) (Nung'wu), the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (Cedar Band, Kanosh Band, Koosharem Band, Indian Peaks Band, and Shivwits Band), and the Kaibab (kai-buhb) Paiute Tribe, and the Navajo (Diné) people.

To be read at Montana events and ceremonies:

The nations of Montana are Blackfeet Tribe, Chippewa Cree Tribe of Rocky Boy, Fort Belknap Indian Community, Fort Peck Tribes Assiniboine-Sioux (uh-si-nuh-boyn-soo), Crow Tribe, Little Shell Tribe of Montana, Confederated Salish & Kootenai (koo-tun-ee) Tribes, Eastern Shoshone Tribal Council, Northern Arapaho Tribal Council, and Shoshone Bannock Tribes of Ft. Hall.

As part of RVU's commitment to Native Americans, the department of enrollment management has signed memoranda of understanding with Native American Serving Institutions creating a pipeline program encouraging Native students to apply to RVU. In addition, RVU students are undertaking clinical rotations with Native American Tribes in South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, and Oklahoma.