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The National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement Graduates Class of 2019

Colorado Springs, Colo. – In partnership with the National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement (NIMAA), Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) graduated its NIMAA Class of 2019 on Wednesday, April 24 during a nationwide ceremony.

Forty-eight students participated in the videoconference event, which took place at community health centers in five states. Peak Vista proudly graduated seven students; Clara Castellon, Yolanda Galvan, Carmen Killings, Blanca Laureano, Karina Monte, Nabil Perez and Stacey Romero. Peak Vista introduced the NIMAA program in 2017; the class of 2019 is Peak Vista’s second class of graduates.

The role of medical assistants has changed drastically in recent years, as team-based health is at the forefront of primary care delivery. Often the first point of contact with patients, NIMAA graduates are prepared to take an active role on the care team from their first day on the job. Many of the 2019 NIMAA graduates across the country are pursuing careers at Federally Qualified Health Centers, the backbone of the country’s health care safety-net.

Peak Vista recognizes the shortage of medical assistants and is proud to grow, train and keep these individuals within Peak Vista. NIMAA helps to invest internally to create a “grow your own” development.

“I commend these students for choosing this program to further their education and professional skills,” said Pam McManus, President and CEO of Peak Vista. “Medical assistants are extremely essential in the care of our patients. Thank you to our great Clinical Education team, Clinical Operations team and preceptors for making this program successful.”

NIMAA was founded in 2016 by two leading community health centers, Community Health Center, Inc. in Connecticut and Salud Family Health Centers in Colorado. These organizations were seeking to address the growing need for medical assistants trained to excel in demanding team-based primary care environments.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Established in 1971, Peak Vista offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health care services to over 94,000 patients annually throughout the Pikes Peak and the East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.



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About National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement

The National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement (NIMAA) is a nonprofit education institute that trains Medical Assistants to work effectively in today's high-performing primary care settings. NIMAA was created by community health centers to provide access to education and employment opportunities in the communities they serve, while addressing a critical workforce shortage. For more information, visit www.nimaa.org.

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