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The 150th DaVita University Academy was held Oct. 15-16, at the Buell Theatre in Denver. Attendees had the opportunity to tour Casa Del Mundo, DaVita's World Headquarters building, as well as enjoy special appearances of DaVita Blues All Stars, a musical group composed entirely of current teammates that recently played at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

About DaVita HealthCare Partners

DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is the parent company of DaVita Kidney Care and HealthCare Partners. DaVita Kidney Care is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. As of June 30, 2014, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,119 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 168,000 patients. The company also operated 84 outpatient dialysis centers located in 10 countries outside the United States. HealthCare Partners manages and operates medical groups and affiliated physician networks in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, and Florida in its pursuit to deliver excellent-quality health care in a dignified and compassionate manner. As of June 30 2014, HealthCare Partners provided integrated care management for approximately 829,000 managed care patients. For more information, please visit DaVitaHealthCarePartners.com.

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