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**Audrey J. Smith Receives the 2017 Salus University
Distinguished Service Award**

Elkins Park, PA – Audrey J. Smith, PhD, CLVT, COMS, has been selected as the recipient of the 2017 Distinguished Service Award by the Salus University Alumni Association. This award is presented to a non-alumnus/alumna who is closely identified with Salus University and has provided notable service to the University and their profession.

Dr. Smith joined the Pennsylvania College of Optometry as a low vision and orientation and mobility specialist at the William Feinbloom Vision Rehabilitation Center in 1978. She later headed the Department of Graduate Studies in Vision Impairment, and led the development of the Blindness and Low Vision Studies programs that became the Salus University College of Education and Rehabilitation, of which she became dean. Under her leadership, the College has received more than \$40 million in grant funding. Her successes in fundraising—including several national personnel preparation and research grants, and State Prevention of Blindness grants—have assisted countless underserved communities in the Philadelphia region.

Dr. Smith holds the titles of professor and executive director of the Salus Institute for the Visually Impaired, and coordinator of its Occupational Therapy Doctoral and Certificate Programs in Low Vision Rehabilitation. She is internationally recognized for her publications and professional presentations/workshops on blindness and low vision, and her leadership has contributed to several international and state training programs across the country.

For more information on the awards program or to attend the event, visit www.salus.edu/alumni-awards.

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About Salus University

Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Public Health, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus operates four clinical facilities in the Philadelphia area that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services. The University has more than 1,200 students, including PhD candidates, and more than 11,300 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.