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**NORVELL COOTS, MD, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF HOLY CROSS HEALTH, TO  
DELIVER SALUS UNIVERSITY FALL COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

**Elkins Park, PA** – Norvell V. Coots, MD, the president and CEO of Holy Cross Health, will deliver Salus University’s 2016 commencement address on Thursday, October 6 at the Reform Keneseth Israel Synagogue in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. Dr. Coots will address the Salus University Fall Class of 2016, which includes graduates from the physician assistant, audiology bridge, and blindness and low vision programs.

Having served as commanding General and CEO of Regional Health Command Europe and Command Surgeon, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, retired Brigadier General Coots has more than 20 years of experience in the healthcare management and medical administration.

Prior to joining Holy Cross Health Dr. Coots was in charge of several European medical centers, where he was responsible for developing partnerships with over 40 civilian hospitals in three separate countries. Dr. Coots has also served as Deputy Commanding General for the Army Medical Command, as Assistant Surgeon General for Force Projection at the Pentagon and as Surgeon General, United States Forces, Afghanistan.

“We are honored to have Dr. Coots deliver the keynote address at our Fall Commencement,” said Dr. Michael Mittelman, Salus University president. “He will offer our graduating students a unique perspective on healthcare, and help them understand the need for quality healthcare wherever they decide to serve.”

Dr. Coots attended Howard University and earned his undergraduate degree from the University of the State of New York, Regent’s College (now Excelsior). He earned his Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College and his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Medicine.

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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, Education and Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 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 12,500 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.salus.edu](http://www.salus.edu).