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### **Salus University Holds 115th Commencement**

Elkins Park, Pa. – Salus University will hold its 115th commencement on **Thursday, October 11, at 2 p.m., at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**, 300 S. Broad St., Philadelphia.

During this year's fall commencement, the University will bestow doctoral and master's degrees in the professions of Physician Assistant Studies, Audiology, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Clinical Optometry with an International Advanced Studies certificate.

The immediate past provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Salus University, Dr. Janice Scharre, will deliver the commencement address. She officially retired in August. At the ceremony, Dr. Scharre will also receive an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree.

Dr. Scharre joined Salus University as the provost and vice president of Academic Affairs in 2014. Her firm belief in a collaborative education model has played a big role in the University's interprofessional curriculum, creating a path for students across all of its programs to learn to work with each other professionally, therefore providing collaborative care for students and faculty alike.

Prior to her role as provost, Dr. Scharre served as a consultant for Salus and was instrumental in the development of the University's Pennsylvania College of Optometry Accelerated Scholars Program. It was the first accelerated Doctor of Optometry degree program in the country and is highly selective, offering enrolled students the opportunity to earn the credit equivalency of students in a traditional four-year program in just three years.

**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](http://www.salus.edu).