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Dr. William A. Monaco from Salus University to Receive AFOS's Highest Honor

Elkins Park, Pa. – William A. Monaco, OD, MSEd, PhD, FAAO, associate dean of Salus University's Graduate Programs in Biomedicine and associate director of their Public Health programs, received the Orion Award from the Armed Forces Optometric Society (AFOS). The Orion Award is their highest honor; it is given to members of the AFOS who have made the most significant contributions to the Society and the study of optometry. Dr. Monaco was presented with his award at the Southeastern Congress of Optometry (SECO) conference which took place recently in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Monaco was a founding member of the AFOS and has 45 years of active membership. His clinical specialties are in environmental health and optometric care in skilled facilities. He was instrumental in getting an AFOS-Salus scholarship, which goes to a student with a family member who is an Optometric Society member. Outside of Salus University, Dr. Monaco conducts optometric exams in nursing homes, furthering his optometric work with the elderly.

AFOS is dedicated to advancing, improving and enhancing the optometric care of designated federal service health care beneficiaries by optometrists in federal service. They aim to provide a forum for optometrists to improve and elevate the standards of the practice.

Dr. Monaco received his PhD from the University of Houston where he studied physiological optics and cell biology.

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