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Salus University Recognizes 2020 Graduating Physician Assistant Students



Elkins Park, Pa. — Salus University Physician Assistant (PA) Studies program recently recognized the Class of 2020 during a virtual Long White Coat Ceremony for 48 graduates. The long white coat marks the transition from PA student to clinician.

Students completed the 25-month Master of Medical Science (MMS) degree program, including classroom and clinical instruction, despite challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program, offered through the University's College of Health Sciences, Education and Rehabilitation (CHER), prepares graduates to work in practice settings such as physicians' offices, hospitals, clinics and community health centers, military and Veterans Affairs installations.

Among the top of their class, graduates who received Pi Alpha Honors, which is the national honor society for physician assistants and indicates academic achievement, community service and leadership, include: Nicole Harnwell, of Havertown; Marina Brown, of Grand Junction, Colorado; Emily Bwint, of Honey Brook; Amy Doering, of Bowie, Maryland; Ashley Senss, of Havertown; Morgan Lukievics, of Bethlehem; and Kimberly McCarty, of Norfolk, Massachusetts.

The PA Studies program focuses on a primary care philosophy and holistic approach that assesses the whole patient for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. The 2020 graduates are entering one of the fastest growing healthcare professions. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of September 2020, the PA profession ranks as one of the top 10 growing professions over the next 10 years.

For more information about the University's PA Studies program, visit salus.edu/physicianassistant.

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, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus operates four clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services. The University has more than 1,200 students, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.