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Salus University Holds Ribbon Cutting to Debut New Orthotics and Prosthetics Lab

The renovated lab space will support a new orthotics and prosthetics program at Salus University – the first in the region – which will welcome its inaugural class in fall 2022.

Elkins Park, Pa. – On Monday, August 15th, Salus University will host a ribbon-cutting event to debut a renovated, state-of-the-art lab that will support a new orthotics and prosthetics program at the University. Orthotic and prosthetic professionals design and fabricate medically supportive devices, like external braces or artificial limbs, to support and complement the lifestyle of individuals with limb loss.

The new lab facility, which is partially funded by a \$750,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant, will provide students with a dedicated training and learning space, in addition to the latest technology, for creating and testing orthotic and prosthetic supports.

The lab opening coincides with the launch of a new master's program for orthotics and prosthetics at Salus University, which will begin this fall (2022-2023 academic year).

The program, which has received candidacy accreditation by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education, will be the 14th program nationwide and is the only program in the Greater Philadelphia region (the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Hartford are the closest, existing training programs).

WHO: Dr. Chad Duncan, Orthotics & Prosthetics program chair/director, Salus University

Dr. Michael H. Mittelman, President, Salus University

WHAT: Salus University will mark the opening of its new Orthotics & Prosthetics Lab with a ribbon-cutting event, ahead of the program's inaugural year. Tours of the new Orthotics and Prosthetics Lab are available ahead of the event.

WHERE: Orthotics & Prosthetics Lab at **Salus University**

8360 Old York Rd, Elkins Park, PA

WHEN: Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm

(Ribbon cutting will occur after remarks, approximately 6:50 pm)

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