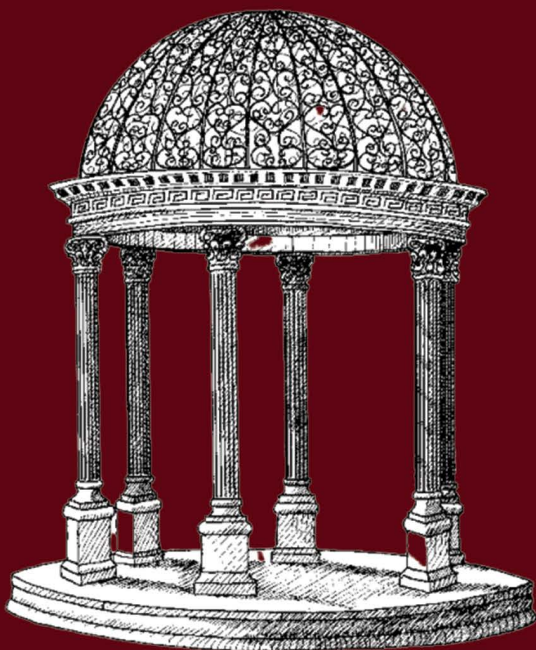




 SALUS UNIVERSITY
Commencement

Friday, May 22, 2020

Virtual Ceremony



**Share your photos and
congratulatory messages for
graduates on social media using
#SalusGrad and don't forget to
tag @SalusUniversity.**

Welcome to the 120th commencement of Salus University. We have conferred degrees on healthcare professionals since our first commencement in 1922 as the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry (PSCO). Over the years the name of our institution may have changed, but the excitement and anticipation of commencement day has remained the same.

Salus University was established by the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry (PSCO), later renamed to the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO), which was founded in 1919 to create a professional school of optometry on par with those of medicine and dentistry. That century-old legacy continues, as the University maintains and increases higher standards of education and clinical proficiency for the professions we serve.

From 1919 to 1983, Optometry was the College's sole program. In 1983, master's degrees in Blindness and Low Vision Studies were introduced. In 2000, the Audiology program began, followed by Physician Assistant Studies in 2007. Today, Salus offers additional degree programs in Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology.

Salus University is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of accredited post-graduate degree programs. There are more than 1,200 Salus students and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide.

This is a day of great pride for our graduates as well as their families and friends. The faculty and staff of Salus University are proud of what our graduates have achieved during their time with us and hope you will join us in this celebration of their achievements.

Congratulations to the families and friends of the Class of 2020 for your ever-important, unheralded support of your graduate. Congratulations to the Class of 2020! We are proud of what each of you has accomplished.

Last year, as the University celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of PCO, and this year, as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Osborne College of Audiology, we will continue to celebrate our legacy of changing lives and the exciting vision we have for the future.

Typically at the spring commencement, the University bestows doctoral and master's degrees in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Biomedicine, Public Health, Occupational Therapy, Low Vision Rehabilitation, Vision Rehabilitation Teaching, Orientation and Mobility and Blindness and Low Vision Impairment and Speech-Language Pathology.

Order of Ceremonies

Academic Procession - *Pomp and Circumstance*Edward Elgar

National Anthemmusic by John Stafford Smith
lyrics by Francis Scott Key

Star-Spangled Banner

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Introduction.....Michael H. Mittelman, OD, MPH, LHD (Hon.), MBA
President

Graduate Commencement AddressJessica Paige Lesnoy
College of Education and Rehabilitation

Honorary Degree **Doctor of Science**

OrationThomas L. Lewis, OD, PhD
Professor
Past President, Salus University

Conferring of Honorary Degree.....President Mittelman

Anthony F. Di Stefano

Vice President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus, Salus University



Anthony F. Di Stefano, OD '73, MEd, MPH, FAAO, is known as the architect of Salus University's Public Health programs, specifically to bridge the gap in public health training in professions such as optometry, audiology, blindness and visual impairment, physician assistant studies, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology. He has long believed these professions were under-represented in the public health sector thereby lacking sufficient public health trained individuals to effectively impact the populations health challenges across the global healthcare system.

He formally joined the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) faculty in 1974 as an assistant professor of Public Health. In 1975, he was appointed special assistant to the president for Strategic Planning. In this role, he led the development of PCO's first Five Year Strategic Plan in 1976, which would form the foundation for PCO's future growth.

In 1978, Dr. Di Stefano was appointed assistant dean of Academic Development, assuming primary responsibility for diversifying PCO's academic profile by establishing new graduate and professional degree programs as well as advancing the institution's research programs.

From 1989 to 2014, Dr. Di Stefano served as vice president and dean of Academic Affairs. He retired on July 1, 2019, and holds the positions of vice president and professor emeritus.

Honors

A complete list of award recipients is presented on the University website at www.salus.edu/commencement

Announcement of Honors James M. Caldwell, OD, EdD
Dean of Student Affairs

College of Education and Rehabilitation
Alumni Association Award Blindness and
Low Vision Studies Program

Attainment of the highest academic average.

Blindness and Low Vision Studies AmbuTech O&M Award

Demonstrated excellence in the Orientation and Mobility program, especially during the Fieldwork and Internship experiences.

Blindness and Low Vision Studies Noir Low Vision Award

Demonstrated academic excellence in the area of low vision rehabilitation.

Blindness and Low Vision Studies Excellence
in Direct Service Award

Demonstrated excellence in the provision of direct services to individuals who are blind or have low vision.

**Blindness and Low Vision Studies Dr. Audrey J. Smith/
Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness Award**

Demonstrated excellence in scholarly work.

**Blindness and Low Vision Studies Association of
Vision Rehabilitation Therapists**
Academic Excellence Award in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy

Demonstrated excellence in academic achievement pursuing a degree in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy.

Alumni Association Award Speech-Language Pathology Program

Attainment of the highest academic average.

Speech-Language Pathology Leadership Award

Demonstrated exceptional, consistent leadership in student government and/or Program organizations.

Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Excellence Award

Demonstrated clinical excellence and professionalism during the assessment of speech, language and swallowing disorders.

Occupational Therapy Outstanding Leadership Award

Demonstrated exceptional, consistent leadership in student government and in contributions to the Salus Occupational Therapy Program.

Occupational Therapy Excellence in Scholarship Award

Demonstrated excellence and achievement in scholarship and has promoted occupational therapy through scholarly activities.

Occupational Therapy Superior Professionalism Award

Demonstrated superior professional behavior and modeling of high standards of conduct valued within the profession.

Occupational Therapy Clinical Excellence Award

Demonstrated exceptional performance during their Fieldwork rotations.

Occupational Therapy Service to the Community Award

Demonstrated willingness to volunteer, serve and give of their time and talents for the benefit of others.

**Alumni Association Award Doctor of
Occupational Therapy Program**

Attainment of the highest academic average.

Osborne College of Audiology
Alumni Association Award Master of Science
in Clinical Audiology Program

Attainment of the highest academic average.

College of Health Sciences

Alumni Association Award Public Health Program

Attainment of the highest academic average.

Osborne College of Audiology

Alumni Association Award Audiology Online Bridge Program

Attainment of the highest academic average.

Osborne College of Audiology
Alumni Association Award Audiology Program

Attainment of the highest academic average.

Student Academy of Audiology George S. Osborne Service Award

In remembrance of Dr. George S. Osborne for his extraordinary vision and passionate service to the profession of audiology.

Victor Hugo Bray Fourth Year Clinical Excellence Award

Demonstrated exceptional clinical skills during the externship year.

**Pennsylvania College of Optometry
Alumni Association Award**

Optometry Accelerated Scholars Program

Attainment of the highest academic average.

Alumni Association Award Optometry Traditional Program

Attainment of the highest academic average.

Dr. John E. and Ethel M. Crozier Memorial Award

Demonstrated excellence in the study of anatomy and pathology.

Good-Lite Award

Demonstrated professionalism and advanced competency in binocular vision and pediatric vision care.

Clinical Excellence Citation

Demonstrated excellence in the application of visual science in resolving problems of the human visual system.

Scholars

Suite 1

Suite 2

Suite 3

Vision Rehabilitation

Neuro-Ophthalmic

Pediatrics

**College of Optometrists in Vision Development Award
for Excellence in Vision Therapy**

Demonstrated outstanding proficiency in both academic knowledge and clinical care in functional vision.

Dr. Arthur Shlaifer Memorial Award

Demonstrated overall excellence in clinical and didactic courses in ocular pathology.

Johnson and Johnson Vision Care

Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care

Demonstrated particular excellence in clinical contact lens patient care including good academic standing.

Eshenbach Award for Excellence in Low Vision

Demonstrated excellence in the evaluation and prescription of low vision devices.

Noir Low Vision Award

Demonstrated academic excellence in the area of low vision rehabilitation.

Alcon Student Scholarship Award

Authored winning case report.

Beta Sigma Kappa Award

Attainment of highest academic average among the BSK members.

Cooper Vision Excellence in Contact Lens Award

Demonstrated ability in contact lens courses, aptitude in clinical skills, a willingness to take advantage of professional development opportunities, and financial need.

Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award

Demonstrated clinical and dispensing skills in practice management.

GP Contact Lens Clinical Excellence Award

Demonstrated interest and overall excellence in contact lens design and application of fitting criteria.

Blanchard Contact Lens Excellence Award

Demonstrated expertise in contact lens.

Conforma Laboratories Award

Demonstrated clinical excellence in contact lens design and application of fitting criteria.

Music Interlude

Degrees

Presentation of Candidates..... Barry S. Eckert, PhD
Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs

Conferring of Degrees President Mittelman

College of Education and Rehabilitation

Master of Education

Sarah Boudwin
Jane Anne Cayanan
William Edward Hanuschock III

Master of Science Low Vision Rehabilitation

Yi Hui Lim
Manami Christie Okoshi
Emily Elizabeth Smith

Orientation and Mobility

Cora Faye Franze Douglas E. Gilbert
Caroline Elizabeth Marks Shannon C. Spicer

Vision Rehabilitation Therapy

Evans Darko Max Gabriel Manson
Christina Lorraine Grove Tyrus Naymar Ortiga
Lauren Hanrahan Kritika Singh
Katie Lee Lepis

College of Education and Rehabilitation

Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

Marissa Renee Aguado Krupa N. Desai
Olivia Lucienne Aloisi Tara Catherine Dingley
Carli E. Bailey Nicole Ann Duffy
Jeslyn Nicole Baker Kristin Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Molly E. Brennan Caitlin Erin Fleming
Elizabeth Paige DeBerardinis Emily Claire Giannini

Casey L. Heffelfinger
Samantha Lynn Hirthler
Yegene Hong
Leann P. Hurley
Alexis Juliano
Elizabeth Kirkner
Jaclyn Elizabeth Kolano
Alexandra N. Liner
Sara Marie Mackell
Paige Elizabeth Maino
Kara Victoria McCullough

Cassidy Taylor Mertz
Gabrielle Olshanskaya
Elena Scarlett Salas
Megan Elizabeth Schafer
Kristen Ann Schlotter
Lindsay Jessica Shapiro
Kaely Anne Sigafoos
Marissa H. Simon
Yuliya Vasilevskiy
MaryKate E. Vogelmann

College of Education and Rehabilitation

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Hannah Michele Adelsheimer Kaylin T. Magosin
Cynthia Karen Birnbaum Jessica D. Maguire
Megan Kate Blair Nathalie Jean Miller
Shannon Alexandra Blaney Emily R. Mittelman
Mauli Chothani Madison Paige Ochs
Sara Noelle Cote Jillian Mayumi Oshita
Alexandria M. Cygan Sara E. Ostrowski
Alexis Leigh Daggett Jenna Rosette Price
Sarah Kathleen Daley Dana Leigh Scott
Stephanie DeFazio Erica Sheehan
Nicole del Busto Nicole Marie Smithson
Kristin Nicole Dolenti Jennifer Lynn Snyder
Stacy M. Fromhold Sophie Kate Swallow
Emily Elizabeth Hendricks Tali Arielle Tangir
Adam Clay Hosterman Rebecca Lee Tate
Gina Nicole Inglese Renee J. Thiringer
Meghan Elizabeth Jubon Lindsay Rebecca Tobey
Kristin Nicole Kaplewicz Olivia Blake Tracey
Brianne Nicholle Karcesky Elisabeth R.R. Van Horn
Ashley Marie Kinton Alexandra J. Wallowitch
Julie Kosik Andrew Joseph Welsh
Mark Todd Larsen Jr. Colleen Wismer
Chloe E. Leach Emily Witts
Jessica Paige Lesnoy Tyler Zipay
Tara Anne Lukitsch

Osborne College of Audiology

Master of Science in Clinical Audiology

Nesreen Al Otaibi	Mahta Eslami
Jasmine Arora	Glenn Curtis Hole
Masoud Bagherian	Ideh Mortazavi
Niloofar Bokaei	Aida Tafreshi Hosseini
Fariba Denak	

College of Health Sciences

Master of Public Health

Okechukwu Egboluche
John Gerard McGann
Usiwo Gideon Obibi

Presentation of Candidates..... Provost Eckert

Conferring of Degrees President Mittelman

College of Education and Rehabilitation

Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Josie Ann Bachman
Rebecca Baro
Sydney Carnevale

College of Health Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy

QingQing Tan

Osborne College of Audiology

Doctor of Audiology – Online Bridge Program

Anat Ben Horin
Kathleen Felicity Dwyer
Brittany Carol Schuett

Osborne College of Audiology

Doctor of Audiology

Adiam Amare	Merin Ann Jacob
Olivia Marie Bologna	Brooke Ann Jamgochian
Paige Rebekah Brandsdorfer	Maura Noelle Kelly
Victoria Rae Buck	Megan Marie Labbe
Katrina Nichole Caban	Allison Natalia Lukomski
Tomas R. Cabrera	Anthony Joseph Oliveti
Brianna E. Casey	Maria Pina Ragonese
Jacklyn Penny Churchill	Emily Cecilia Regan
Deirdre Elizabeth Creegan	Abigail Rose Ritinski
Piera P. D'Armetta	Lindsay June Saltsman
Evan Ford Draper	Kelsey Adair Skinner
Jenna Francis Fenton	Alina Rose Swierski
Alissa Elaine Gable	Taylor Thompson
Michaila Maureen Hatty	Yuejun Wang
Elisa Ann Hoyos	Christi-Marie Williamson
Samantha Taylor Iezzi	

Pennsylvania College of Optometry

Doctor of Optometry – Accelerated Scholars Program

Harjas Singh Aulakh	Cameron Keith Housley
Elyse Lillian Bare	Emily Rose McNierney
Matthew R. Eernisse	Jennifer Ann Minnick
Kazvin V. Engineer	Rebecca Lynn Morrin
Jonathan Raymond Fabriziani	Fiza Tariq
Laura Alyce Gutsin	Ryan Yee

Pennsylvania College of Optometry

Doctor of Optometry – Traditional Program

Ashley Acosta	Amisha Desai
Ashwati R. Agrawal	Thomas Raphael DiBenedetto
△ Zekia Alhout	Trevor H. Dickson
△ Alexandra Aimee Alvarez	Jessica T. Do
Sabahat Amjad	Kristen Taylor Dunn
Benjamin Peter Andrews	Salman M. Farooqui
Kristina Nicole Andrews	△ James H. Forde
Raquel Porsha Antoine	Nisma Abdelsameyi Gabr
Jasmeet Kaur Aujla	Anthony Giallombardo
Brian Baldovino	△ Christine M. Gieringer
Amanda Bancroft	△ Annie Bea Govan
Nikhil Deep Bansal	△ Nicole Elise Gruzin
△ Safeera Zafar Bhutta	Abuzer Syed Hasan
Kevin George Bird	Kimberly Ann Hentges
Dominic Letray Brown	Melissa Rose Herrmann
Kelsea Remel Brown	Rebecca Lauren Hoff
Alexandra Kathryn Budd	Steven Huang
Kristen Ann Cabrera	△ Jacob R. Hunker
Jessica Lynn Celestino	Madeline Therese Junker
Russell Wayne Chappius III	Lauren Brittany Kamachi
△ Janice Chau	Chanpreet Kataria
Tina Choe	Ramandeep Kaur
Seung We Choi	Quratulain Khalid
△ Alyssa Marie Chrisman	Urmi V. Khatri
△ Michelle Ka-Ying Chung	Alisa Khurgin
△ Katherine Rose Cioffi	Michael Kim
△ Kelly Anne Cohen	Saidivya Komma
Sean Francis Connell	Audrey Blaire Korenek
Brendan S. Connors	Miriam Korik
Tiffanie Crisi	Stephanie L. Krieg
△ Samantha D. Czerniak	△ Jordan Elizabeth Lamb
Rahul Danda	Cynthia Shui-Ling Lau
△ Selma Hashimi Daud	Jayro Antonio Loya Grijalva
△ Caitlin Paige Davis	△ Alex Christopher Lupolt
△ Laura A. Davis	Roheena M. Malik
Tom Glenn Dellinger	Tasneem M. Maner
△ Gina Nicole DeRicco	Karissa Lynn Manko

Emil Martirosyan	Jenna Lee Reid
Niki B. Mehta	Stephanie Marie Reitter
Manahal M. Mirza	Cristina Marie Rosano
Jacob Andrew Mooberry	Cameron Michael Rowe
Parminder Singh Multani	Ali Sajjad
Apeksha Nagar	Swapanpreet Kaur Sandhu
Kyaw Tun Naing	John Patrick Sapone
Dong Phuong Suzanne	Shiza Sarfraz
Nguyen	Emily R. Scannell
Steven Nguyen	Emilie Kathleen Seitz
Kyle Wayne Nichols	Margi Paresh Shah
Graham O'Brien	Sabrina Sherman
Heidi Hakala Olean	Emily Elizabeth Smith
Shaya David Oratz	Mercedes DelGaudio Smith
Anita V. Pandya	Sydnee Victoria Snapp
△ Lisa Margherita Parkins	Jessica Mary Spearing
Cassandra Jo Pastier	△ Akirta K. Sran
Hiral Pramodbhai Patel	Matthew Steller
Khushboo J. Patel	Allison Lee Stemko
Priyanka Patel	Emircan Suzer
Shivangi Patel	Joseph Stephen Szorentini
Sean Lawrence Patrick	Anson Tam
△ Paige Nicole Paulas	Janice Y. Tan
Jillian Xin Penney	Ariel Jordan Taylor
Reed B. Pett	Sandra Irene Tenzer
△ Tony Lee Phillips	Monica Rose Theroux
Andrew James Pisetznier	Iqra Uddin Rafat
Jason Poon	Allison Kayla F Viray
Randy Nathan Poon	Vineet Virk
Kyler James Popp	Iana G. Volodarsky
△ Angelene Marie Rapone	Nicholas Wong

△ Advanced Studies – Advanced studies prepares students beyond entry-level, enhances their knowledge and skills in distinct areas of practice or research, and expands their breadth and concentration in personally selected knowledge bases. Content areas of study include Anterior Segment, Binocular Vision and Vision Therapy, Contact Lens and Neuro-Ophthalmic Disease.

This program was printed before final certification of graduation. Therefore, this listing is tentative only. Any errors or omissions are inadvertent, and the university cannot be held responsible. The academic transcript is the official record.

Administration of Oath to Professionalism*Provost Eckert

* All Health and Service Professionals in attendance, including the graduating class, are invited to stand and take this opportunity to read aloud, with Dr. Eckert, "The Oath to Professionalism."

The Oath to Professionalism

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I will practice the art and science of my chosen profession faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession.

I will provide professional care for those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity without discrimination.

I will place the treatment of those whom I serve above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care with their welfare my utmost concern.

I will maintain absolute confidentiality of all information provided by those who seek my services.

I will continuously strive to broaden my knowledge and skills to deliver all new and efficacious means to enhance my services.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and human-kind.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this, my solemn oath and obligation.

Congratulations from the Salus University

Alumni Association David W. Friess, OD
President Alumni Association

Music Postlude

ToccataJohn Weaver
Aaron Patterson
Organist

Presidents

Salus University

Established 2008

2013 – present..... Michael H. Mittelman, OD, MPH, LHD (Hon.), MBA

2008 – 2013..... Thomas L. Lewis, OD, PhD

Presidents

Pennsylvania College of Optometry

Established 1919

1989 – 2008..... Thomas L. Lewis, OD, PhD

1979 – 1989..... Melvin D. Wolfberg, OD, LHD (Hon.)

1972 – 1979..... Norman E. Wallis, OD, PhD, DSc (Hon.)

1960 – 1972..... Lawrence Fitch, OD

1919 – 1960..... Albert Fitch, OD

Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs

Salus University

2019 – present..... Barry S. Eckert, PhD

2018 – 2019 Melissa A. Vitek, OD (Interim)

2014 – 2018 Janice E. Scharre, OD, MA

2008 – 2014..... Anthony F. Di Stefano, OD, MEd, MPH

Deans

Pennsylvania College of Optometry

2016 – present..... Melissa E. Trego, OD, PhD

2014 – 2016 Lori Grover, OD, PhD

2009 – 2013..... Linda Casser, OD

1989 – 2009..... Anthony F. Di Stefano, OD, MEd, MPH

1979 – 1989..... Thomas L. Lewis, OD, PhD

1974 – 1979..... Jerald W. Strickland, OD, PhD

1973 – 1974..... Norman E. Wallis, OD, PhD, DSc (Hon.)

1971 – 1973 Don W. Hickman, MS, PhD

1967 – 1969..... Stanley S. Willing, MA, EdD

1950 – 1967..... Lawrence Fitch, OD

College of Education and Rehabilitation

2019 – present.....	Barry S. Eckert, PhD (Acting)
2017 – 2019.....	Barbara Schwartz-Bechet, MS, EdD (Interim)
2016 – 2017.....	Jason J. Barr, PhD
2008 – 2016.....	Audrey J. Smith, PhD

George S. Osborne College of Audiology

2016 – present.....	Radhika Aravamudhan, PhD
2009 – 2016.....	Victor H. Bray, PhD
1999 – 2007.....	George S. Osborne, DDS, PhD, AuD (Hon.)

College of Health Sciences

2018 – present.....	Donna M. Agnew, MSPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA (Interim)
2008 – 2018.....	Lorraine Lombardi, MS, PhD (Interim)

The Academic Regalia

The wearing of academic dress dates back to the early days of the world's older universities. American universities adopted academic dress in 1895 and immediately established a code of regulations followed today by almost all American institutions. Establishment of this code has made it possible to distinguish the bachelor, master and doctoral degree holders, while at the same time recognizing the university that awarded the degree. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The master's gown has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away which can be worn opened or closed. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and is worn opened or closed. The majority of gowns are black, but a number of institutions have adopted other colors to identify special programs or groups within that institution.

The hoods vary in length. All hoods are silk-lined in the academic color(s) of the institution conferring the degree. If the institution has more than one color, the colors are shown in divisions using chevrons. The traditional colors of Pennsylvania College of Optometry were adopted by Salus University and are represented by the cardinal and silver satin lining of the hood. The binding or edge of the doctor's, master's and bachelor's hoods is usually made of velvet in the color designating the

subject in which the degree was granted. Some colors in the bindings of hoods are:

Arts/Humane Letters	white
Audiology	spruce green
Dentistry	lilac
Education.....	light blue
Law	purple
Medicine.....	hunter green
Nursing	apricot
Occupational Therapy.....	rhoades blue
Optometry	seafoam green
Philosophy	dark blue
Physician Assistant	hunter green
Public Health	salmon pink
Science	golden yellow

Black mortarboards are most commonly worn, though six-sided tams of various colors may be used.

Academic Regalia Adornment

Alpha Upsilon Delta	Spruce Green Cords
Alumni Association Award.....	Medal
American Optometric Student Association.....	Seafoam Green Cords
Beta Sigma Kappa (3 years or less)	Gold Cords
Beta Sigma Kappa (4 years).....	Gold and Black Intertwined Cords
Gold Key International	Gold Stole
Pi Alpha	Green and Blue Intertwined Cords
Pi Theta Epsilon	Gold and Blue Intertwined Cords

Established in 2015, the Alpha Upsilon Delta National Honor Society recognizes significant academic achievement, leadership and service to the audiology profession.

The Salus University Alumni Association recognizes students in each program who attain the highest academic average.

The American Optometric Student Association works to improve the visual welfare and health of the public, promotes the profession of

optometry and lifelong commitment to state affiliates, and enhances the education and welfare of optometry students.

Founded in 1925, Beta Sigma Kappa International Optometric Honor Society membership is attained by scholastic excellence as honor students in the schools and colleges of optometry.

Established in 1972, the Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society recognizes optometry students who have demonstrated outstanding professional and ethical attitudes through leadership and service to their class, college and profession.

Established in 2004, the Pi Alpha National Honor Society for Physician Assistants recognizes significant academic achievement, leadership, research, community/professional service. Honorary membership is bestowed to individuals who provide scholarship, leadership or service to the profession.

Established in 1958, Pi Theta Epsilon National Honor Society for Occupational Therapists recognizes dedication toward advancement of the profession through scholarship.

The Ceremonial Mace

The mace is a traditional symbol of authority dating back to the Middle Ages. The use of ceremonial maces by educational institutions began in the 17th century, when Cambridge and Oxford Universities in England adopted the mace as an emblem to be carried on ceremonial occasions. In keeping with many colleges and universities in the United States that began the tradition of ceremonial maces in the 20th century, Pennsylvania College of Optometry – the founding college of Salus University – adopted the mace in 1993 for significant ceremonies. The mace bearer traditionally precedes the president of an institution as he/she enters or departs.

The Chain of Office

Our president wears a Chain of Office for all commencement ceremonies with the University's official seal on the central medallion. The chain connects four smaller medallions and banners that honor the University's four Colleges. Additional banners are dedicated to the previous presidents of our founding college, Pennsylvania College of Optometry as well as Salus University.

Presented by the Alumni Association, the Chain of Office is an expression of the history and traditions of Salus University.

Gonfalon

Beginning with the Spring 2016 Commencement, Salus University incorporated gonfalons into its commencement exercises. Gonfalons are the flags or banners, hung from crosspieces on poles, used since medieval times. The gonfalons are used during graduation ceremonies to symbolize the different academic areas within the University.

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