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Salus University to Host Adaptive Sports Day in Collaboration with Hanger Clinic

Elkins Park, PA. - This **Saturday, June 25, 2022**, Salus University will host a free Adaptive Sports Day in collaboration with Hanger Clinic. Registration and Continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m and the event will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

The Adaptive Sports Day is open to anyone with limb loss, orthotic bracing or mobility challenges as well as their family members and friends. Healthcare professionals and those with experience or expertise in adaptive sports are also invited to volunteer.

"Hanger Clinic and Salus University are both organizations that value giving back to the communities in which they serve," said Matt Johnson, MPT, CEEAA, area director at Hanger Clinic. "And, with Salus starting its Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P) program later this year, it is the perfect time to have such an event on campus."

The event will feature activities fit for all ages and abilities. Activities will include wheelchair basketball, adaptive golf, yoga, seated volleyball, tennis and mobility exercises. There will also be networking opportunities with motivational speakers who will be discussing their journey with adaptive sports.

For those who are hesitant to participate in the sports activities, the motivational speakers alone are worth the (free) price of admission.

"If people don't feel comfortable participating in the activities, we still encourage you to sign up and attend the event. Making new connections with those in attendance is beneficial" said <u>Julie McCulley Quinlan, MPO, MS, CPO, ATC</u>, instructor at Salus and clinician at Hanger Clinic, "listening to the speakers is inspiring to anyone, whether you are a participant or community member."

Salus and Hanger Clinic hope to provide participants with an inclusive space to discuss their challenges and the opportunity to see the solutions of those around them that they may not have otherwise been aware of.

"A main mission of the O&P program, as well as Salus University, is cultural humility and inclusivity" said McCulley Quinlan, "Inclusion also encompases people of different ability levels, so this event provides an environment of inclusivity that supports the diverse community that Salus strives to provide."

Salus and Hanger Clinic are both excited for the opportunity to engage and inspire the local community with the Adaptive Sports Day. To register for the event, complete this <u>form</u>.

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 over 1,200 students, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.

About Hanger Clinic

Hanger Clinic is a leading national provider of orthotic and prosthetic (O&P) services. Headquartered in Austin, Texas and with over 800 locations across the country, Hanger Clinic is committed to innovation through unique and reliable patient care. With a combination of unmatched expertise, patient-centered innovation, compassionate care, and community support, Hanger Clinic aims to provide customized solutions to all of their patients. For more information please visit www.HangerClinic.com.