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Arcadia University and Salus University Establish Strategic Alliance through Memorandum of Understanding

GLENSIDE, Pa. (Dec. 18, 2015) — On Dec. 18, Salus University and Arcadia University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that creates a strategic alliance designed to enhance academic and administrative collaboration between the two universities. The agreement is effective immediately.

Arcadia, in Glenside, and Salus in Elkins Park, will share a variety of educational resources through the MOU, including education and research of mutual interest; educational, clinical and administrative resources; community service projects; faculty and student conferences, seminars, and workshops; and international programming.

Students and faculty at both universities will benefit from this collaboration. Arcadia students will have additional opportunities to work with advanced technology in health science programs. Salus faculty and alumni will be able to take advantage of Arcadia's vast opportunities abroad. Additionally, this alliance opens the ability for advanced program tracks, such as the currently established joint pre-optometry program. Through this program, students are able to complete a Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree in seven years. Pre-optometry students spend their first three years at Arcadia in an Interdisciplinary Science program and then finish the final four years at Salus in a specialized program.

"This strategic alliance will enhance and make even more robust the academic experience for students at Arcadia University and help provide a much wider range of possibilities for our Health Science programs," said Dr. Nicolette DeVille Christensen, president of Arcadia University. "We look forward to continuing to collaborate with the extraordinary faculty and staff at Salus University."

"Our long-standing relationship is now even stronger," said Dr. Michael H. Mittelman, president of Salus University. "Arcadia, as a globally focused institution, shares many common goals with us. This is an ideal collaboration for our students, faculties and surrounding communities."

About Arcadia University

Arcadia University is a top-ranked private university in Greater Philadelphia and a national leader in study abroad and international education. The 2015 Open Doors report names Arcadia University #1 in the

nation for undergraduate students studying abroad, while U.S. News & World Report ranks Arcadia among the top regional universities in the north and lauds Arcadia's study abroad programs. Arcadia University promises a distinctively global, integrative, and personal learning experience that prepares students to contribute and lead in a diverse and dynamic world. Visit www.arcadia.edu.

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, Public Health, Education and Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus operates four clinical facilities in the Philadelphia area that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services. The University has more than 1,100 students, including PhD candidates, and more than 12,500 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.