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**HARVEY RUBIN, MD, PhD, GLOBAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALIST,
TO DELIVER SALUS UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Elkins Park, PA – Harvey Rubin, MD, PhD, the widely acclaimed infectious disease specialist and founding director of the pioneering Energize the Chain (www.energizethechain.org) non-profit organization, which is saving lives through preserving vaccine integrity in the developing world, will deliver Salus University's 2015 commencement address on Friday, May 22 at the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts in Philadelphia.

Dr. Rubin, a researcher and clinician on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where he is also founding director of the Institute for Strategic Threat Analysis and Response (ISTAR), will address the Salus University Class of 2015. It includes graduates who have earned Doctor of Optometry or Doctor of Audiology degrees, or master of science degrees in one of the following areas: public health; clinical optometry; occupational therapy; orientation and mobility; low vision rehabilitation; and vision rehabilitation teaching. This year's commencement is also historic in that the University's first Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree (biomedicine) will be conferred.

Since joining the University of Pennsylvania faculty in 1983, Dr. Rubin has held several positions, including professor of medicine; associate dean for research, veterans affairs; and associate dean of student affairs. He founded ISTAR in 2002, which has a global mission of addressing strategies and responses to threats.

As an expert in his field, Dr. Rubin's research on genetic and biochemical mechanisms involved in the pathophysiology of tuberculosis and other human pathogens has been funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH) The National Science Foundation (NSF) the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

Former United States National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity and Department of Defense/National Academy of Sciences Biological Cooperative Threat Reduction member, Dr. Rubin is now the director of Energize the Chain—a non-profit organization aimed at eradicating vaccine preventable deaths worldwide by making effective vaccines as accessible as global cell phone coverage. Dr. Rubin and Energize the

Chain were featured in the May 2015 issue of Philadelphia Magazine as part of an article on Philadelphia doctors who are saving the world.

Dr. Rubin has served on numerous national and international scientific review panels, including the NIH, NSF, NASA Intelligent Systems Program, DARPA and The Medical Research Counsel of South Africa.

Dr. Rubin graduated from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and earned a PhD in molecular biology from the University of Pennsylvania.

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