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Salus and DeSales Universities Host Signing Ceremony for Articulation Agreements

Elkins Park, Pa. – Salus University and DeSales University are partnering on a 4+4 Doctor of Optometry degree program, a 3+4 Doctor of Optometry degree program, and a 4+3 Master of Science in Orthotics & Prosthetics degree program.

Michael H. Mittelman, OD '80, MBA, MPH, FAAO, FACHE, president of Salus, and Gerard O'Sullivan, Ph.D., provost and vice president of academic affairs at the Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, campus, visited DeSales on May 9 to sign articulation agreements with Father James Greenfield, OSFS '84, Ed.D., president, and Terese Wignot, Ph.D., provost.

Students at DeSales who complete the 90-semester credit or 120-semester credit pre-optometry curriculum with a 3.0 GPA or higher can apply for admission to the 3+4 or 4+4 Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University Doctor of Optometry degree program, respectively. PCO/Salus will reserve four seats in each class for qualifying DeSales students.

Students at DeSales who complete the 120-semester credit pre-orthotics and prosthetics curriculum with a 3.0 GPA or higher can apply for admission to the Salus 4+3 Master of Science in Orthotics and Prosthetics degree program. Salus will reserve four seats in each class of the MSOP program for qualifying DeSales students.

"We are delighted to enter into this new affiliation agreement between Salus and DeSales, which clearly enhances our commitment to advancing healthcare education in our region," said Dr. Mittelman. "By leveraging DeSales University's robust educational infrastructure and Salus University's innovative, nationally recognized clinical expertise, we aim to provide our students with unparalleled opportunities to develop as healthcare professionals. Together, we will foster a collaborative environment that not only benefits our students but also contributes positively to the healthcare community."

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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 three clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance and speech-language pathology. The University has more than 1,200 students, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.

