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**Dr. Schwartz-Bechet Named Associate Dean for the Salus University College of Education and Rehabilitation**

Elkins Park, PA – Barbara Schwartz-Bechet, EdD has been named associate dean for the Salus University College of Education and Rehabilitation (CER). Salus University is an internationally recognized academic institution, offering a wide range of graduate, professional degree and post-graduate residency programs for health care professionals. In her new position, Dr. Schwartz-Bechet will provide administrative and educational leadership for the College of Education and Rehabilitation. She will collaborate with the College's chairpersons on graduate education programs in blindness and low vision, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology, as well as the evaluation and maintenance of curriculum excellence; assist the College's dean in the administration and management of educational programs; and provide instruction in educational programs.

Dr. Schwartz-Bechet most recently served as chair of the departments of special education and early education and as interim chair of the department of literacy and elementary education at Northern Illinois University (NIU). In this role, she was responsible for faculty leadership, department management, program and curriculum development, program assessment and evaluation, student welfare and professional development.

A member of Phi Beta Delta, Dr. Schwartz-Bechet is the associate editor of the National Association for Professional Development Schools Journal and an Illinois State Board of Education program reviewer. She is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Association for Behavior Analysis, Council for Exceptional Children, the University Professional & Continuing Education Association (UPCEA), and the American Educational Research Association (AERA). In addition, Dr. Schwartz-Bechet has presented and published extensively both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Schwartz-Bechet received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Brooklyn College, a Master of Science in Education from the College of Staten Island and a Doctor of Education in Applied Behavior Analysis from Columbia University – Teachers College.

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