



**For immediate release:**  
November 18, 2015

**Contact:** Cathy Shea  
856-642-6226

### **Dr. Uduak Udom Named President of the World Council of Optometry**

**Elkins Park, PA** – The World Council of Optometry (WCO) inducted Uduak Udom, OD, MPH as its new president during the WCO/FEDOPTO 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Optometry that took place in Medellin, Columbia. As WCO president Dr. Udom will work to fulfill the organization’s mission to increase access to eye health and vision care worldwide and increase awareness of the important role of optometry in public health.

A native of Nigeria, Dr. Udom has been a leader in optometry in Africa where she has practiced since 1978. She is a Fellow of both the American Academy of Optometry and the Nigerian College of Optometrists and, in 2010, was the first female to be elected president of the African Council of Optometry (AFCO). A graduate of the Salus University Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program, Dr. Udom was instrumental in forming the relationship between AFCO and Salus, which resulted in the University offering partial scholarships to African optometrists for the Salus online MPH program.

Dr. Anthony Di Stefano, director of Public Health programs at Salus University, who recognized Dr. Udom’s commitment to broadening the reach of eye care in developing and underdeveloped counties said, “Dr. Udom is a role model for optometrists around the world and all who have been privileged to work and study with her.”

**###**

#### ***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](http://www.salus.edu).