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Salus University Fall Graduates Will Finally Walk Kimmel Center Stage Again



Salus University graduates at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in 2019.

Elkins Park, Pa. — Salus University's fall commencement will once again take place at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia on Tuesday, October 12, following a Long White Coat Ceremony on Monday, October 11 at the University's Hafter Student Community Center located at 50 Breyer Drive at the school's Elkins Park campus.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 11, graduates from the Physician Assistant (PA) Studies Class of 2021 will be presented with their long white coats during a ceremony at the University's Hafter Center. The ceremony marks the transition from PA student to clinician just prior to graduation at the culmination of their academic career.

Starting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, the University will host its 123rd commencement ceremony at the Kimmel Center. The ceremony will include remarks by Salus President Dr. Michael H. Mittelman, followed by degree conferrals by Drs. Mittelman and Barry Eckert, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, the student address, the Oath to Professionalism, and other traditional commencement exercises.

In preparing for the fall ceremonies, the University continues to monitor various health scenarios associated with COVID-19. All attendees will be required to show proof of vaccine at the Kimmel Center and masks are mandatory inside all University buildings as well as at the Kimmel Center. Additional details are available on the commencement website salus.edu/commencement.

The long awaited in-person commencement on October 12, showcases the University's graduation traditions, including a keynote address, which will be given virtually by acting Secretary of Health Alison Beam, who was also recently awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Dr. Mittelman. During her tenure, Beam has advised and supported key healthcare priorities, such as stabilizing and sustaining the health insurance markets, increasing access to healthcare for all Pennsylvanians, and ensuring the high caliber of healthcare delivered in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continues.

Graduates, their families and friends are invited to attend both ceremonies featuring the hashtag #SalusGrad on social media. Additional information is available on the commencement website salus.edu/commencement, and information will be posted on the University's social media accounts.

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 and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus operates four clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, speech-language pathology and occupational therapy services. The University has more than 1,200 students, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.