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Salus University Names Dr. Lauren Sponseller as the Newest Interim Dean

Elkins Park, Pa. — Salus University recently appointed **Lauren Sponseller PhD '18, OTD, MSOTR/L, MEd, CLA**, as interim dean of the University's College of Health Sciences, Education and Rehabilitation (CHER).

Dr. Sponseller becomes the second dean of CHER, the University's newest college formed in 2020, which includes Occupational Therapy (OT), Speech-Language Pathology (SLP), Physician Assistant Studies (PA), Post-Baccalaureate, Blindness and Low Vision Studies (BLVS), Biomedicine, and Orthotics & Prosthetics programs.

"We are delighted that Dr. Sponseller stepped up and went through a very rigorous search process. She will be a terrific interim dean for CHER and I look forward to working with her," said Gerard O'Sullivan, PhD, interim provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at Salus.

When Dr. Sponseller joined the newly formed OT department in 2012, she came to Salus with the goal of educating the University on the OT profession, what it does and what resources the program would need to become successful. More than 10 years later, it's evident the department has made its presence known. Salus OT graduates are recognized as among the best in the country.

"I love Salus. This feels like home. I love all the programs and I really feel passionate about what we do. So I want to be here to support and advocate for the programs," said Dr. Sponseller.

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