



## **Presidential Medals, Alumni of the Year Awards, Presented to Distinguished Group**

When **Paul Freeman, OD '74, FAAO**, was thinking about his acceptance speech for receiving the 2024 **Presidential Medal of Honor** from Salus University, he decided he wanted to deliver a message to his daughter, Julia.

The first thing he had to do was make sure she would attend the University's Annual Recognition Reception, held

June 2, 2024, at Pinecrest Country Club in Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

Once that commitment was secured, then Dr. Freeman began considering what kind of message he wanted to deliver. For that, he drew inspiration from one his mentors at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, the late **Irving Bennett, OD '44, DSC (Hon.) '87, FAAO**, an internationally renowned authority and publisher in the field of optometric economics and practice management.

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## **Audiology Distance Education Icon Dr. Giri Sundar to Retire**

When **Giri Sundar, MPhil, PhD, CCC-A, FAAA**, had her private practice from 1981 to 2006 — well before she joined Salus University in 2010 — many of the current technologies in audiology were in their infancy. Practicing audiologists didn't know where to go to learn new tools and techniques such as the Auditory Brainstem Responses or understand the science behind developing technologies, such as digital hearing aids.



"That's the reason I knew it was important for practicing clinicians to have a home where they could reach out and learn and understand developing sciences and current trends," said Dr. Sundar.

She found that home at the University's **Osborne College of Audiology (OCA)** when she arrived in 2010 to take a job as assistant professor and director of the **Distance Education programs** at OCA. Over the past 14 years, Dr. Sundar has developed the Osborne College of Audiology's Distance Education programs into one of the most highly regarded programs in the world.

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## **2024 Salus Awards Gala Celebrates the Best of the Best**



The eighth annual Salus Awards Gala (SAG) was held June 14, 2024, at The Fuge in Warminster, Pennsylvania. The SAG Awards have evolved over the years to recognize outstanding educators, faculty, staff, administration and students in the Salus University community. This year, more than 100 nominations and more than 300 votes were cast to the Campus Activities Committee, which organized the awards banquet.

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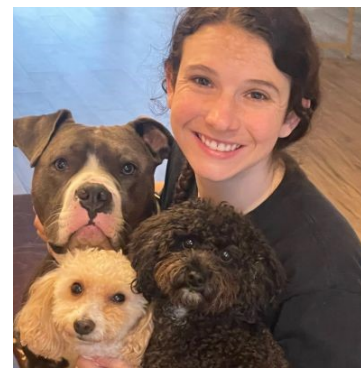
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