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**Distinguished Educator Dr. Lorraine Lombardi
To Deliver Salus University Spring Commencement Address**

Elkins Park, Pa. – Dr. Lorraine Lombardi will deliver Salus University’s 2018 commencement address on **Thursday, May 24, at 2 p.m., at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**, 300 S. Broad St., Philadelphia. After a fifty-year teaching career, Dr. Lombardi, who will receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the ceremony, will address the Salus University graduates from the Spring Class of 2018.

Dr. Lombardi originally joined the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) as a faculty member in 1968. She earned her PhD in Anatomy with a neuro specialization in 1981 from Hahnemann Medical College Graduate School while working full-time at PCO. She currently holds the rank of professor emerita and has served in numerous administrative roles, as Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and most recently Interim Dean of Salus University’s College of Health Sciences.

During her career at PCO and Salus, she taught and influenced the careers of over 7,000 optometric graduates, as well as hundreds of students in the University’s Physician Assistant Studies, Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Occupational Therapy programs in addition to being an effective educator in the international programs. During her tenure, she was honored 22 times as the Onofrey G. Rybachok Memorial Educator of the Year; was recently the recipient of the American Academy of Optometry’s Michael G. Harris Award for Excellence in Optometric Education; and in recognition of her outstanding service to Salus University and the thousands of students and faculty members she has influenced, will receive the University’s Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Award during commencement week.

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, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, 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 currently celebrating its tenth anniversary has more than 1,200 students, including PhD candidates, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.