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Salus University and Hanger Clinic Partner to Host Individuals with Limb Loss for Adaptive Sports Day

The free, field day event will mark the launch of the Orthotics & Prosthetics program at Salus University – the first in the region – which will welcome its inaugural class in fall 2022.

Elkins Park, Pa. – On Saturday, June 25th, Salus University and Hanger Clinic will host a full day of sports, networking, and peer support for individuals who live with limb loss or orthotic bracing. The Adaptive Sports Day event will welcome more than 30 individuals and their families to participate in activities that have been customized for those who live with limb loss or orthotic bracing, including golf, volleyball, tennis, yoga, boxing, and more. Special guests include Philadelphian Reggie Showers, a two-time world motorcycle drag racing champion and double amputee, and Chris Kagg, founder and executive director of the IM ABLE Foundation.

The event coincides with the launch of a new master's program for orthotics and prosthetics (O&P) at Salus University, which will begin this fall (2022-2023 academic year), and the development of a state-of-the-art O&P lab and training facility.

Orthotic and prosthetic professionals design and fabricate medically supportive devices, like external braces or artificial limbs, to support and complement the lifestyle of individuals with limb loss. With nearly [2 million people living with limb loss in the United States](#), the demand for O&P research and professionals has grown tremendously.

Salus' O&P program, which has received candidacy accreditation by the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education, will be the 14th program nationwide and is the only program in the Greater Philadelphia region (the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Hartford are the closest, existing training programs).

WHO: Julie McCulley Quinlan, Instructor, Orthotics & Prosthetics, Salus University

Dr. J. Chad Duncan, Program Director, Orthotics & Prosthetics, Salus University

Matt Johnson, Area Director, Hanger Clinic

More than 30 individuals with limb loss or orthotic bracing

WHAT: Salus University will host individuals with limb loss and/or orthotic bracing needs for a full day of sports and activities, including wheelchair basketball, adaptive golf, tennis, volleyball, and more. Interviews are available ahead of the event.

WHERE: Hafter Student Community Center at Salus University

50 Breyer Drive, Elkins Park, PA 19027

WHEN: Saturday, June 25, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Sports activities will begin at 9:30, with lunch from 12 – 1 p.m. Activities will continue again at 1 p.m.

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, Speech-Language Pathology and Orthotics and Prosthetics. 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.