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Salus University Hosts 124th Commencement Ceremony, Presents Honorary Degree to Admiral Michelle Howard

The class of 2022, with more than 300 students, will receive degrees during the spring ceremony and will be joined by the first African American woman to reach the rank of three-star and four-stars in the Armed Forces.

Elkins Park, Pa. – Salus University will host its 124th commencement services for the class of 2022 on Thursday, May 26th at the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts. More than 300 aspiring healthcare professionals will receive their master's and doctorate degrees at the ceremony.

Founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Salus University has expanded to offer 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. Dr. Michael H. Mittelman, former Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy, currently serves as President.

The University will also confer an Honorary degree to retired Admiral Michelle Howard of the United States Navy. Admiral Howard served 35 years, during which she became the first African American woman to command a ship in the Navy (1999), the first woman to become a four-star Admiral in the U.S. Navy (2014), and the first woman to be appointed to the position of Vice Chief of Naval Operations (number two in Military Service). She is the first African American woman to reach the rank of three-star and four-stars in the Armed Forces.

Her last command was from 2016 to 2017 as U.S. Naval Forces Europe and U.S. Naval Forces Africa. She simultaneously led NATO's Allied Joint Force Command Naples with oversight of missions from the Western Balkans to Iraq. Operations in her career include NATO peacekeeping, West African Training Cruise, Indonesia Tsunami Relief operations, and the rescue of cargo ship Maersk Alabama from Somali pirates. She is a Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran.

WHO: Dr. Michael H. Mittelman, President, Salus University

Admiral Michelle J. Howard, Retired, United States Navy

WHAT: Salus University will host its 124th commencement exercises for the spring, including the conferring of an Honorary Degree to Admiral Michelle Howard and more than 200 master's and doctorate degrees.

WHERE: The Kimmel Center for Performing Arts,
300 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA

WHEN: Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Conferring of Honorary Degree, approximately 2:15 p.m.

Conferring of Degrees, approximately 2:30 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.