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## DR. SUSAN OLESZEWSKI NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS AT SALUS UNIVERSITY

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Elkins Park, PA – Dr. Michael H. Mittelman, president of Salus University, recently announced the appointment of Susan Oleszewski, OD, MA, who has served with distinction in a number of leadership capacities over her nearly four decades at the health sciences university (home of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry), to the position of vice president for Institutional Advancement and Community Engagement. Salus is internationally recognized for its wide range of graduate, professional degree and post-graduate residency programs for healthcare professionals.

Dr. Oleszewski, who was the University's Chief of Staff, will direct the overall fundraising strategy and community engagement in support and advancement of the University's mission and strategic plan. She will also oversee alumni relations, annual giving, communications, and University-related events and functions.

A tenured faculty member of Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO), she has also previously served as: associate dean for clinical services and vice president of patient care services and executive director of The Eye Institute of Salus University. Dr. Oleszewski pioneered the University's "Looking Out for Kids" charity fundraiser, which provides comprehensive vision care and eyeglasses to underserved children in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties. During her tenure, she has also lectured extensively to national and international optometric audiences.

Dr. Oleszewski earned a Doctor of Optometry degree from PCO and a Master of Arts degree in Molecular Biology from Temple University.

"As the University begins to plan for our centennial celebration in 2019 and an

associated capital campaign, Salus needs strong leadership to plan and direct these important events," Dr. Mittelman said. "Dr. Sue Oleszewski's proven management skills, alumni connections, established corporate and community partner relationships and knowledge of our history and traditions will be a key asset to the University as we plan for this landmark celebration in tribute to innovation and excellence."

## **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, Education and Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 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 has more than 1,100 students, including PhD candidates, and more than 12,500 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.