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**Dr. Elizabeth Tonkery Named Associate Dean of the Salus
University Accelerated Scholars Program**

Elkins Park, PA – Elizabeth Tonkery, OD, MPH, has been named associate dean of the Accelerated Scholars Program at Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO). Salus University is an internationally recognized academic institution offering a wide range of graduate, professional degree and post-graduate residency programs for health care professionals.

In her new position, Dr. Tonkery will be responsible for the leadership and administration of the Accelerated Scholars Program, a 36-month, year-round, Doctor of Optometry degree program offered to well-qualified applicants.

After serving as a primary care resident at The Eye Institute of Salus University, Dr. Tonkery joined the University's faculty in 2009 and has served in many roles. She is currently an assistant professor and previously served as the director of clinical coding and compliance and director of clinical education for the Accelerated Scholars Program.

Along with her work experience, Dr. Tonkery is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Optometric Association, American Academy of Optometry, Pennsylvania Optometric Association and Volunteers for Optometric Services to Humanity.

Dr. Tonkery received a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in biology from Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Michigan and a Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree from the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. She earned a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from Salus University.

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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.