Montgomery County, Pa. School Vision Program Honored

The Eye Institute (TEI) of Salus University was recently honored with the Montgomery County School Nurse Association's (MCSNA) Health Partnership Award.

TEI was selected in recognition of its School Vision Programs, which provides comprehensive vision care services and eyeglasses throughout the academic year to students in Philadelphia, Montgomery, and Delaware counties.

Dr. Michael H. Mittelman, president of Salus University, Dr. Brandy Scombordi, pediatric optometrist and coordinator of Salus University's School Vision Programs, Dr. Luis Trujillo, main provider at TEI's Norristown satellite and Cathie Muhr, an optician, who also helps facilitate care were all on hand to accept the honor.

In the Norristown Area School District, eye care is provided through a school-based vision clinic. On a rotating basis and based on need, portable exam equipment is transported directly to each school. While in several other Montgomery County school districts including Cheltenham, Jenkintown, and Abington, eye care is provided using the Mobile Vision Care Unit. The "Big Red Bus," as it is affectionately nicknamed, includes all the essential equipment needed to complete a comprehensive vision exam.

Through the School Vision Programs, students receive an eye exam and if needed are fitted with two pairs of glasses – one for home and one for school. In the 2017-2018 academic year, TEI's vision care team provided comprehensive eye exams to more than 300 children and dispensed more than 500 pair of eyeglasses to children in school districts throughout Montgomery County.