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Salus University Welcomes New Pennsylvania College of Optometry Faculty



Elkins Park, Pa. — The Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University recently welcomed new faculty member, **Korey Patrizi, OD, Resident '21**.

A return engagement for Dr. Patrizi, she first came to PCO/Salus as a resident after she graduated from the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg (IWR) School of Optometry in San Antonio. She started her residency in primary care services in July 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and her experience at PCO/Salus convinced her she had made the correct career choice.

“My residency solidified the fact that I love working with students,” Dr. Patrizi said. “I loved my residency experience and if I can give back in any way and get involved with the residency program as well, that’s another thing I’d like to do.”

After she earned her bachelor’s degree in biology with a dual minor in chemistry and philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Patrizi worked in physical therapy for a small private practice to gain patient-care experience before pursuing optometry school at IWR.

Dr. Patrizi officially joined the faculty at PCO/Salus in July. In her current instructor role, her duties include teaching in a clinical setting — The Eye Institute (TEI) at Salus — and working in the primary care suites with second- and third-year students. She is also involved in the Clinical Skills Lab and is teaching a Clinical Problem Solving (CPS) class.

“I knew I wanted to teach eventually, so when I got here and saw how the clinic is set up as far as who I would be working with, I thought it would be the best opportunity to learn how to be a good instructor and mentor,” Dr. Patrizi said. “I didn’t know to what capacity I would be teaching, whether I’d be a preceptor at an external site for students or if I actually wanted to teach at a school. But I knew either way this would set me up for success.”

In addition, Dr. Patrizi wants to conduct research while at PCO/Salus and get involved in future mission trips through the University’s Student Optometric Services to Humanity (SOSH), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing vision care services to those living in underdeveloped countries lacking access to medical care.

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 and Speech-Language Pathology. 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.