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Dr. Alton Williams Has Been One of PCO's Biggest Advocates

His love for PCO has continued all these years for Alton Williams, OD '73, and his family, so much so that for more than 50 years he has been one of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO's) biggest cheerleaders, recruiters and has mentored more than 20 PCO students, particularly African Americans.

And, Dr. Williams is at it again. He and his wife have befriended a married couple, Erique and Danielle Gumbs, who they believe would make great optometrists. And, on a recent tour of PCO and Salus at Drexel University, he tried to convince the couple that PCO was the right place for them. [Read more](#)



Student's Road to Career in SLP Paved by Grandmother

When **Jenna Nurick '26SLP** was in high school, she wasn't sure whether she wanted to be a teacher or go into medicine.



“My grandma said, ‘I know a field that would be good for you. Let me show you what it is,’” said Jenna.

Etta Lee Nurick, PhD, was then what was labeled a “speech teacher” rather than a speech-language pathologist, which better defines the profession. So, she guided her granddaughter in the direction of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP).

And, it stuck. Jenna Nurick is in the first year of the [Master of Science SLP program](#) at Salus at Drexel University, and she loves it. [Read more](#)



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'10**



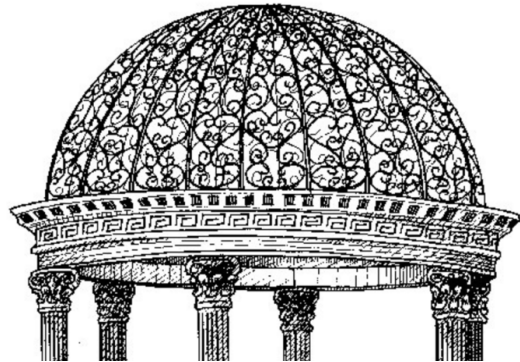
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