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[Dreams Come True For Salus at Drexel Physician Assistant Students](#)

Family and friends gathered as 50 members of the Salus at Drexel University's Physician Assistant Studies Class of 2027 were recognized at the annual White Coat Ceremony recently on the Elkins Park Campus. The White Coat Ceremony represents the transition of first-year students into professionals-in-training, with the white coat serving as a symbol of their profession.

[Rachel Ditoro, EdD, MSPAS, PA-C](#), program director for the Salus at Drexel PA program, reminded students that PA school will be one of the most challenging experiences they face—demanding mentally, physically, and emotionally. She encouraged them to stay grounded by reconnecting with their personal “why” each time they put on their white coat, using it as a touchstone. [Read more.](#)



Please join us for the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) alumni and friends' reception at Academy 2025 in Boston. We look forward to introducing PCO's new dean, Josephine O. Ibironke, OD '03.

Where: Westin Boston Seaport District Hotel

Otis Room, Lobby Level

425 Summer Street

Boston, MA 0221

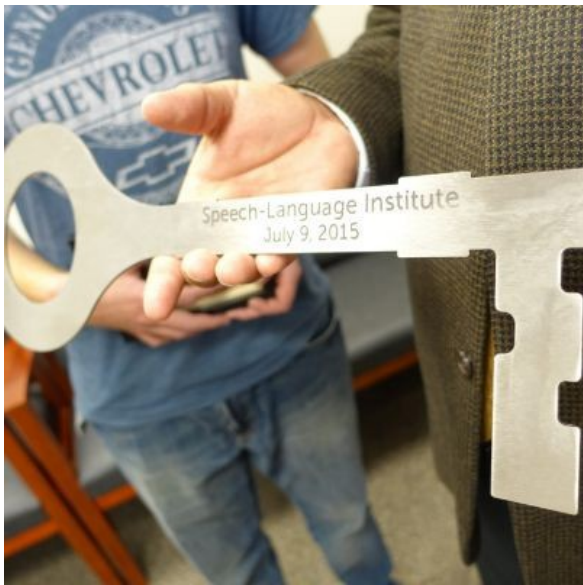
When: Friday, October 10, 2025; 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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[Speech-Language Institute: A Decade of Success and Growth](#)

Robert Serianni's father is a builder. Growing up, there was never a time when there weren't some architectural plans lying around on the family's dining room table.

So, when he was hired in 2014 by Salus University to build a [Speech-Language Pathology \(SLP\) program](#) and a [Speech-Language Institute](#)



(SLI) from the ground up, Serianni had a pretty good idea of how that should look. “I’m comfortable with seeing the building process. Without that, I can’t imagine that we would have been able to do it,” he said. And that’s exactly what he – along with many others – accomplished. This year, the SLP program and its clinical facility proudly celebrate their 10th anniversary, marking a decade of remarkable success, impactful service and continuous

growth. [Read more.](#)

[Dominica Dzakah, OD '25, Wins Second Poston Leadership Award](#)

Winning a scholarship is pretty exciting. But being awarded the same scholarship two years in a row is an off-the-charts thrill. One that Dominica Dzakah, OD '25, recently experienced when she was informed that she once again had won the Dr. Marvin R. Poston Leadership Award. “I was very excited,” said Dr. Dzakah. “I applied for the scholarship again because the topic is about leadership and community service and I’m very passionate about both.”



VSP Vision and the National Optometric Association (NOA) recognize students each year with the Poston Leadership Award. Named after the trailblazing optometrist, the award is presented annually to current National Optometric Student Association (NOSA) members who uphold Dr. Poston’s commitment to leadership, service and diversity. The recipients were honored during the NOA convention in July in Columbus, Ohio, and each student received a \$4,000 scholarship. [Read more.](#)

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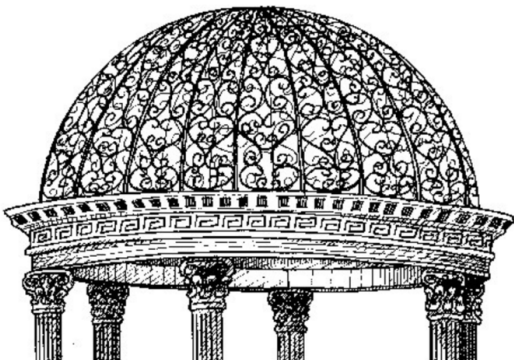
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