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[A New Generation of Leaders: Pennsylvania College of Optometry Class of 2026](#)

Amid the joyful post-commencement bustle on the rain-slicked steps outside the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, graduates adorned in gowns embraced family members and friends as cameras flashed around umbrellas and celebrations echoed through the damp air. In the middle of it all, the Joby family – mother, father, and two sons – carved out a special moment of private time for a four-way hug.

The rain did nothing to dampen the emotional impact of what they had just experienced. Moments earlier, inside the venue, the oldest son, Tom Joby, OD '26, had walked across the stage to receive his [Doctor of Optometry \(OD\) degree](#) during the 131st commencement ceremony of the [Pennsylvania College of Optometry \(PCO\)](#) at Drexel University, the first PCO stand-alone commencement since the merger of Salus University and Drexel University in July 2025.

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[Renowned Saxophonist Headlines Osborne Audiology's New Lecture Series](#)

[Osborne Audiology](#) in Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions on the Elkins Park campus, recently launched its inaugural lecture titled "Beyond the Senses: Health, Hearing, and Human Experience," welcoming acclaimed saxophone artist Shishir Kumar as its first guest speaker.

This new lecture series was developed to help Doctor of

Audiology (AuD) students explore the broader human impact of hearing and health beyond traditional clinical measures. Through conversations connecting science, perception, communication, music, wellness, culture, and lived experience, the series aims to deepen students' understanding of how sensory experiences influence quality of life and overall well-being.

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[First Orthotics and Prosthetics Faculty Member Earns Doctorate in Program's History](#)

Defending a doctoral dissertation is a high-pressure situation and Julie Quinlan, PhD '26, MPO, MS, CPO, ATC, FAAOP, said that receiving overwhelming support from the [Orthotics and Prosthetics \(O&P\)](#) faculty, students, and the Drexel community at large eased the stress.

But Dr. Quinlan achieved it recently, with flying colors, to become the first faculty member of the O&P department in the College of Nursing and Health Professions (CNHP) on Drexel University's Elkins Park campus to earn her doctorate since the inception of the program in the fall of 2022 under what was formerly Salus University. [Read more.](#)



More Elkins Park Campus News

[Join Us at PCO's Alumni and Friends Reception at Optometry's Meeting](#)

Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) and Dean Josephine Ibrionke invite PCO alumni and friends to join us during Optometry's Meeting for an evening of connection and celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona.

We will begin by recognizing Steven Eiss, OD '95, for his nomination to the American Optometric Association Board of Trustees and for his longstanding leadership and advocacy on behalf of the profession. During the meet and greet, guests can enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers while connecting with fellow alumni and colleagues. Click [here](#) to register for the event.



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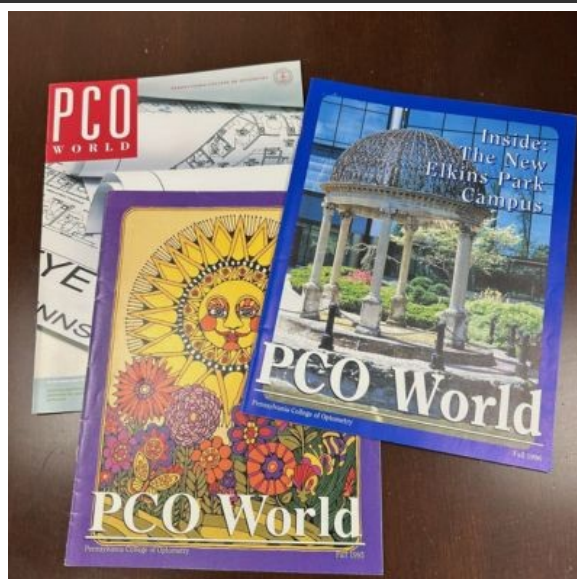
[Audiology Students Promote Hearing Health with 'Dangerous Decibels'](#)



[Occupational Therapy Students Saddle Up to Equine-Assisted Therapy Training](#)

[PCO World is Back: Check the Latest Issue](#)

Since the merger of Salus University and Drexel University in July 2025, PCO has officially become a college within Drexel. And with that exciting new chapter comes the return of its newsletter, PCO World. The revived newsletter will be brimming with alumni stories, student achievements, clinical content from [The Eye Institute](#), updates and more.

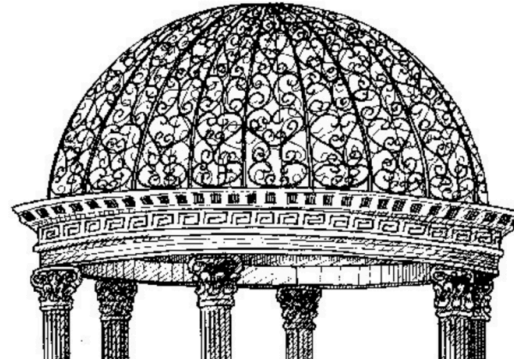


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