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[Heartfelt Service: SOSH Students' Soulful Mission Trip to Jamaica](#)

For Kirsten Tran '27OD, vice president of the PCO/Drexel Student Optometric Service to Humanity (SOSH) group and president of the University's chapter of the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA), a recent service trip to Negril, Jamaica, provided her the opportunity to learn more about herself and her capabilities.



“From enduring the hot, humid weather and running on only a few hours of sleep to managing the added responsibilities of being vice president, I discovered a new level of resilience and dedication within myself,” said Tran. “No matter how tired or overwhelmed I felt, I still showed up to clinic each day with a smile – ready to support my team and serve the people who had come to us for care.”

Tran added that the experience helped her strengthen her technical skills – particularly direct ophthalmoscopy, which she said she has rarely used at [The Eye Institute](#) (the clinical teaching facility of PCO/Drexel). [Read more.](#)



[O&P Residency Announcement Day Celebrates the 'Why' Behind the Program](#)

Isabelle “Issy” Mugnier, MSOP '25, has some advice for all of the students in the [Orthotics and Prosthetics \(O&P\) program](#) at Drexel University, Elkins Park campus: Ask all the questions you can during your residency.

“While this transition can be daunting for some, it’s a transformative moment in their careers that will help them develop into successful clinicians,” said Mugnier. “The integrated residency allows them to explore different clinics and specialties to refine their interests and envision their future career paths.”

Mugnier recently had the opportunity to share that message in person with students during the O&P program’s inaugural Residency Announcement Day – an event dedicated to celebrating purpose,

connection, and the integrated residency model that defines the program. It also allowed students to reflect on the "Why" that led them to the program. [Read more.](#)

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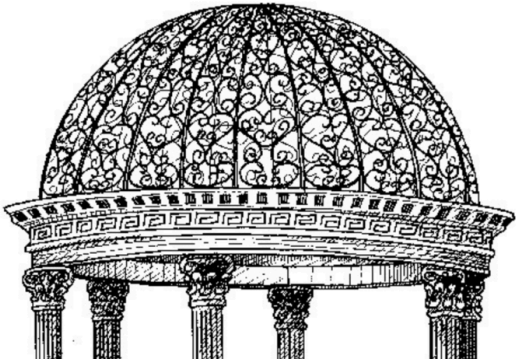
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