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Lighthouse Award Presented to LOFK Founder

SUSAN C. OLESZEWSKI, OD '76, MA,
FAAO

Pennsylvania College of Optometry



Dreams Come True at Fall 2023 Commencement

While commencement is a special life moment for the graduates and their families, Salus University's 127th commencement ceremony provided an extra special memory for sisters **Chloe Barmat, MMS '23**, and **Sabrina Barmat, MMS '20**, when Sabrina was honored to place the hood on Chloe. "It was such an incredible moment for me to be able to watch her grow through the whole process like I did and come out on the other side having learned so much and gained so much knowledge," said Sabrina, who graduated from the Salus University's Physician Assistant (PA) Studies program three years prior.

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Looking Out for Kids Has Grown and Evolved Over the Years

Thomas Falkowski, MBA, remembered the day **Susan "Dr. O" Oleszewski, OD '76, Resident '78, FAAO**, walked into his office in 2006 at The Eye Institute (TEI) with an idea.

At the time, he was associate director and she was vice president and executive director of Patient Care Services. Dr. O shared with Falkowski she had met a guy in her neighborhood who happened to be the business manager for L.J. Smith, a tight end for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Smith had experienced undiagnosed tracking and teaming issues with his vision throughout his early childhood, which negatively impacted his academic performance. It wasn't until he was in college that the issue was diagnosed and addressed through vision therapy. Due to his personal experience, Smith was interested in forming a charitable organization to help young people with eye issues.

The wheels were turning in Dr. O's head. Could TEL's partnership with Philadelphia schools and L.J. Smith's desire to do vision care charitable work be combined?

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