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Two Programs Celebrate 30 Years of Evolution

As the University's [Orientation and Mobility \(O&M\)](#) and [Vision Rehabilitation Therapy \(VRT\)](#) programs each celebrated their 30th anniversaries, there has been one constant throughout those three decades — how related they are to their optometric colleagues in the University's [Pennsylvania College of Optometry \(PCO\)](#).

All programs in the University's Blindness and Low Vision Studies (BLVS) department work with their colleagues in optometry to make sure individuals have been taken care of from a health standpoint, then O&M and VRT provide compensatory strategies for vision.

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Development Day Offers Sense of Belonging

If you don't feel like you belong, it's really hard to convince students that they feel like they belong. That was the message to Salus University faculty and staff from Terrell Strayhorn, PhD, - recognized as one of the country's top diversity scholars and the author of 12 books on the topic.

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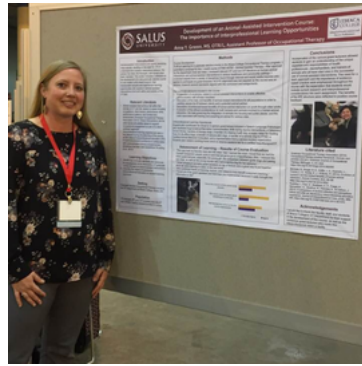
Alum Designs Frames for African-Americans

When asked where she gets her sense of style, **Nwamaka Ngoddy, OD '12**, answers "from the school of life." "I like things to be fancy and fun," said Dr. Ngoddy. After years of practicing in retail optometry, she opened Anwuli Eyewear, where she designs stylish frames specifically with African-American facial features in mind.

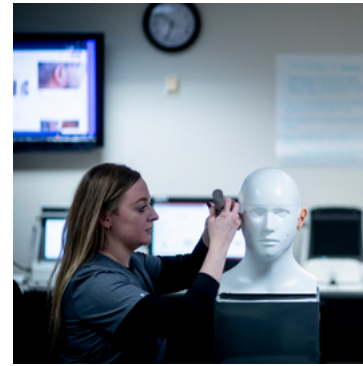
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