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Drive-thru Commencement Ceremony Unique and Special

Because of the pandemic and geographical distance, Samuel Thomas hadn't seen his daughter face-to-face in nearly two years. But he wasn't going to miss her graduation from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) at Salus University.

Thomas traveled four and a half hours by plane from St. Vincent and the Grenadines island chain in the Caribbean to see daughter **Zoe Thomas OD '21**, receive her degree.



Dr. Thomas was the final graduate to walk across the temporary stage in the half-circle in front of the Elkins Park, Pennsylvania campus parking lot that was erected solely for the purpose of the University's first-ever drive-thru graduate recognition ceremony. The 122nd commencement was unique in that it offered both a virtual and an in-person option for the graduates and their families.

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Ives Family's Optometry Legacy Continues into the Next Generation

By the time she was in seventh grade, **Tessa Ives, OD '21** had decided to become an optometrist. While growing up she had watched her father, **Paul Ives, OD '83**, and he had really influenced her career choice.

"I've never met someone who loves their job more than my dad. He actually enjoys going to work. I thought that was pretty inspirational," said Ives.

So, when Tessa Ives earned her Doctor of Optometry degree from PCO/Salus University's 122nd commencement ceremony recently, she continued the Ives family legacy that now spans nearly 80 years in the profession of optometry.

It started with **Louis Ives, OD '43**, who entered what was then called the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry (PSCO) in 1939.

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Salus Cares Raffle Winners Announced

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Salus Cares Raffle in memory of **Harry Kaplan, OD '49**, and for providing clinical experience and education to Salus students through your purchase of a raffle ticket or donation.

We are pleased to announce this year's Salus Cares raffle winners. They include: **Aaditya Ajman, OD '03**; **Niki Barwick, AuD '10**; **I Williams Collins, OD '47**; **Richard C. Edlow, OD '80**; Ken Marchegiani; Jeffrey Nyman, OD, FAAO; **Robert Perlin, OD '53, FAAO**; **Freda**

Sattel, OD '43; and Melissa Trego, OD '04, PhD.

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