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### [\*\*A Banner Day: Salus Flies the Drexel Flag for the First Time\*\*](#)

A new beginning.

That's what [\*\*Michael H. Mittelman, OD '80, MPH, MBA, FAO, FACHE\*\*](#), president of Salus at Drexel University, called the ceremony held on Aug. 20, 2024, where the Drexel University flag was hoisted for the first time above the Salus University flag on the flagpoles in front of the pond on the Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, campus.

"As we raise the Drexel University flag alongside our own, we celebrate the culmination of months of hard work, collaboration, and the beginning of a promising future together," said Dr. Mittelman.

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### [\*\*White Coat Ceremony Welcomes Students into Healthcare Professions\*\*](#)

As a healthcare professional, Jean Hartman stood and recited the oath of professionalism at the annual White Coat Ceremony along with the group of incoming students to Salus at Drexel University.

She had just watched her daughter, **Kathleen Hartman '26OT**, receive her white coat, and was experiencing a rush of motherly pride. As for words, though, she was coming up short on how to describe her feelings.

"I'm a speech pathologist . . . and I'm at a loss for words," said Jean Hartman, pausing occasionally to gather her thoughts.

The annual white coat ceremony, which represents the students' entry into their chosen health science professions, is one of the highlights of Orientation Week Aug. 12-16 at Salus/Drexel. There were three separate ceremonies held Aug. 14, 2024, at the [\*\*Hafter Student Community Center\*\*](#) on the Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, campus.

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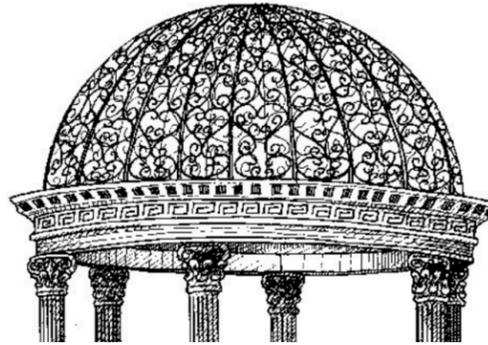
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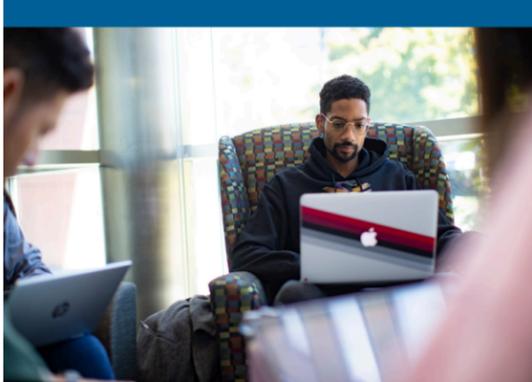
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