

# James Ernest Deom OD, MPH, FAAO

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## **EDUCATION:**

### **Doctor of Optometry, 2010-2014**

**The Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University, Philadelphia Pennsylvania**

Member of the accelerated Degree program (3+4) agreement between PCO and Wilkes University

#### **Honors:**

- Dean's List (all semesters completed)
- Local and National Project Foresight Scholarship Recipient
- Stanley Pearl Scholarship Recipient
- Rynkiewicz & Wildermuth Scholarship Recipient
- Barry Farkas Scholarship Recipient
- J. Pat Cummings Scholarship Recipient
- American Academy of Optometry Michael G. Harris Award for Leadership
- Gold Key Member Inductee
- Beta Sigma Kappa Inductee

### **Master of Public Health, 2012-2014**

**The Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University, Philadelphia Pennsylvania**

-First ever full-time OD/MPH student at Salus University

### **Bachelor of Science in Biology, 2007-2010**

**Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania**

Major: Biology -Participated in Howard Hughes Medical Institute Grant Super Lab: Animal Models

#### **Honors:**

- Dean's List
- Wilkes University Grant
- Pennsylvania State Grant
- Pell Grant
- National Science and Math Grant
- Alpha Chi Inductee

## **EMPLOYMENT:**

### **Medical Director 2014- present**

#### **Scleral Lens Institute, Hazleton Eye Specialists**

- Began only Scleral lens specialty clinic in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Specialize in community education and implementation of scleral lens applications. Have successfully fit dozens of patients with varying scleral lens modalities for vision, comfort, and enhancement of quality of life

### **Staff Optometrist 2014- Present**

**Hazleton Eye Specialists, Stroudsburg Eye Specialists, Dry Eye Clinic of North Eastern Pennsylvania**

- Accept referrals for specialty contact lens fitting, Dry Eye Care, and brain injury rehabilitation
- Routine and Medical Eye Care

### **Northeast Educational Consultant – 2014- Present**

#### **Valley Contax**

- Responsible for outreach to all of the schools and colleges of optometry on the east coast. Designed and implemented hands on scleral lens learning experiences at each of the schools. Report to schools and exist as a mentor for new graduates looking to be successful at implementing and executing a specialty lens practice in a competitive eye care market.

**INTERNSHIPS:**

**William Feinbloom Low Vision Center- Philadelphia, PA**

**Nittany Eye Center – State College, PA**

**Veteran’s Health Administration Medical Center- White River Junction, Vermont**

**Indian Health Services Eye Hospital- Blackfeet Tribe- Browning, Montana**

**ACTIVITIES/Membership Affiliations:**

**Fellow – American Academy of Optometry**

**Adjunct Faculty – Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences**

- Externship Preceptor

**Adjunct Faculty – Salus University , The Pennsylvania College of Optometry**

- Externship Preceptor

**Adjunct Faculty – Misericordia University**

- Responsible for Implementing Ophthalmology lecture material to first year Physician Assistant program

**Hazleton Blind Association- Acting Executive Council Trustee on the Board of Directors**

- Organize and support efforts to raise money for programs which support the visually challenged in the Hazleton area

**Member of the American Optometric Association**

- Sub member of the Cornea and Contact lens Section of the AOA

**Member Pennsylvania Optometric Association**

- Acting member of the POPAC committee and Legislative Affairs committee
- Vice President of the Northeastern optometric society
- Acting member of the nominating committee

**Past-National President American Optometric Student Association**

**Member of USAT (USA Triathlon) and USATF (USA Track and Field)**

- Compete and train with a local triathlon and running club raising money for numerous local and national charities
- Entered and completed numerous foot races including ten half marathons and seven Marathons - Boston Marathon Qualifier
- Entered and completed over thirty triathlons including eleven half ironman distance events as well as Ironman Lake Placid and Ironman Mont-Tremblant, Quebec.

**Posters/Presentations/Articles:**

**Available upon request**