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Pre-Optometry Club Hosts Successful 3rd General Body Meeting Featuring Guest Speaker from Salus University

Stony Brook, NY: Stony Brook University's Pre-Optometry Club, in its usual pursuit of supporting students on their path to becoming future optometrists, recently hosted a successful general body meeting. The club welcomed a distinguished Guest Speaker, Rebecca Heinz, Assistant Director of Admissions at Salus University. Rebecca's presentation shed light on the various educational opportunities offered by Salus University, based in Elkins Park, PA, inspiring Stony Brook University's prospective optometrists to consider their exciting journey in the field.



Salus University has gained recognition for its exceptional optometry programs, presenting two distinct paths for students to pursue optometry:

1. **4-Year Traditional Program:** A tried-and-true route for students who seek comprehensive optometry education and early clinical experience, preparing them for a successful career.
2. **3-Year Accelerated Scholars Program:** An innovative and expedited path for ambitious students, designed to fast-track their journey to becoming optometrists, allowing them to enter the workforce earlier.

A notable highlight of Rebecca Heinz's presentation was her statement: "You don't need a bachelor's degree to apply. You just need 90 credits!" This declaration indeed opened new doors for aspiring optometrists, emphasizing accessibility and inclusivity for students who are going back to school on a non-traditional route.

During the event, Rebecca Heinz addressed various aspects of Salus University, including program structures, research opportunities, clinical experience, and the unique aspects of campus life. Common questions regarding part-time work, job prospects, and

the upcoming merger of Salus University with Drexel University in mid-2024 were also covered.

The seawolves attendees were handed out informative flyers, pens, and an opportunity to sign up for Salus University's newsletter, ensuring they stay informed about the latest developments and opportunities in optometry.

Stony Brook University's Pre-Optometry Club remains dedicated to guiding students on their journey to becoming optometrists. The club continually seeks opportunities to enrich and inform its members, making the most of guest speakers like Rebecca Heinz from Salus University. Before Rebecca, the club was delighted to host Dr. Irina Schawaroch, a Long Island-based doctor of Optometry.

Prospective optometrists in Stony Brook University interested in exploring their options for a successful career are encouraged to get involved with SBU Pre-Optometry Club and consider Salus University, a place renowned for its rigorous academic programs, early clinical training, and exposure to a diverse patient population!

For more information about Salus University and the exciting opportunities it offers, please visit Salus University's Website.

About Salus University:

Salus University, located in Elkins Park, PA, is a renowned institution offering comprehensive optometry programs, nurturing students with a strong foundation in the field and the essential skills for success. Salus University is committed to excellence in education, with a focus on early clinical experience, making it a leading institution in the optometry field.

About Stony Brook University's Pre-Optometry Club:

Stony Brook University's Pre-Optometry Club is a driven supporter of students interested in pursuing a career in optometry. By organizing events featuring distinguished doctors of optometry like Dr. Irina Schawaroch and guest speakers like Rebecca Heinz from Salus University, the club ensures students have the resources and information needed to make critical decisions about their future in optometry. Along with hosting fun events like paint nights, you can count on the Pre-Optometry Club to have a vision test setup handy wherever they go!