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**LOCAL RESIDENT GRADUATES FROM THE ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY**

**CHICAGO** — [Graduate’s name] of [Graduate’s hometown] was awarded the doctor of optometry degree by the Illinois College of Optometry during its 178th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Dr. [Graduate’s last name] was one of 132 new ODs from ICO welcomed into the optometric profession.

OPTIONAL: [Insert 2-3 sentences about the graduate and his or her plans for the future]

OPTIONAL: [Insert a quote from the graduate about his or her experience at ICO; or what it means to be a doctor of optometry.]

ICO’s 178th Commencement was held online and at ICO’s main campus in Chicago. The ceremony brought together distinguished alumni, faculty, and staff supporters to celebrate the graduating class.

OPTIONAL: [Photo available upon request]

**About the Illinois College of Optometry**

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**LOCAL RESIDENT EARNS DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE**

**CHICAGO -** [Graduate’s name] of [Graduate’s hometown] earned the doctor of optometry degree from the Illinois College of Optometry on May 15, 2021. One of 132 members of the graduating class, Dr. [Graduate’s last name] plans to practice in [City].

OPTIONAL: [Insert a sentence or two about graduate’s honors, organizations and/or awards.]

OPTIONAL: [Photo available upon request]

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