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## ALUMNI FOCUS

Alumni Lisa Kollis Young, class of 1987, is an optometrist with Howlin Vision Clinic. As an optometrist she serves as a primary care provider for all ages and has a variety of clinic duties including; ocular disease screening, laser surgery evaluation, and contact lens fittings. She gives credit to Sioux Falls Christian Schools in her professional success for helping her find direction early.



Optometrist Lisa Kollis Young examines a patient.

"I knew what I wanted to do even before I left high school," she said. "The dedication of the teaching staff and the influence of God showed me that He had a plan for my life and helped to provide direction in using the gifts that God has given me." Her Christian education came with an additional benefit. "I really liked the small class atmosphere as it has helped me to develop friendships and relationships for a lifetime."

Lisa and her husband Jason decided to send their daughter Allison, a first grader, to Sioux Fall Christian because they wanted the Christian influence in their daughter's education. KollisYoung also values the opportunities her daughter will have to participate in extra-curricular activities that she might not have in a larger school setting.

KollisYoung received her bachelor's degree from Dordt College and a Doctorate in Optometry from Pacific University in Oregon. Her husband Jason is an analyst for the South Dakota National Guard and formerly worked as a crewmember with the Thunderbirds, the Air Force's aerial demonstration team. They met when they bought houses across from each other in Sioux Falls. They have two children, Allison, age 6, and Jamie, age 4.