

Dr. Roger L. Boltz, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Finance and Administration at the University of Houston College of Optometry (UHCO), has been named Educator of the Year by the Texas Optometric Association (TOA). The TOA recognized his dedication and hard work in furthering the profession and providing leadership during his longstanding tenure at UHCO. Dr. Boltz has been with UHCO as part of the faculty for nearly 40 years. During this time, he served a two-year term as Interim Dean and prior to that was Associate Dean for Professional Studies. Dr. Boltz had also served on the ASCO Board of Directors and as Chair of the Association's Academic Affairs Committee and Executive Director Search Committee.



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Dr. Kelly Moore, a 2016 UHCO graduate, and Dr. Nimesh Patel, a 2012 graduate of the University's PhD program and UHCO Assistant Professor, have been named recipients of awards from the American Academy of Optometry. Dr. Moore was named winner of the Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics for her paper, "Spherical Soft Contact Lens Designs and Peripheral Defocus in Myopic Eyes." The award is given to an individual who submits a first-authored original research paper that reflects research performed during pursuit of the Doctor of Optometry degree. Dr. Moore was part of several peer-reviewed abstracts and publications with Dr. David A Berntsen while completing her OD/MS degree at UHCO. Dr. Patel was named winner of the Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award, which recognizes an outstanding young scientist or clinician scientist who has shown exceptional promise to conduct independent research directly related to etiology, prevention, detection, diagnosis or management of clinical ocular disorders. Drs. Moore and Patel will receive their awards during the American Academy of Optometry Awards Ceremony in Anaheim, Calif., on Nov. 11, 2016.



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