



Kentucky College of Optometry students use interactive 3-D computers in the virtual reality lab on campus.

The University of Pikeville's information technology department and Kentucky College of Optometry (KYCO) recently won the 2016 Innovational Educational Technology Award presented by the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities. The award recognizes the "Interactive 3-D Virtual Science Initiative," which has enabled students to utilize interactive 3-D technology to learn about complex concepts, including the most delicate intricacies of the eye and neurologic structures. Assistant Clinical Professor Dr. Donnie Akers has been working with virtual reality company ViziTech to create an immersive, virtual environment for delivering content in KYCO's classrooms and laboratories.



Dr. Gergana Deevska

Also: Dr. Gergana Deevska joined the KYCO faculty as an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry with a dual appointment at the university's Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.