

As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, *Optometric Management* magazine is recognizing optometrists who have made significant contributions to the profession. The University of Houston College of Optometry (UHCO) announced that its Dean, Dr. Earl Smith III, is included on the magazine’s “[Most Influential List](#).” An article in the magazine notes, “Dr. Smith’s research on refractive development has helped define the operating characteristics of the vision-dependent mechanisms that regulate ocular growth. In particular, he demonstrated that peripheral vision has a significant impact on central refractive development. These results motivated the development of peripheral optical treatment strategies for slowing myopia progression in children.”



Dr. Earl L. Smith III

Dr. Smith, a member of the ASCO Board of Directors, is joined by three other Board members on the “Most Influential List”: Dr. Arol R. Augsburger, Dr. Karla Zadnik and Dr. Kelly Nichols.



Dr. Pat Segu (third from left) with Dr. Gregory Wolfe, (left), APHA Action Board, Dr. Janis Winters, VCS Chair-Elect, and Dr. John Crews, VCS Chair.

Also: UHCO’s Dr. Pat Segu received the 2015 Distinguished Service Award from the American Public Health Association – Vision Care Section (APHA-VCS). A Clinical Associate Professor, Dr. Segu established the Student Public Health Vision Care Association (SPHVCA) as part of a pilot program to increase student engagement within the APHA-VCS. The SPHVCA is focused on patient education and promoting the importance of regular eye exams. It gives students opportunities to participate in mentorship, research and leadership programs. Dr. Segu also serves as Regional Director of Houston Community Based External Clinics and Director of the Kids Vision for Life Greater Houston – See to Succeed program.