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## ASCO NEWS

### Invitation to 2026 Annual Business Meeting



**Annual Business Meeting**

FOUND:RE Phoenix Hotel  
1100 N. Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

- June 17, 2026
- 8:30am - 11:30am
- The Gallery

**Join Us!**

For more information please email  
[slau@opted.org](mailto:slau@opted.org)

Annual Meeting Reg Link  
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### ASCO Annual Student Data Report Now Available

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ASCO's 2025-26 Annual Student Data Report was released in May 2026 and contains information on student enrollment, demographics, financial aid, and graduates.

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### ASCO Launches Eye Opener Sessions, a Shadowing/Mentorship Opportunity and Matching Service for Potential Optometry Students and

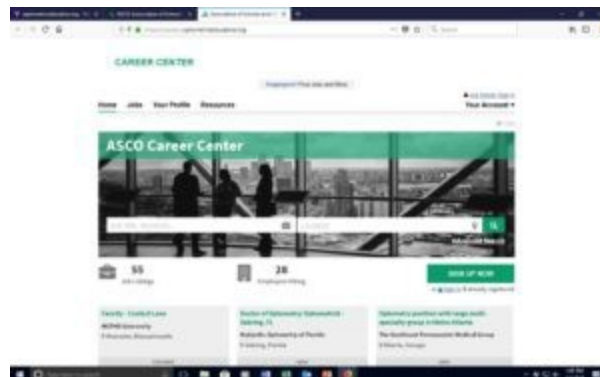
## Practicing Doctors of Optometry



The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) announces *Eye Opener Sessions*, a complement to ASCO's public awareness campaign, *Optometry Gives Me Life*.

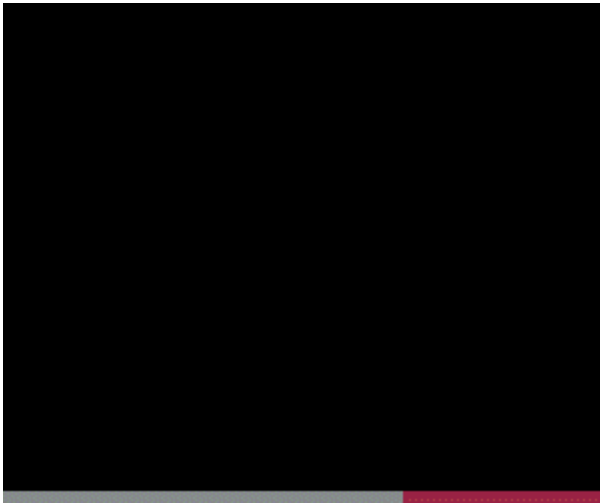
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## ASCO Online Career Center



The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry offers a [Career Center](#) resource, hosted by Boxwood.

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## CORPORATE CONTRIBUTOR NEWS

### Alcon News



Alcon Earns Global Ethics Honor

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### Clasp News



Clasp x EssilorLuxottica - Up to \$150k in Student Loan Repayment

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### CooperVision News



CooperVision Launches Its Next Step in Sustainability

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## Haag-Streit News



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Mastering Glaucoma Care: Haag-Streit Eyesi Slit Lamp SLT Module

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## iCare News



Home Intraocular Pressure Monitoring and Characterization of Diurnal IOP Patterns

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## NIDEK News Precision in a Blink: The NIDEK CEM-530 Specular Microscope



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## OCULUS, Inc News



Building the Next Generation of Specialty Eye Care: Keratoconus and Scleral Lens Workshops Across Optometry Programs

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## Specsavers News



Specsavers Appoints Jane Hoban as Managing Director to Lead Next Phase of Canadian Expansion

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## Topcon News



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## VSP Vision News



Building on Dr. Poston's Legacy of Leadership and Service

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## MEMBER NEWS

### From the National Hockey League Crease to the Clinic: Matt Berlin's Unexpected Path to Optometry



At New England College of Optometry (NECO), there's no single path to becoming an optometrist. Some students come straight from undergraduate programs. Others arrive after careers in research, business, or healthcare. And then there's Matt Berlin—a second-year student whose journey includes a moment on one of the biggest stages in sports: the National Hockey League (NHL).

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### McDowell Named First Recipient of Rural Optometry Scholarship



Malia McDowell, Class of 2026, is the first recipient of the Rural Optometry Scholarship, receiving \$134,000 to practice in an underserved rural community in Alabama.

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### Second-Year Optometry Student Goes All-In on Final Quiz Bowl Question and Comes Up Big



Although he didn't prepare at all ahead of time, Melad Tannous '28OD, had an idea what the final question would be for the annual Quiz Bowl at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) at Drexel University.

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## **Illinois College of Optometry Celebrates Its 183rd Commencement**



On Saturday, May 16, 2026, the Illinois College of Optometry celebrated its 183rd Commencement. A total of 104 students were conferred the Doctor of Optometry degree, and Joseph Tawfic was recognized as this year's valedictorian.

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## **White Coats Marks the Next Step for Couple to Fulfill Ultimate Optometry Dream**



They exited the Hafter Student Community Center arm in arm, both wearing their white coats. But it was just the next step in the journey for the husband-and-wife team of Ricardo Delgado '26MSCO and Patricia Ramirez Rojas '26MSCO to fulfil their ultimate dream—of becoming optometrists in the United States, at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) at Drexel University.

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### **Graham Erickson '88, OD '90 To Receive Massih Prize**



The Longtime Pacific University College Of Optometry Faculty Member Is Regarded As An Expert In Sports Vision And Vision Therapy

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## WesternU College of Optometry Students Present Lessons Learned in Clinical Rotations



Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry students presented research posters highlighting evidence-based decision making in clinical practice.

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## Johnson and Shaw Receive Honorary Degrees from SCO



Southern College of Optometry bestowed two honorary degrees at its annual commencement ceremony in May.

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## NEWS TO SHARE

### **Latinos en Optometry Highlights the Role of Communication in Identifying Traumatic Brain Injury in Hispanic Communities**



Latinos en Optometry is bringing attention to traumatic brain injury (TBI) in Hispanic and Latino communities as part of its Cultural Responsiveness blog series—supporting culturally mindful care and improving awareness of conditions that may disproportionately affect these patients.

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