Dave Sattler will retire from Alcon in August, after 28 years of service. His most recent role with the company had been overseeing academic development for U.S. Vision Care as Director of Professional Relations. During the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) Corporate Contributors Breakfast in Philadelphia in June, the Association recognized and thanked Sattler for being a strong and long-term supporter of ASCO member schools and colleges and of ASCO as an organization.

According to Alcon, while holding the Professional Relations position Sattler strengthened the company’s ties to optometry schools and colleges. He also worked with the Alcon Foundation, the city of Fort Worth and two optometry schools in Texas to help establish an eye clinic for the underserved in downtown Fort Worth. “I have had 28 great years with Alcon, but I am most proud of the eye care now being provided to the local underserved patient population through the establishment of the Fort Worth Community Eye Clinic,” Sattler said in a press release. “This program brings together our local city government, optometry schools and Alcon to make a real difference in patients’ lives.”

Sattler’s career with Alcon began in 1986 when he was hired as a sales representative in San Diego, Calif. His colleague Dr. Rick Weisbarth, Vice President of Professional Affairs for U.S. Vision Care, commented “Dave is one of the most respected industry professionals in the eyecare field. It was my pleasure to work side-by-side with Dave for so many years as his passion for eye care is unmatched in the industry.”

Tom Duchardt will step in to lead the academic development initiatives for Alcon U.S. Vision Care following Sattler’s retirement.