

Dr. Earle L. Hunter, former Executive Director of the American Optometric Association (AOA) and Special Assistant to Dr. Larry Davis, Dean of the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Optometry (UMSL), and former Dean Dr. Jack Bennett, passed away in April. The UMSL EyeWire newsletter noted that Dr. Hunter “was the epitome of a gentleman: he served others faithfully, loved his wife of 60 years Doreen and his family, served his country with distinction, was an outstanding optometrist, and an exceptional administrator.”

Speaking about Dr. Hunter, Dr. Davis said, “Earle’s varied experiences throughout his distinguished career prepared him to be an excellent advisor to the college administration following his retirement from the AOA. Earle consistently offered positive energy and wisdom first to the late Jack Bennett who had the foresight to bring him on board and then for several months following Jack’s untimely death. I truly appreciated Earle’s humility, advice and dedication to the college and our great profession during that transition.”



*Dr. Earle L. Hunter*