

Dr. Alfred A. Rosenbloom, Jr., who was Dean of Illinois College of Optometry (ICO) from 1955 to 1971 and President from 1972 to 1982, died at the age of 94 on April 7. As noted by ICO, for more than 50 years, Dr. Rosenbloom served not only as a skilled practitioner but also as a teacher and administrator to thousands of students and a mentor to alumni, faculty and colleagues.



Dr. Alfred A. Rosenbloom, Jr.

He and his wife, Sarah, saw a long-time dream become a reality in January with the grand opening of the Alfred and Sarah Rosenbloom Center on Vision and Aging at the Illinois Eye Institute. In March, the Board of Directors of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry approved Dr. Rosenbloom as the recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award, which will be presented posthumously at the Association's Leadership Luncheon on June 24 in Seattle, Wash. To read more about Dr. Rosenbloom, visit the [ICO website](#).

Also: ICO Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Stephanie Messner recently led a phone conversation with ICO alumni Dr. Andrew Buzzelli and Dr. Sunny Sanders, who are, respectively, the founding deans of the University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Optometry and the Midwestern University College of Optometry-Illinois. They talk about, among other topics, the challenges and rewards of their endeavors. The discussion is published in the spring issue of [ICO Matters](#).