

This May, Dr. Satya Verma, Associate Professor and Assistant Director of the Externship Program at Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry, will be presented with the Pennsylvania Optometric Association's 2015 Dr. Jerry Davidoff Memorial Award. The award is given to a person who demonstrates high moral character, professionalism and a willingness to assist in the professional growth of his or her colleagues. The awardee is recognized for leadership skills and dedication to the optometric profession. In November 2014, Dr. Verma was honored by the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) with a Life Fellowship Award.

Dr. Verma recently began his two-year term as President of the National Academies of Practice (NAP). He is only the second optometrist to become President of NAP, which represents 14 healthcare professions. Prior to his election, Dr. Verma, a nationally known expert on geriatric optometry, served as chair of the Optometry Academy within NAP.

Also: Dr. William Monaco, Associate Dean of the university's Graduate Programs in Biomedicine and Associate Director of Public Health programs, received the Orion Award from the Armed Forces Optometric Society (AFOS). The award is the organization's highest honor and is presented to AFOS members who have made the most significant contributions to the society and the study of optometry. Dr. Monaco is a founding member of AFOS.



Dr. Satya Verma received a Life Fellowship Award from the AAO in November 2014. He is pictured with Dr. Bernard Dolan, who is now the AAO's Immediate Past President.