



*Christopher Lopez*

Christopher Lopez, a second-year student at the University of Houston College of Optometry (UHCO), was selected to serve as the American Optometric Student Association's (AOSA) national liaison to the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) for the 2016-17 academic year. In this role, Lopez is charged with serving as a pipeline between the AOSA, AAO and optometry students in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Lopez, who was recently elected Vice President of the National Optometric Student Association at UHCO, is passionate about his new responsibilities and determined to enrich the lives and health of others. "That innate quality we, as optometry students, all share – the inherent desire to improve the lives of others, the enthusiasm to live a life of service – is exactly why I wanted to become national liaison," Lopez said. "I, too, want to be of service to others." He also takes to heart the AAO's mission of promoting the science of vision care through lifelong learning. In addition to the many leadership roles he's already held throughout his academic career, he's pursuing a Master of Science degree in physiological optics in conjunction with his Doctor of Optometry degree and hopes to seek a PhD.