New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo recently announced nearly \$2 million in NYSUNY 2020 awards for the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Optometry. The awards will fund an expanded clinical care facility and a virtual reality simulation laboratory for providing state-of-the-art clinical education for high-quality patient care. "We must ensure that healthcare professionals have the best skills and training for a stronger, healthier New York," Cuomo said. "This funding will equip SUNY Optometry with state-of-the-art facilities with cutting-edge technology to support exceptional patient care and meet the needs of New Yorkers."

SUNY Optometry President Dr. David A. Heath commented, "Taken together, these two projects will support our 30 percent increase in enrollment while enhancing our educational, patient care and research programs. They will ultimately advance eye care for the evolving needs of the citizens of New York State. Thank you to Governor Cuomo for supporting our students, faculty, patients and staff with these NYSUNY 2020 awards."