

National Vision, Inc. Awards Three NOSA Members with Grants

National Vision has established a partnership with the National Optometric Association (NOA) to provide grants to the members of the National Student Optometric Association (NOSA). In its second year, the grant program recognizes three students annually, awarding a total of \$7,000. The mission of the NOA, “advancing the visual health of minority populations,” is parallel with National Vision’s mission of making quality eye care and eyewear more affordable and accessible to all. NOA community service projects and NOSA screenings enhance vision care services in minority communities, which are often underserved. Through this grant, National Vision hopes to encourage students to continue their work in primary care and to recognize its importance in an ever changing health care environment.

This year’s grant essay topic was *Technology & its Impact on Optometry*. National Vision asked students to share their perspectives on how technology has changed the field thus far, how they think innovations will impact it in the future, and how they envision utilizing technology once a practicing optometrist. All active NOSA members in good standing with an optometry school in the US or Puerto Rico were eligible to enter and submit responses through a 500-word essay or short video.

The grant winners were announced Friday, July 14th at the NOSA Scholarship Awards presentation during the 9th Annual NOA Convention & CE Program in Portland, OR.

2017 NOSA Grant Winners

1st (\$4,000) – Fatimah Hassan, SALUS 2018

2nd (\$2,000) – Terynn Chan, PUCO 2019

3rd (\$1,000) – Jonathan Chen, UHCO 2018

As a proud partner, National Vision is honored to support NOSA and to help make it possible for the NOA to continue advancing the visual health of minority populations. Congratulations to all winners!