

Two colleges and one school of optometry that began educating students in September 2009 graduated their first classes this spring. In addition, all three institutions — University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry (RSO), Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry (WUCO), and Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry (AZCOPT) — are now fully accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education. They are all members of ASCO as well.

RSO conferred 58 Doctor of Optometry degrees to its first group of graduates on May 10; WUCO conferred 73 degrees on May 15; and AZCOPT conferred 39 degrees on May 29. ASCO recognized the institutions' milestone accomplishments with a resolution presented during its annual meeting in June.



*Left to right: Dr. Andrew Buzzelli, Dean, RSO; Dr. Elizabeth Hoppe, Founding Dean, WUCO; and Dr. Donald Jarnagin, Dean, AZCOPT.*