



*Dr. Yi Pang, center, receives the Rising Star Award from Dr. Jennifer Coyle and Dr. Arol Augsburger during ASCO's Leadership Luncheon in Philadelphia in June.*

This June, ASCO presented three 2014 Special Recognition Awards. Dr. Barbara Fink, Associate Professor of Optometry and Vision Science and Chair of the Diversity Enhancement Committee, The Ohio State University College of Optometry, was selected by the ASCO Board for the Dr. Jack Bennett Innovation in Optometric Education Award. Dr. Yi Pang, Assistant Dean for Research and Associate Professor, Illinois College of Optometry, was chosen by the ASCO Board for the Rising Star Award, and Dr. Ryan Anderson, a 2014 graduate of Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry who is currently in a Veterans Affairs San Diego Health Care System residency program in California, won the Student Award in Clinical Ethics.

Dr. Fink received the Bennett award in recognition of her outstanding work to facilitate the implementation of the ASCO Cultural Competency Curriculum Guidelines at



*Dr. Barbara Fink, winner of ASCO's 2014 Dr. Jack Bennett Innovation in Optometric Education Award.*



*Dr. Ryan Anderson, right, accepts a plaque representing his receipt of ASCO's Student Award in Clinical Ethics from Dr. Donald Jarnagin, Dean of the Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry.*

the schools and colleges of optometry. She has served for several years as Chair of ASCO's Cultural Competency Curriculum Guidelines Subcommittee, of the Diversity and Cultural Competency Committee. In this role she worked to produce the customizable Cultural Competency Guidelines Implementation Workshops that are held on the campuses of member institutions.

Dr. Pang is the first winner of the ASCO Rising Star Award, which is sponsored by Oculus and given to an

exceptional faculty member or administrator with less than 10 years of service. She was recognized for her outstanding contributions to ASCO, most notably in the area of international optometric education, and her important contributions to the Illinois College of Optometry through teaching, scholarship, administration and professional service.

Anderson won the Student Award in Clinical Ethics, which is sponsored by International Vision Expo, based on his essay [“Tough Talks and Patient Privacy.”](#)