



### **National Vision Holdings, 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 Optometric Student Association (NOSA). In its third 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 communities nationwide.

Inspired by Simon Sinek, consultant and author of “*What is Your Why?*,” this year’s grant essay topic asked students to share their “why,” and explain what their personal mission as a future Doctor of Optometry will be. 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 13<sup>th</sup> at the NOSA Scholarship Awards presentation during the 10th Annual NOA Convention & CE Program in San Antonio, TX.

#### **2018 National Vision NOSA Grant Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> (\$4,000) - Jaelyn DeBerry, SCO 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> (\$2,000) - Priscilla Chang, ICO 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> (\$1,000) - Sterlin Blakley, UAB 2019**

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!