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ASCO News

[Resources and Information on COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus](#)

Editors note: This announcement will be updated as necessary on the OptometricEducation.org website.

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[Clinical Education Resources Available at OptometricEducation.org](#)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many optometric academic institutions are challenged to use novel approaches in order to provide clinical educational experience to students.

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[Teaching Case Reports — Compiled from Optometric Education](#)

ASCO staff hopes everyone is well during these times.

Many optometric academic institutions are currently struggling with providing a clinical experience to students who are not examining patients due to COVID-19.

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[ASCO Cancels the Low Vision Educators and Ophthalmic Optics Educators SIG Meetings Amid COVID-19 Crisis](#)

During this unprecedented time of COVID-19, ASCO leadership, in concert with the Low Vision Educators and the Ophthalmic Optics Educators SIG chairs, have made the difficult and unfortunate decision to cancel both meetings.

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ASCO Asks Congress to Ensure Veterans Would Not Lose Educational Benefits During COVID-19

As a member of the Federation of Associations of Schools of Health Professions (FASHP), ASCO was a signatory on a letter sent to the House of Representatives asking them to pass companion legislation to a Senate-passed bill intended to assure veterans would not lose their education benefits when schools/colleges/universities move to online education due to COVID-19.

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Optometry School Deans and Presidents Meet in Atlanta

The deans and presidents of 24 optometry schools and colleges across the United States and Canada came together the first week of March for the ASCO Board of Directors' spring meeting.

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Number of Applicants Who Participated in ORMatch Increases from Previous Year

The results of ORMatch 2020 were released on March 16. ORMatch matches the student and the optometry residency program based on a mutual ranking algorithm.

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Optometric Education — Call for Theme Edition: Diversity and Cultural Competence in Optometry

Deadline to submit papers: March 30, 2021

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Optometry Student, Ryan Yuan, Wins Student Award in Clinical Ethics

ASCO and the Ethics Educators special interest group are pleased to announce Ryan Yuan as the winner of the 2020 Student Award in Clinical Ethics.



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Percentage of Optometry Faculty with PhD/Other Doctoral Degrees Decreases

The percentage of full-time faculty with PhD and other (non-OD) doctoral degrees at US schools and colleges of optometry has decreased over the past 16 years, according to ASCO's 2019-20 Annual Faculty Data Report...

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First of its Kind Special Board Workshop on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Well Attended

On Thursday, March 5th the ASCO Board of Directors, chief academic officers and staff attended a workshop by Drs. Gary Chu and Ruth Shoge on the merits of diversity, equity, and inclusion in an optometric academic setting.

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Take a Listen to ASCO-produced Podcast on Wellness

ASCO hopes our podcast on wellness offers some comfort during these challenging times during the Covid-19 pandemic.



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Eyecare Industry Comes Together to Sign Proclamation in a Show of United Commitment to Collaborate on Key Issues Affecting the Future of the Profession



The New England College of Optometry (NECO) and industry leaders made official an Industry Collaborative Proclamation committing to collaborate on achieving key objectives for the profession of optometry.

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Mobilizing Scientists to Combat COVID-19

"The only thing more contagious than a virus is hope."



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UHCO's Muriel Martinez Represents Optometry to High School Students

Muriel Martinez, OD '13, FAAO, clinical assistant professor at the University of Houston College of Optometry, can add a new title to her long list of titles –

“Ambassador of Optometry.”



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UH Optometry Student Lands Prestigious Essilor Internship

Easy Anyama Swaps NFL Dreams for
A Better Future Through Optometry

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Bailey Appointed Vision Therapy Clinic Chief

Maggie Bailey, OD, assistant professor, has been named chief of the Vision Therapy Clinic (VT), a specialty clinic within UAB Eye Care that provides treatment for children and adults with eye teaming, focusing, and tracking disorders.

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Salus University and National Vision Partner on Remote Eye Exam Technology

Salus University has partnered with National Vision, Inc., a subsidiary of National Vision Holdings, Inc., to advance optometric education via a pilot program focused on training students on conducting remote eye exams utilizing high-tech equipment and real-time secure HD video conferencing.

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AZCOPT Pediatric Department Receives PEDIG Quality Award



The Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry's pediatric department has received a Quality Award from the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group (PEDIG) for having an outstanding quality index of a 1.0 for two years in a row.

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'EyeBall 2020': A Blast for the Salus University OD Class of 2021

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UHCO Series Addresses the Need for Cultural Competence in Health Care

A growing array of studies and news reports have established that racial and cultural biases among health care providers contribute to health disparities.

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Low Vision Service Improves Patient's Quality of Life

The UIW Rosenberg School of Optometry (UIWRSO) is proud to provide student interns diverse patient encounters, resulting in an introduction to a broad range of practice services into clinical rotations.

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[Important Message to Eye Care Patients Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic from Prevent Blindness](#)

For everyone's health and safety, ophthalmologists, optometrists, and other doctors are being urged to see only patients for urgent or emergent problems during the coronavirus pandemic.



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Registration Now Open for Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association
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