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A Message to ASCO Members

We are living in difficult times,



and these past weeks has been the most difficult of all. The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) champions our core values of Leadership, Innovation, Inclusion, and Integrity. We embrace diversity of opinions, perspectives, and backgrounds...

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ASCO Annual Meeting and Events Goes Virtual

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the ASCO Board of Directors and Staff have decided to cancel the in-person meeting in National Harbor, Maryland.

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Enrollment in OD Programs Up 1.0%

Full-time enrollment in the professional OD programs in the United States grew 1.0% to 7,244 in 2019-20, according to the 2019-20 Annual Student Data Report published in May 2020 by ASCO.

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Optometric Education: Call for Papers - Diversity and Cultural Competence in Optometry

Deadline to submit papers: March 30, 2021

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CooperVision Names First Best Practices Student Scholarship Recipients and Blanchard Contact Lenses Launches Onefit Spotlight Program

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Dr. Carol Alexander Named 2020 Distinguished Alumna

In recognition of her career-long commitment to eye health, mentorship, and advancing the optometric profession, The Ohio State University College of Optometry Alumni Society has named Carol Alexander (OD'87) as the recipient of its 2020 Distinguished Alumna Award.

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UPIKE Celebrates the Class of 2020 with Virtual Commencement Ceremonies

The University of Pikeville honored the academic achievements of more than 270 graduates at the associate, baccalaureate and master's degree levels in its first-ever virtual commencement on May 2.

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Arizona College of Optometry Adapting to COVID-19 Challenges

The Arizona College of Optometry at Midwestern University is making adjustments to its instructional and clinical procedures, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



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SUNY Optometry Graduate Student Earns Esteemed Fellowship from the American Academy of Optometry Foundation

State University of New York (SUNY) College of Optometry graduate student Reynolds Ablordeppey, OD, has been named the Danne Ventura–Essilor Ezell Fellow by the American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF).

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Dr. Chantelle Roman – Alcon 2020 Case Report Award National Winner

Dr. Chantelle Roman, recent graduate of the University of The Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry, has been awarded the Alcon 2020 Case Report Award from her 4th Year class.

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Salus PCO Residency Match Day

Because of the closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March, Residency Match Day was a little different this year.

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Dr. Block to Retire After Long Career at ICO

Sandra Block, OD '81, MEd, MPH, FAAO, FCOVD plans to retire later this year. Dr. Block is a beloved ICO professor, known for serving our students, the young patients of The Illinois Eye Institute at Princeton Elementary School, and children with special needs.

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Dr. Andrew Gurwood Named Albert Fitch Alumnus of the Year by Salus University

Andrew Gurwood, OD '89, FAAO, Resident '90, a professor Clinical Sciences at Salus University's Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) and co-chief of Suite 3 at The Eye Institute has been named the 2020 Albert Fitch Memorial Alumnus of the Year by the University's Alumni Association.



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Dr. Bhawan Minhaus Receives Distinguished Service Award from Salus University

Bhawan Minhas, OD, FAAO, Resident '13, director of the on-campus Residency Programs and a faculty member of Salus University's Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO), has received the Distinguished Service Award from the University's Alumni Association.



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Midwestern University Reduces Private Loan Interest Rates to Benefit Students

Midwestern University recently announced lower interest rates for its private loan program, which will benefit students on their journey of becoming the next generation of healthcare professionals.

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American Academy of Optometry 2020 Nashville Call for Abstracts

The Scientific Program Committee invites the submission of abstracts for the Scientific Program of Academy 2020 Nashville, to be held October 7-10, 2020.

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National Academy of Practice 2020 Awards

NAPO James A. Boucher Award (Optometry) is awarded to John C. Townsend, OD, FAAO, Director, Optometric Service, Veterans Health Administration.

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