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## ASCO NEWS

**Inaugural Herbert Wertheim Award Presented to Namesake, Dr. Wertheim**



The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) awarded Dr. Herbert Wertheim ASCO's inaugural Herbert Wertheim Award, affectionately called "The Herbie." Dr. Wertheim received his award in October during a special recognition reception in San Diego during the American Academy of Optometry's annual conference.

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## **ASCO's Town Hall Discussion on the Upcoming SCOTUS Decision and its Potential Impact on Optometric Education, Hosted by the ASCO Diversity and Cultural Competency and Student Affairs Committees**



Date: April 21, 2023

Time: 2 - 3:15 PM Eastern Time

Where: Zoom Webinar

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3zEEhoM>

Cost: FREE to join

**Generously sponsored by VSP Vision**

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## **ASCO's Journal Optometric Education Call for Papers: Theme Edition to Focus on Global Optometric Education**



ASCO announces a theme edition of the journal [Optometric Education](#) that will be dedicated to global optometric education. ASCO welcomes manuscript submissions that highlight research, curricula, pedagogy, public health initiatives and other projects that align with the theme edition's mission of sharing ongoing efforts to advance the profession of optometry worldwide.

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## **ASCO Board Approves New Priorities for ASCO's Strategic Plan**



At its meeting in late March, the ASCO Board of Directors approved a series of prioritized strategies and tactics for ASCO's new Strategic Plan which covers fiscal/programmatic year 2023 through 2027.

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## **Zebins Dholasaniya Student Award in Clinical Ethics**



This annual national award, sponsored by Alcon, is available to optometry students during any point of their professional program at an ASCO-affiliated school or college of optometry in the U.S. and Canada.

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## Annual Faculty Data Report Shows Continued Increase in Female Faculty while the Proportion of Underrepresented Minorities Remains Static



Female faculty comprise 60.8% of total faculty at the U.S. schools and colleges of optometry in 2022-23, according to [ASCO's 2022-2023 Annual Faculty Data Report](#) rising from 60.4% last year and 50.4% in 2012-13. In the past year, the percentage of full-time Black or African American faculty increased from 3.8% to 3.9%; ten years ago it was 3.2%. The percentage of full-time Hispanic or Latino faculty decreased from 5.8% to 5.0%. Ten years ago the percentage was 5.3%.

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## ASCO Sees a Decrease in Applicants in the 2023 ORMatch Results



The results of ORMatch 2023 were released March 27. ORMatch matches the student and the optometry residency program based on a mutual ranking algorithm. ORMatch has been in operation since 2013.

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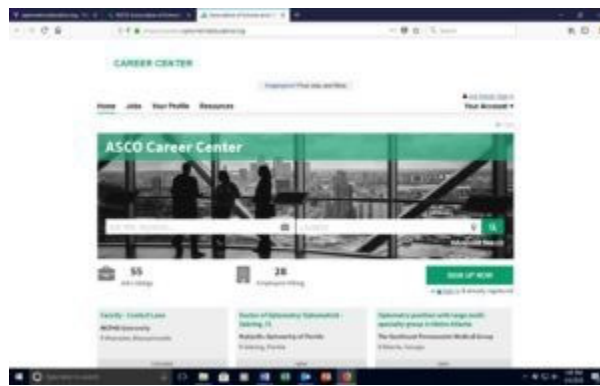
## Eye on Diversity Resources Available on ASCO's Website



In 2022, ASCO and Johnson & Johnson Vision began a unique partnership with an unprecedented sponsorship to address the need for greater diversity in optometry.

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## ASCO Online Career Center



The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry offers a [Career Center](#) resource, hosted by Boxwood.

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## CORPORATE CONTRIBUTOR NEWS

### National Vision News



National Vision Names 2022-2023 Scholarship Program Winners, Giving \$12,500 to Next Generation of ODs

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### Topcon News



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## VSP Vision News

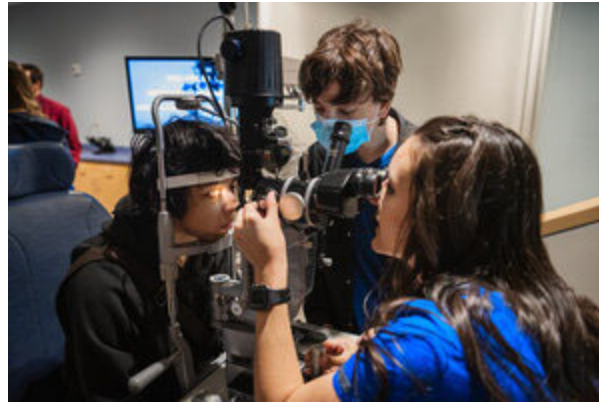


VSP Vision Premier Pathways is Now VSP Premier Edge Career Support

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## MEMBER NEWS

**Arizona College of Optometry and Chicago College of Optometry Present  
Health Science Days for High School Students**



On Tuesday, February 28, Midwestern University's Glendale and Downers Grove Campuses held their annual Health Sciences Career Day for High School Students. More than 1,000 students total from both Arizona and Illinois participated in events designed to showcase the many career opportunities available in healthcare fields.

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### **Congratulations to UAB Student Hannah Morrison**



Hannah Morrison has been awarded the \$10,000 Optometry Cares 2023 Bernard Maitenaz Scholarship. To compete for the scholarship, the UAB School of Optometry student created a social media toolkit about the importance of comprehensive eye exams for children beginning at six months of age.

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## Seeing Better to Play Better



A dubious but durable rumor has it that Ted “The Thumper” Williams, the legendary Red-Sox batter, could see the individual stitches on a baseball as it hurtled toward his strike zone at 90 miles per hour. True or not, something like that experience does happen to athletes at the tops of their sports, says Jeremy Shumaker, OD, chief of Berkeley Optometry’s Sports Vision and Concussion Clinic. “If you’ve got a finely-tuned visual system that is flexible and reacts quickly, the image stream you perceive will slow down,” he says...

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## PCO/Salus Alum Offers Insight on Optometric Career Avenues



Upon completion of his Doctor of Optometry degree at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO), Ross Goukler, OD ‘97, wasn’t sure which professional avenue he wanted to venture down.

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## Students Make SCO History



The first-ever in-vivo Anterior Segment Ophthalmic Laser procedures were recently performed by 4th-year interns in a Southern College of Optometry clinical facility.

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### **PCO/Salus 'Eyeball' Corrects Last Year's COVID Cancellation**



Last year's "EyeBall" – the annual celebration for third-year students of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University before they fan out across the country for their clinical externships – fell victim to COVID-19 and was unfortunately canceled.

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## NEWS TO SHARE

### Trish Shomion, American Academy of Optometry's New Chief Executive Officer



The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) announces that Trish Shomion, CAE, has been appointed CEO. Previously, Shomion was a senior advisor with Global Management Partners, LLC (GMP), a professional association management company where she served as the Executive Director of medical organizations such as the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society and the Organization for Human Brain Mapping.

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## New American Academy of Optometry Case Reports Journal



*Clinical Insights in Eyecare* will be a peer-reviewed online American Academy of Optometry journal that publishes original case reports pertinent to clinical eye care.

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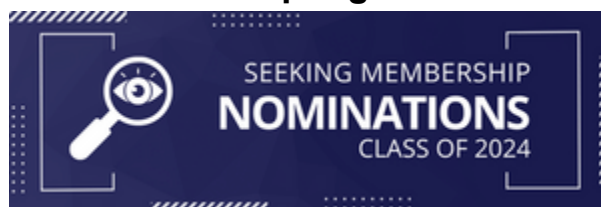
## Call for Posters for Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association 2023 Conference



The Neuro Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA) is now accepting abstracts for consideration for its 2023 General Conference, October 5-8 in Portland, OR.

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## National Academies of Practice Accepting Nominations



All nominations should be submitted through the NAP website by the deadline of June 30, 2023.

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## American Academy of Optometry Foundation Accepting Applications for Allison Summers Pediatric Pilot Grant Program



The American Academy of Optometry Foundation is now accepting applications for the annual Allison Summers Pediatric Pilot Grant Program, which awards a \$10,000 grant to enable mid-career clinicians to collect pilot data and compete for increased funding in pediatric research. Those interested must submit a letter of intent by May 1, 2023.

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## American Academy of Optometry Foundation Now Accepting Applications for 2023 Residency Awards



The American Academy of Optometry Foundation is now accepting requests for applications for its 2023 Residency Awards. Applications must be received by Tuesday, June 1, 2023.

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