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Meet Dr. Fraser Horn, ASCO President



A Short Conversation with Dr. Fraser Horn, ASCO President

During ASCO's Annual Business meeting in June, ASCO swears in a new President for the upcoming 12 months. This year, Dr. Fraser Horn was sworn in as ASCO's President.

Dr. Horn is the Dean of the College of Optometry at Pacific College of Optometry. He also has taught in the Sports and Recreational Vision, Ocular Disease I, Applied Ocular Therapeutics, Biomedical Ethics and Ocular Emergencies courses.

Dr. Horn chatted with ASCO's Communications intern, Jannah Said, to talk about the upcoming year.

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ASCO NEWS

The Future Faculty Program Registration is Now Open



The Future Faculty Program is centered on the unique and important issues that graduate students face as they embark on a career in optometric education and is comprised of formal presentations, workshops, small group discussions, one-on-one mentoring opportunities and shared activities in the areas of teaching and learning, scholarship and academic culture.

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ASCO Summer Institute for Faculty Development Save The Date



GOAL: To provide participants with an opportunity to gain the necessary knowledge and skills to enhance their success in an optometric academic environment as lifelong productive faculty, thus contributing to increased retention of faculty in the schools and colleges of optometry.

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Call for Applications: ASCO Student Award in Clinical Ethics



Deadline to submit essays is February 18, 2025

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Applicant, Entering Class, Post-Graduate Data Available Online



ASCO's "Profile of Applicants to OD Degree Programs for the Association's website.

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Call for Nominations for ASCO Achievement Awards



Deadline to submit nominations is January 22, 2025.

The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry is now accepting nominations for the various achievement awards that will be presented at the ASCO Annual Business Meeting in June 2025.

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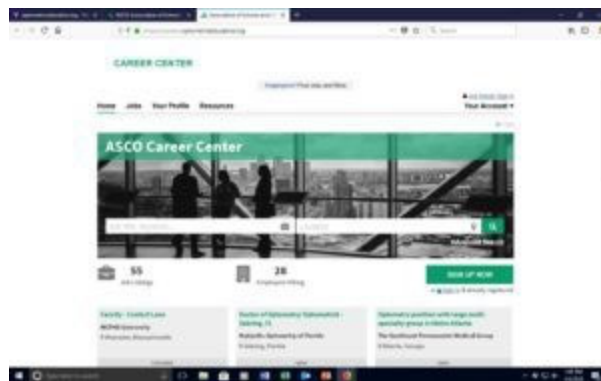
ASCO Launches Eye Opener Sessions, a Shadowing/Mentorship Opportunity and Matching Service for Potential Optometry Students and Practicing Doctors of Optometry



The Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) announces *Eye Opener Sessions*, a complement to ASCO's public awareness campaign, *Optometry Gives Me Life*.

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

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MEMBER NEWS

Dr. Jeffrey Weaver Named Interim Dean at PCO



Jeffrey L. Weaver, OD '85, MBA, MS, FAAO, FACHE, has been appointed interim dean of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO), effective October 1, 2024. Salus University provost Dr. Gerry O'Sullivan made this announcement.

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A Golden Opportunity For Eyecare Accessibility



A \$50,000 American Optometric Association Foundation Grant Helps Rebecca Chown '98, OD '03 Expand Vision Services to The Columbia River Gorge's Underserved Communities

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Rural Optometry Focus of SCO's State Day



Southern College of Optometry (SCO) gathered leaders and representatives from nearly 20 state and national optometry associations to participate in the college's annual State Day program.

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Hopkins Receives Excellence in Teaching Honor



Kristine Hopkins, OD, MSPH, has been selected to receive the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, which honors those who have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in teaching. She has been selected for this honor three times.

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SUNY College of Optometry Receives INSIGHT Into Diversity 2024 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence In Diversity Award



SUNY College of Optometry received the 2024 Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.

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Dr. Riya Paranthan New Salus University Alumni Association President



From a young age, Riya Paranthan, OD '14, was fascinated by the sciences, particularly with the intricate workings of the human body. So, it was noticeable to her when she was in fifth grade, her vision started to decline and she found herself less attentive at school.

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Bay Area Vision Research Day 2024



On September 13, 2024, UC Berkeley hosted the 36th annual Bay Area Vision Research Day (BAVRD).

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Amazon Prime's College Tour: Interdisciplinary Education



Midwestern University is featured in Amazon Prime's College Tour. Arizona College of Optometry at Midwestern University student Josh Reese (class of 2025) explains how hands-on training in patient care at the Midwestern University Therapy Institute is helping him achieve his goal of becoming a neuro optometrist.

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Amazon Prime's College Tour: Belonging



Midwestern University is featured in Amazon Prime's College Tour. Chicago College of Optometry student Jordyn Flemons (class of 2025) chose to attend Midwestern University for two reasons – to study healthcare by one of the most diverse cities in America, and to inspire others who look like her to pursue their own dreams.

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Amazon Prime's College Tour: Life Balance



Midwestern University is featured in Amazon Prime’s College Tour. Chicago College of Optometry student Roman Somogy (class of 2025) has found that meeting the challenges of optometry education is easier, thanks to the Midwestern University community that supports him.

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Diversity Panel Discussion Features LEO, NOA, and AAOS

Optometrists and optometry students must understand how diversity influences care and affects outcomes to achieve everyone's optimum vision and eye health. Patients and healthcare providers are more likely today to encounter a wide cross-cultural array of clinically relevant needs, attitudes, customs, values, beliefs, and fears that decode experiences.

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