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### ASCO Publishes National Board of Examiners in Optometry Pass Rate Data



In collaboration with the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO®), the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) continues to post the pass rate data for every U.S. optometric institution on its website. These results include outcomes of the now-retired Part III CSE exam as well as the new Part III PEPS exam.

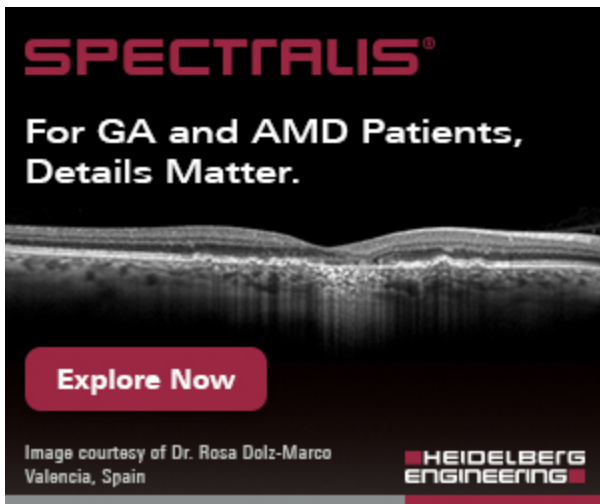
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### Call for Applications: ASCO Student Award in Clinical Ethics



Deadline to submit essays is February 18, 2025

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## 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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## Call for Nominations for ASCO Achievement Awards

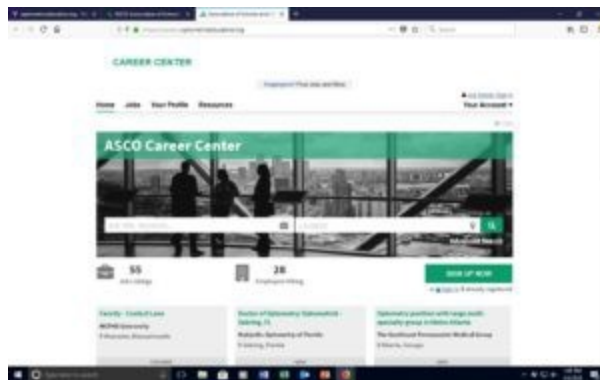


Deadline to submit nominations is January 22, 2025.

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 Online Career Center



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

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## VSP Vision News



VSP Vision and AAOF Announce the 2024 Practice Excellence Scholarship Recipients

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## Warby Parker News



SUNY College of Optometry Foundation Honors 'Value of Vision' Recipients at First Annual Breakfast in NYC

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## MEMBER NEWS

**PCO's Asef Chowdhury '26OD is the 2024 Toland Scholarship Winner**



Asef Chowdhury '26OD was on a Zoom call when he found out he was named the 2024 Joseph C. Toland Memorial Scholarship winner for the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO), Salus at Drexel University.

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## Salus University Named a Diversity Award Winner



Salus University has 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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## Cotter Honored as Springer Lecturer



Susan Cotter, OD, MA, FAAO, professor at the Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B Ketchum University, a distinguished pediatric optometrist, was honored as the 2024 UAB School of Optometry's Springer lecturer. A clinician-scientist, her presentation highlighted the advancements in amblyopia treatment, a vision disorder Cotter is passionate about.

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## **Optometry, Occupational Therapy Students Perform Examinations on Dental Students**



Students from Midwestern University's Chicago College of Optometry (CCO) and Occupational Therapy (OT) Program held examination sessions for the first-year College of Dental Medicine (CDMI) students for their future practice success under the direction of Jenelle Mallios, OD, FAAO, Associate Dean, CCO; Melisa Alabsy, DDS, MHA, Director, CDMI; and Dana Lingle, OTR/L, CHT, Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy, College of Health Sciences (CHS-Downers Grove). The exams assist the dental students with proper practice for healthcare, help them correct any underlying issues, and encourage them to seek further medical care if necessary.

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## **SCO Receives Neuro Award**



Southern College of Optometry's (SCO) Vision Therapy and Rehabilitation Department was recognized as the recipient of the 2024 Advancement of Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Award presented during the fall NORA conference in Florida.

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## NEWS TO SHARE

### Invitation to Virtual Item Writing Webinars



The National Board of Examiners in Optometry would like to extend an invitation to attend a virtual item writing webinar that will be held four times throughout 2025.

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### Apply to Become a Test Constructor for Admissions and Licensure Examinations!



Volunteer Test Constructor Application Now Open

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## Optometrists Provide Insight About the Profession to Help Students Learn More About a Career in Optometry



Many factors go into choosing a medical specialty such as Optometry, including personal history, clinical interests, duration of the training involved, career opportunities, and financial and work-life balance considerations. New research now provides individuals who might be considering becoming an optometrist with information about the profession and how it might fit into their interests, skills, career goals, and lifestyle aspirations.

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## "Eying the Future" – New School Program Seeks to Fuel Student Interest in Optometry



Latinos en Optometry has partnered with Transitions Optical to launch "Eying the Future," a free in-school educational program specifically designed to inspire middle and high school students in Latino communities to consider a career in optometry.

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## Optometry's Meeting® | 5th World Congress of Optometry Registration Opens Soon



Registration for Optometry's Meeting | 5th World Congress of Optometry, June 25-28, in Minneapolis, opens later this month — but you can gain early access before the rush!

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## Call for Abstracts: AOA, WCO 2025 Poster Sessions & Residency Forum



The AOA and World Council of Optometry invite you to submit interesting cases and unique research for the 2025 Poster Sessions at Optometry's Meeting® and AOA EyeLearn.

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## Award Submissions Now Open



The AOA Excellence, AOSA Student of the Year, Paraoptometric and National Optometry Hall of Fame Awards are now open for submissions.

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## AAO Now Accepting Applications for 2025 OD to PhD Scholarship Program



The OD/PhD Scholarship Program funds optometrists receiving a PhD in eye and vision related fields. Examples of appropriate PhD programs include but are not limited to: Vision Science, Physiological Optics, Biomedical Sciences, Public Health, Education (emphasis on Optometric Education), Neuroscience, and Psychology.

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