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ASCO's 10th Spring Institute for Faculty Development: A Milestone in Academic Advancement



This April, the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) held its 10th Spring Institute for Faculty Development (SIFD) in Rochester, New York. It was a three-day immersive experience dedicated to equipping early (two-year) to mid-career (ten-year) faculty with the tools and strategies needed to thrive in optometric academia.

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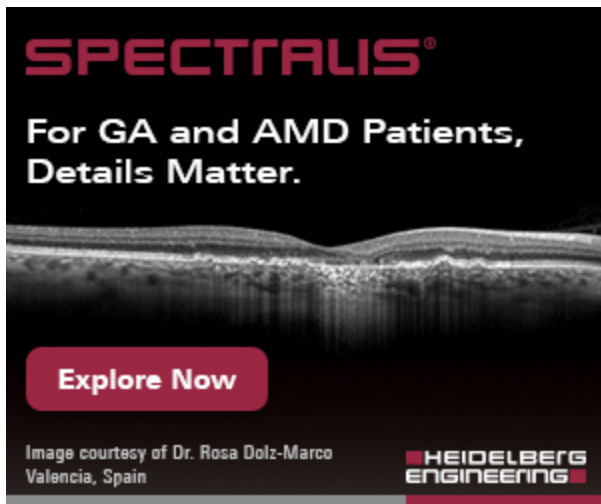
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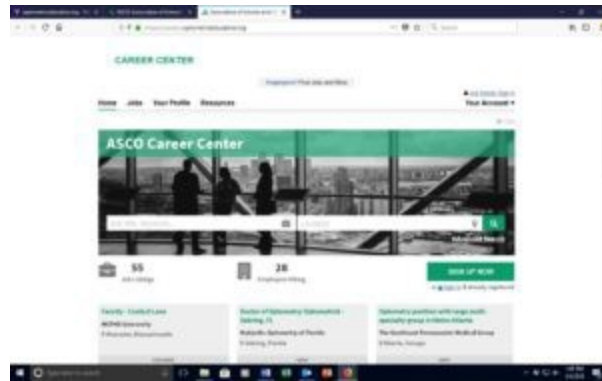
ASCO Launches Eye Opener Sessions, a Shadowing/Mentorship Opportunity and Matching Service for Potential Optometry Students and Practicing Doctors of Optometry



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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First-Year Optometry Student Luke Pellegrino Builds on Passion for Working with Low-Vision Patients by Raising a Puppy for Dogs Inc.



For the past two months, Luke Pellegrino has had a new companion tagging along for his classes in the College of Optometry at the University of Missouri–St. Louis: a six-month-old black lab puppy named Electra. Pellegrino, a first-year optometry student, is currently volunteering as Electra’s puppy raiser through the nonprofit Dogs Inc.

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Dr. Maureen Hanley Memorial Scholarship Fund Established at NECO



New England College of Optometry (NECO) has announced plans to endow a scholarship to honor Maureen Hanley, OD, Class of 1981. This cherished faculty member dedicated more than four decades to shaping the future of optometry before her passing on March 8, 2025, at the age of 69.

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Women’s History Month: Remembering Georgianna Lorryne Nottage, OD ‘46



In the 1946 edition of the *Iris*, the annual yearbook for what was then the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry (PSCO), a short synopsis was written about each senior in the graduating class.

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Celebrating Residency Matches



The Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science at UC Berkeley is proud to recognize the achievements of its fourth-year students as the residency match process concludes. This year, 93% of students who applied for residency positions successfully matched – a testament to their dedication, clinical excellence, and the strength of the program.

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Sims Honored as Outstanding Academic Mentor



The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) of Alabama has honored UAB School of Optometry Associate Professor Janene Sims, OD, PhD, as its 2025 Outstanding Academic Mentor for the exemplary commitment to her ASF Fellow mentee.

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Dr. David Meltzer Named Interim Vice President For Clinical Operations at PCO/Salus



David Meltzer, OD '02, MBA, FAAO, has been named the interim vice president of clinical operations, Salus at Drexel University, effective Feb. 17, 2025.

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Over 100 Canadian Optometry Students in Boston Participate in Annual NextGEN OD Canada Conference



More than 100 Canadian optometry students from the New England College of Optometry (NECO) and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) took part in the third annual NextGEN OD Canada “Future Focus” conference on March 26 at NECO’s Beacon Street campus in Boston.

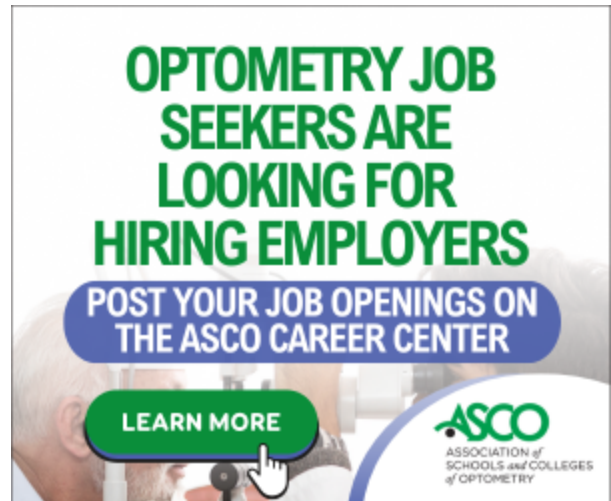
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Reich Represents SCO



Dr. Lewis Reich, Southern College of Optometry (SCO) President, represented SCO in a panel hosted by the Kresge Cross-City Knowledge Exchange, a collaborative event between BioDistrict New Orleans and the Memphis Medical District Collaborative.

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2025 Focus on Eye Health Summit: Perspectives in Vision



Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Time: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Eastern

Location: Virtual

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Preparing Future Optometrists to Practice in A Diverse Global Society



Dr. Howard Purcell authors April edition of Cultural Responsiveness Blog

The April edition of the “Cultural Responsiveness” blog by Latinos en Optometry and sponsored by VSP Vision features an article by Howard Purcell, OD, FAAO, President and CEO of New England College of Optometry (NECO). In his article, Dr. Purcell discusses the importance of integrating cultural awareness into all aspects of optometric training. He emphasizes the significance of preparing students to effectively serve a diverse population by incorporating cultural sensitivity into their education.

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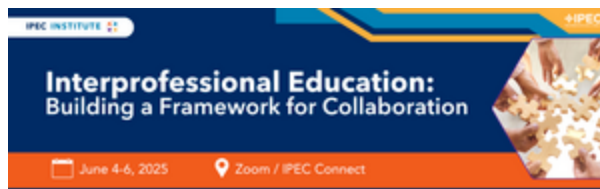
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