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## ASCO NEWS

### Invitation to ASCO's Annual Business Meeting

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**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025**  
**8:30am - 11:30am CDT**

To RSVP please click here, [Annual Meeting Reg Link](#)  
The Hilton Minneapolis  
1001 Marquette Ave.,  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
Room: Marquette Ballroom III- IV

For more information please email [slau@opted.org](mailto:slau@opted.org)

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## Special Issue of Optometric Education Available



ASCO has released a special edition of [Optometric Education](#) entitled, "Optometric Education Across the Globe."

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## ASCO Residency Directors Professional Group Retreat: A Collaborative Success



The ASCO Residency Directors Professional Group held its inaugural retreat on April 10-11, 2025, at Marshall B. Ketchum University, Southern California College of Optometry (SCCO-MBKU). This event brought together Residency Directors from the schools and colleges of optometry to discuss key issues, share insights, and foster professional development. The retreat was co-chaired by Dr. Caroline Pate (UABSO) and Dr. Judy Tong (SCCO-MBKU) and was generously sponsored by Dompé, Johnson & Johnson, and EssilorLuxottica.

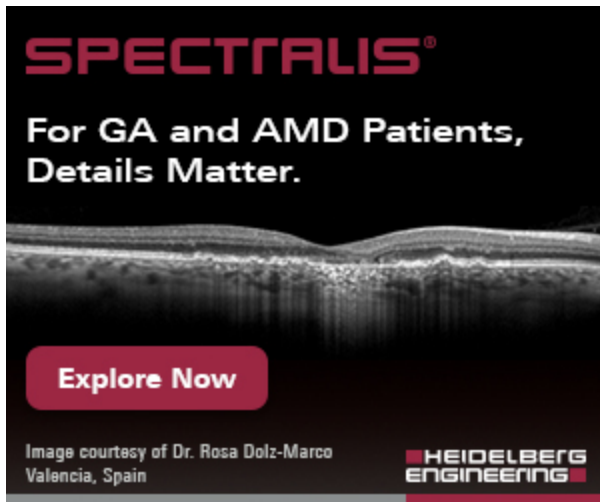
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## ASCO Annual Student Data Report Now Available



ASCO's 2024-25 Annual Student Data Report was released in April 2025 and contains information on student enrollment, demographics, financial aid and graduates.

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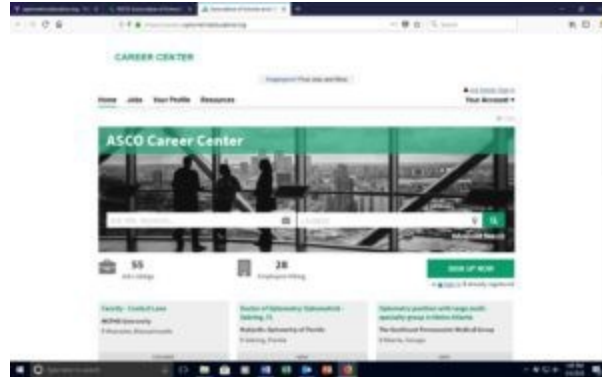
## ASCO Launches Eye Opener Sessions, a Shadowing/Mentorship Opportunity and Matching Service for Potential Optometry Students and Practicing Doctors of Optometry



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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## ASCO Online Career Center



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

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## Open Your Eyes to Bruder



You know us for the #1 doctor recommended Bruder mask, but did you know we also offer products for eye hygiene and hydration? Our lid hygiene and tea tree oil wipes, eyelid cleansing solution (0.02% HOCl) and new Dry Eye Drink were developed with you and your dry eye patients in mind. Discover practice pricing and products that set Bruder apart at [bruder.com/pro](http://bruder.com/pro).

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Clasp Expands Employer-Sponsored Loan Repayment Programs to Support the Full Eye Care Spectrum

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### CooperVision News



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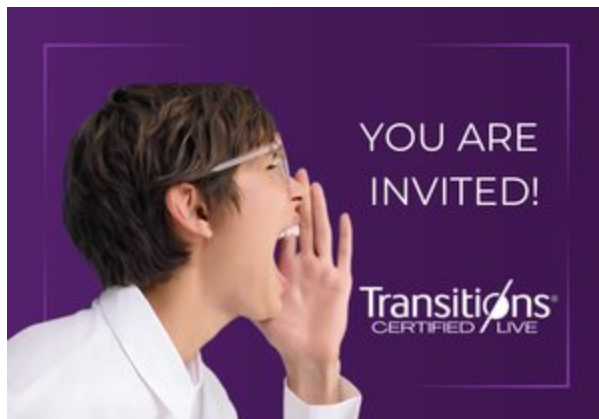
## Topcon News



Expanding Access to Diabetic Retinopathy Screening in Rwanda: Topcon Joins Forces with Orbis International and Rwanda International Institute to Combat Diabetic Retinopathy

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## Transitions News



There's Still Time to Earn or Renew Your Transitions® Expert Status

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New Grads Can Find a New Job with VSP Careers in Eye Care

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## MEMBER NEWS

### Sims Honored as UAB Outstanding Academic Mentor



The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) of Alabama 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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### Novel Color Via Stimulation of Individual Photoreceptors at Population Scale



Using a new technique called “Oz,” vision researchers at the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science have been able to “trick” the eye into seeing images, videos and even a brand-new color — a profoundly saturated peacock green that they named “olo.” Their paper, “Novel Color Via Stimulation of Individual Photoreceptors at Population Scale,” was recently published in the journal Science Advances.

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## PCO Grad Named No. 1 Eyecare Influencer of 2025



Everything that could go wrong with her eyes did. In high school, Jennifer Tsai developed a painful corneal ulcer, only to later experience something even more rare: bilateral retinal tears, a potentially sight-threatening condition in both eyes. It was this experience that made her painfully aware of just how fragile and vital vision truly is.

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## Schott Family Optometry Legacy: Small Town Quality Eye Care



If an optometrist doesn't happen to have a "central obscuring strip," to conduct the Turville Infinity Balance Test, a coat rack will do just fine.

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## Reed Receives SCO Honorary Degree



American Optometric Association President Dr. Steven Reed received the honorary Doctor of Ocular Science degree during Southern College of Optometry's (SCO) annual commencement ceremonies in May. Dr. Reed, a 1995 SCO graduate, previously served on SCO's Board of Trustees, including as Board chair. He is a former president of the Mississippi Optometric Association and active with his AOA leadership. Presenting the degree was Dr. Bart Campbell, SCO's Vice President for Academic Affairs.

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An advertisement for the ASCO Career Center. The background shows a blurred image of an optician examining a patient's eyes. The text is in blue and green. At the bottom right is the ASCO logo: 'ASCO ASSOCIATION of SCHOOLS and COLLEGES of OPTOMETRY'.

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## NEWS TO SHARE

**Prevent Blindness 2025 Focus on Eye Health Summit: Perspectives in Vision**



Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Time: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm Eastern

Location: Virtual

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## Preparing Future Optometrists to Practice in A Diverse Global Society



Dr. Howard Purcell authors the 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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## Latest News From The AOA



Registration Open: Optometry's Meeting® | 5th World Congress of Optometry

The American Optometric Association (AOA), American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) and World Council of Optometry (WCO) are pleased to share that registration is now open for Optometry's Meeting® | 5th World Congress of Optometry, taking place June 25-28 at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis. This year, WCO will host its 5th World Congress of Optometry in partnership with

Optometry's Meeting – welcoming optometric professionals from around the world to an unprecedented collaboration under one roof.

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## Invitation from CECS



The Comprehensive Eye Care Section (CECS) of the American Academy of Optometry would like to invite you to consider applying for the Diplomate program. Diplomate of the American Academy of Optometry (Dipl AAO) is a distinction achieved by less than 1% of Doctors of Optometry. We are Fellows of the Academy who promote integrity, collegiality, mutual collaboration, and a comprehensive approach to eye care for our patients.

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