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ASCO Announces Another Year of Record Setting Applicants to Optometry Institutions for the 2024-2025 Application Cycle



ASCO is happy to report optometry schools and colleges received the most applicants ever for the 2024-2025 OptomCAS application cycle.

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Calling all Previous Optometric Education Editors!



In anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the online Journal [Optometric Education](#) (OE), ASCO is hoping to speak to previous editors. If you were an editor of OE or know someone who was, we want to hear from you!

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ASCO Board of Directors Holds Spring Meetings in Minneapolis



The Board of Directors of the Association of Optometry Schools and Colleges held its Spring Board Meeting and Annual Meeting in Minneapolis adjacent to Optometry's Meeting.

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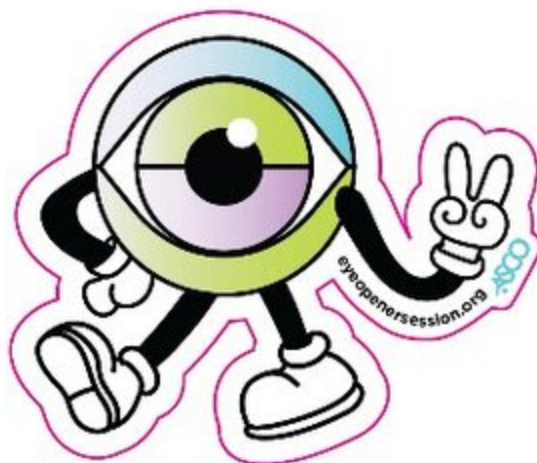
ASCO Student Affairs and Admissions Professional Group Meets in Minneapolis



The ASCO Student Affairs and Admissions Professional Group (SAAs) met in Minneapolis on June 23-24 before the start of the AOA Optometry's Meeting.

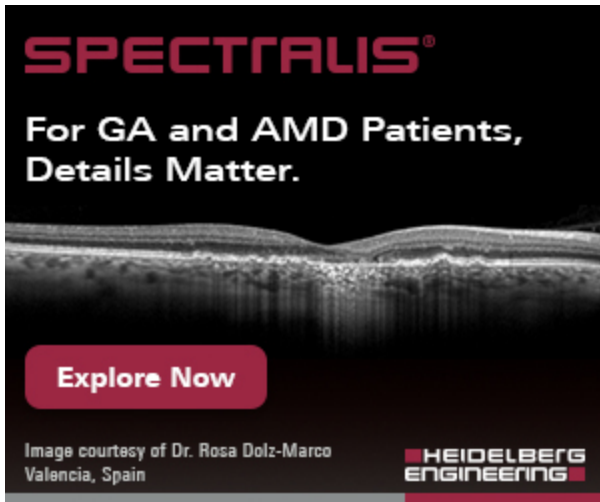
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ASCO Exhibits at AOA and NOA to Promote Eye Opener Sessions Program



ASCO staff were busy in June and July promoting the Eye Opener Sessions (EOS) program, in addition to the Optometry Gives Me Life campaign, at both the AOA in Minneapolis and NOA in Columbus. The staff gave away Eye Opener portable phone chargers, "Seymour" the Eye Guy pins, and stickers at Optometry's Meeting.

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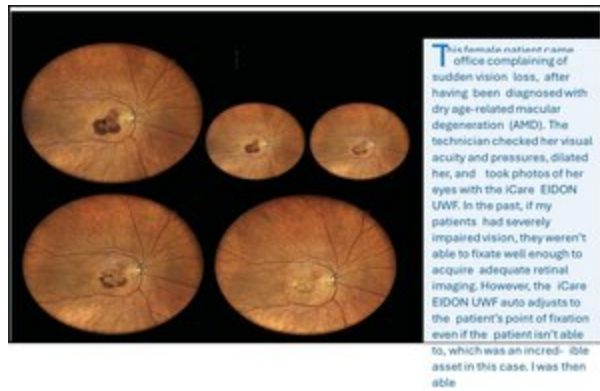
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VSP Ventures and UC Berkeley Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry and Vision Science Announce
2025 Dr. Craig Hisaka Memorial Scholarship

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MEMBER NEWS

Labib Named Dean Of Pacific University College of Optometry



Bisant A. Labib OD, FAAO, Diplomat AAO, is the new Dean of the Pacific University College of Optometry, effective July 14.

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Horn's Next Mission: Making Irish Eyes Smile



Save for a study abroad year and a doctoral residency, Pacific University has always been home for Fraser Horn '00, OD '04.

He grew up on the Forest Grove Campus around his mother, Betty, who was the longtime administrative assistant in the Social Sciences Department. He earned his undergraduate degree and doctorate at Pacific before embarking on a 20-year career on the faculty of the College of Optometry.

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Dr. Reich Honored



Dr. Lewis Reich, SCO President, was named a finalist for the *Memphis Business Journal's* 2025 Health Care Heroes Awards.

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UAB Optometry Student, Alumni Build Vision and Community at Health Clinic



Through the collaboration of Malia McDowell, Class of 2026, and dedicated UAB School of Optometry alumni, a vital new service was launched and sustained at the Community of Hope Health Clinic (CHHC). CHHC stands as a beacon of care for residents of Shelby County who live at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and lack access to insurance. In the summer of 2024, the clinic expanded its offerings to include optometric care, providing fully dilated eye exams to individuals in need.

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UC Berkeley, Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science Announces ViSUR Student Cohort



The Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science is pleased to welcome six new students to this year's Vision Science Undergraduate Research (ViSUR) program: Felipe Barandiaran, Michelle Lee, Charlene Li, Shrutti Nemlekar, Betsy-Jane Paul-Odionhin, and Ayla Pirodan.

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PCO Joins Drexel University



The Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) has officially become part of Drexel University, after receiving approval from the U.S. Department of Education.

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Pennsylvania College of Optometry's Christopher Quinn Inducted into National Optometry Hall of Fame

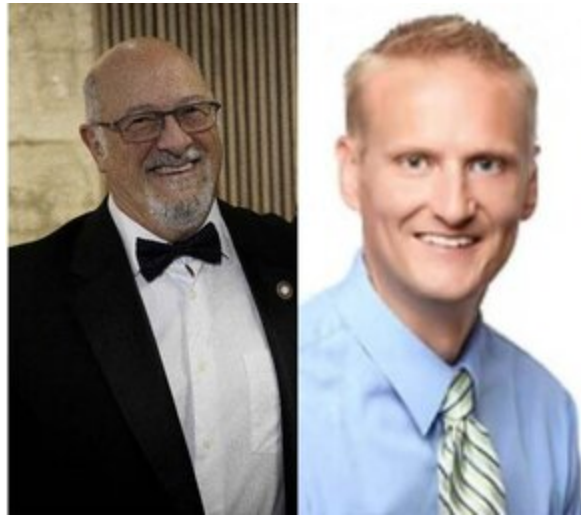


Christopher J. Quinn, OD '85, FAAO, has been inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame.

Dr. Quinn was recognized for his dedicated advocacy to the profession throughout his 40-year career.

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Robert Owens, Charles Baus Win Salus Alumni Association Awards



Robert Owens, OD '80, FAAO, Diplomate American Board of Optometry, has been named the 2025 Salus University Alumni Association Albert Fitch Memorial Alumnus of the Year Award.

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A promotional graphic for the ASCO Career Center. The text reads: "JOB SEEKERS TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR OPTOMETRY CAREER" in large, bold letters. Below this is a blue button that says "ASCO CAREER CENTER". At the bottom, there is a green button with a white hand cursor icon pointing to it, labeled "LEARN MORE". The ASCO logo (Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry) is in the bottom right corner. The background shows a blurred image of an optician examining a patient's eyes.

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SIG NEWS

ASCO Has A New Dry Eye Special Interest Group



The Ocular Surface Disease Educators Special Interest Group (SIG) held its first meeting this July. Dr. Anna A. Tichenor, Assistant Professor at Indiana University School of Optometry and Director of the Dry Eye Clinic at Atwater Eye Care Center is the current Chair of the group.

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UC Berkeley at the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry and Vision Science Hosts the 2025 Low Vision Special Interest Group Meeting



The Low Vision Educators Special Interest Group (SIG) met July 10th-12th in Berkeley, California, at the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry and Vision Science.

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Fall Meetings Registration Open



Registration for ASCO Special Interest Groups (SIG) meetings is now open.

Please use this link to register for a SIG meeting: <https://cvent.me/YMYEZb>

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Ophthalmic Optics Educators SIG Shines in the Arizona Sun



The Ophthalmic Optics Educators Special Interest Group (SIG) gathered July 24–26 at Midwestern University's Arizona College of Optometry (AZCOPT) in Glendale, AZ, for a powerful three-day program

packed with innovation, collaboration, and celebration.

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NEWS TO SHARE

2025 Bonnie Strickland Champion for Children's Vision Award Nominations are Now Open



The National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health at Prevent Blindness announces that nominations are now open for the 2025 Bonnie Strickland Champion for Children's Vision Award. Nominations for individuals and groups will be accepted and are due August 25, 2025. Nomination materials are found [here](#).

Nominations are encouraged and are due by August 25th, 2025.

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American Board of Optometry Offers Opportunities for Both Students and Faculty



In early 2025, the American Board of Optometry (ABO) introduced a new Student Candidate program for third-year (second semester) and fourth-year students. The program builds upon our resident outreach and offers students an opportunity to engage in the board certification process early and at a significantly reduced fee.

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Latinos en Optometry, Zeiss to Host Panel Discussion on Diversity and Inclusion in the Future of Eye Care at Vision Expo West



As the field of optometry continues to evolve to better reflect the diverse communities it serves, Latinos en Optometry and ZEISS will host a timely and important panel discussion focused on how diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging are shaping the future of the profession.

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Latest News from the AOA



Registration Open for AOA on Capitol Hill, Sept. 25-28

AOA on Capitol Hill is the AOA's single-largest federal advocacy event in Washington, D.C., directly connecting optometry's advocates with our nation's policy leaders to advance optometric eye health and vision care nationwide. This annual hill day is a key reason why the AOA is consistently recognized as one of the most effective, respected advocacy organizations in the nation's capital with hundreds of doctors and optometry students participating. And the AOA wants you to join!

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