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## ASCO NEWS

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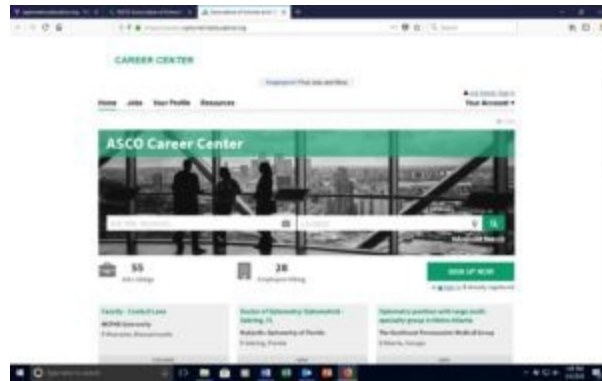
### ASCO Launches Eye Opener Sessions, a Shadowing/Mentorship Opportunity and Matching Service for Potential Optometry Students and Practicing Doctors of Optometry



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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## CORPORATE CONTRIBUTOR NEWS

### CooperVision News



Beyond the Classroom: Building Community and Leadership in Optometry

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### FYidoctors News



FYidctors Mobile Clinic – Finally Here

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## iCare News



Learn About the iCare IC200

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## NIDEK News



NIDEK Mirante SLO | Scanning Laser Ophthalmoscope

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## Topcon News



Topcon Healthcare, Inc. Advances AI Governance and Privacy Under Ray Everett

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## Transitions News



New Digital Toolkit Available: Varilux® XR Series™ x Transitions® Lenses

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## Volk News



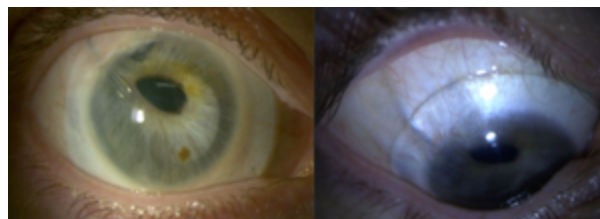
Mastering Modern Ocular Treatments: An Optometry Student's Guide to Volk Laser Lenses  
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## VSP Vision News



Meet the Winner of the 2025 Premier Edge Student Business Challenge  
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## Wave Eye Care News



Advancing Customization in Contact Lens Care: EyePrint Prosthetics at the GPLI Resident Symposium  
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## MEMBER NEWS

### **Dr. Josephine Ibrinke Named Dean of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry**



Josephine O. Ibrinke, OD '03, Resident '04, MPH, FAAO, has been appointed Dean of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO), Drexel University following a national search, effective September 15, 2025.  
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### **Midwestern University Board of Trustees Appoints Dr. Joshua Baker as President and Chief Executive Officer**



The Board of Trustees of Northwestern University announces that Dr. Joshua Baker has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Northwestern University, effective September 11, 2025.

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## **UAB's Dr. Kelly Nichols Honored with Endowed Scholarship**



An evening of celebration turned into a moment of heartfelt surprise for Dean Kelly Nichols at the UAB School of Optometry's annual Scholarship Dinner when the Alumni Association announced the creation of a new endowed scholarship in her name.

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## **Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science Holds White Coat Ceremony**



On August 25, the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Vision Science celebrated the Doctor of Optometry Class of 2029 at the annual White Coat Ceremony. This milestone marks the moment our Doctors-in-training received their first white clinic coat—the universally recognized symbol of a health sciences professional.

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## **Midwestern University Eye Institute Adds New State-of-the-Art Refractive Suite with Advanced Vision-Correction Technology**



The Midwestern University Eye Institute, located at 59th Avenue and Utopia Road in Glendale, AZ, is pleased to announce the opening of its new refractive suite, featuring cutting-edge technology designed to deliver advanced vision correction solutions.

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## **Dominica Dzakah, OD '25, Wins Second Poston Leadership Award**



Winning a scholarship is pretty exciting. But being awarded the same scholarship two years in a row is an off-the-charts thrill.

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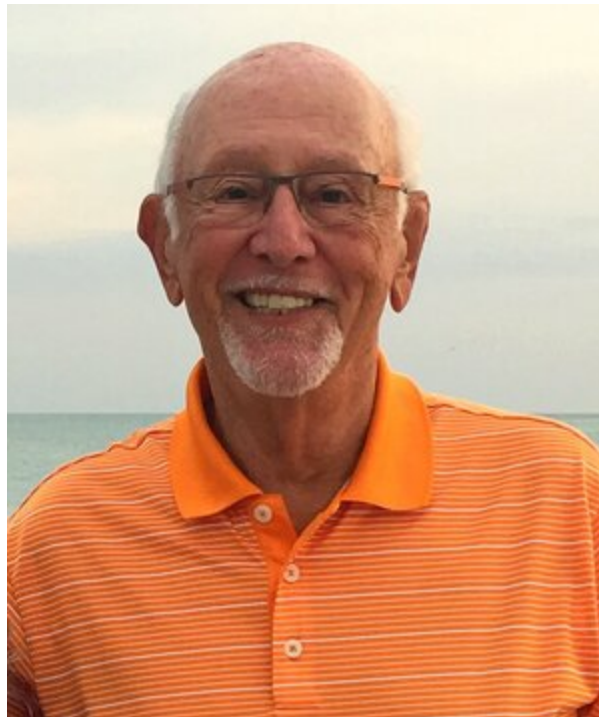
## SCO Faculty Honor Colleague



Dr. Laurel Kelley, SCO Assistant Professor, received this year's Drs. Charlene and Fred Burnett Outstanding Faculty Award at SCO's annual campus-wide awards ceremony.

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## Remembering I. William Collins, OD '47, Dedicated PCO Supporter



I. William Collins, OD '47, who, alongside his wife Suzanne, established the I. William Collins Contact Lens Science Award in 2021 to benefit students at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO), Drexel University, passed away on May 27, 2025, at his home in Sarasota, Florida. He was 98.

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## NEWS TO SHARE

### **Alliance for Eye and Vision Research Launches National #SeeWhatMatters Campaign to Protect Vision Research**



Vision is on the Line: Proposed NIH Reforms Threaten the National Eye Institute

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### **National Board of Examiners in Optometry Opens New Optometry Testing Center**



The National Center of Clinical Testing in Optometry welcomes optometry candidates from across North America as they take licensure exams

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## Shaping the Future of Eye Care: New Career Guide Aims to Spark Student Interest in Optometry



Latinos en Optometry and Transitions Optical Continue Their Commitment to Inspiring the Next Generation of Optometrists

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## Latinos en Optometry Highlights Cultural Responsiveness in Eye Care During Hispanic Heritage Month



The September edition of the “Cultural Responsiveness” blog by Latinos en Optometry and sponsored by VSP Vision features an insightful article written by Diana Canto-Sims, OD, co-founder and Board Member of Latinos en Optometry.

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## American Academy of Optometry Announces 2025 Award Recipients



Each year the American Academy of Optometry recognizes distinguished individuals who have made countless important contributions to advancing the profession of optometry.

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## News from the AOA



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