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ASCO NEWS

2026 Optometric Education Leadership Institute



The Optometric Education Leadership Institute (OELI) will be held on April 8-9, 2026, at the Alcon headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas. This program has limited space, and registration will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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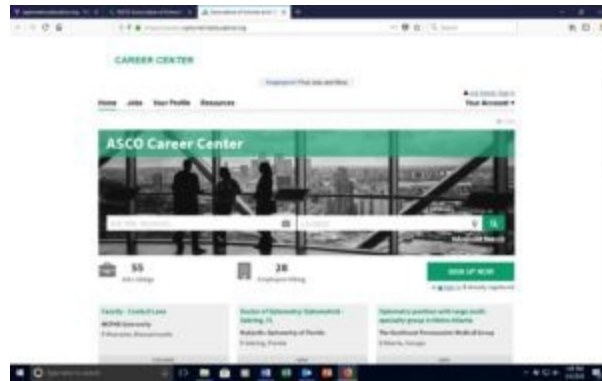
ASCO Launches Eye Opener Sessions, a Shadowing/Mentorship Opportunity and Matching Service for Potential Optometry Students and Practicing Doctors of Optometry



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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CooperVision News



Why Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Matter in Optometry
by Essence Johnson, OD, FAAO

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Topcon Healthcare, Inc. and RemoniHealth Announce a Commercial Partnership to Advance Remote Monitoring and Care Continuity for Chronic Eye Disease

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Introducing the 2025 NECO and IUSO Student Innovator Awardees

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MEMBER NEWS

SUNY College of Optometry Appoints Marina Su, OD, FAAO, as Vice President for Clinical Affairs and Executive Director of the University Eye Center



SUNY College of Optometry announces the appointment of Marina Su, OD, FAAO, as Vice President for Clinical Affairs and Executive Director of the University Eye Center. Dr. Su brings more than 17 years of experience in clinical practice, education, and health care leadership, along with a deep commitment to advancing access, equity, and innovation in eye and vision care.

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SCO Students and Faculty Support Legislative Effort



Several SCO faculty members and students recently traveled to Nashville to show their support for the Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians' major push in support of modernizing the Tennessee Optometry Practice Act.

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Garrett Elgin '27OD Named 2026 Winner Of Joseph C. Toland Memorial Scholarship from PCO



Garrett Elgin '27OD got his first pair of glasses when he was nine years old. He remembers being upset at the time at having to wear glasses, fearing the stigma that came along with them. "My optometrist was extremely caring and understanding of my concerns," said Elgin. "It was one of my only positive memories of a health care provider at that time, and it left an impression on me."

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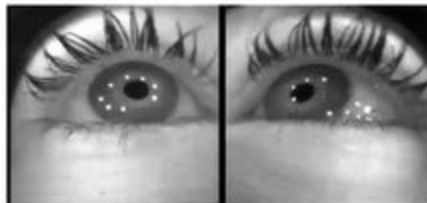
Love at First Glance: An Optometry and Audiology Interprofessional Romance



It started with just a passing glance, but it was the closest thing to love at first sight that either had experienced. And, they both knew it.

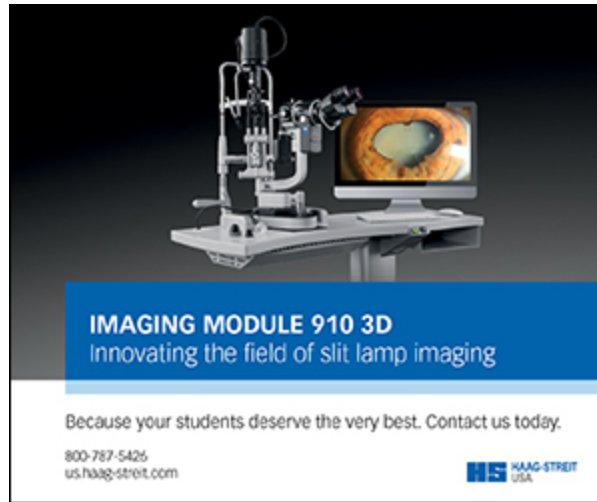
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New Research from SUNY Optometry Suggests Myopic Could Be Caused by How We Use Our Eyes Indoors



For years, rising rates of myopia—or nearsightedness—have been widely attributed to increased screen time, especially among children and young adults. But new research from scientists at the SUNY College of Optometry suggests the story may be more complicated—and more human.

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NEWS TO SHARE

Statement from The National Board of Examiners in Optometry



(NBEEO®) celebrates the close of 2025 and extends appreciation to candidates, state boards of optometry, and the broader profession for their ongoing collaboration in protecting the public through licensure assessment. As the independent, objective provider of optometric licensure examinations, NBEEO supports state boards in making informed decisions regarding those applying to enter the independent practice of optometry.

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News from the AOA



Follow the AOA's new Instagram. AOAI Insider (<https://www.instagram.com/aoainsider/>) is the new Instagram channel for all AOA members!

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Latinos En Optometry, Alcon to Host Vision Expo Panel on Bridging Cultures in Chronic Disease Eye Care



As chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and glaucoma continue to disproportionately affect Hispanic/Latino and African American communities, Latinos en Optometry will host a timely panel discussion focused on the role of culturally responsive communication in improving eye-care outcomes.

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Latinos en Optometry Spotlights AMD Awareness Month and the Importance of Early Detection



In a new Cultural Responsiveness blog recognizing Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) Awareness Month, Latinos en Optometry and VSP Vision highlight the critical role optometrists play in early detection, patient education, and long-term management of this leading cause of irreversible vision loss.

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One Retinoblastoma World 2026



Dates: Saturday, September 12–Monday, September 14

Location: Hyatt Regency San Antonio River Walk in San Antonio, Texas

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