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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

-Benjamin Franklin



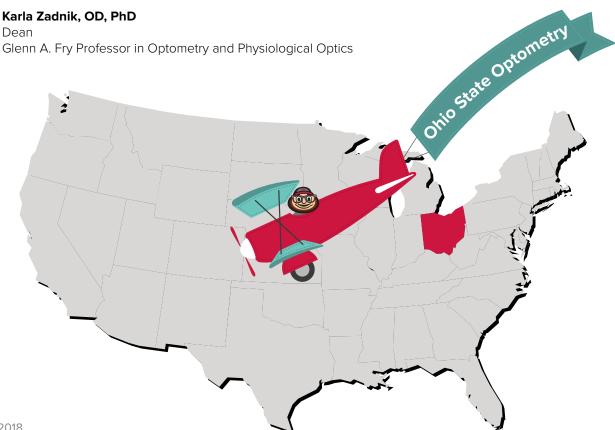
Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, enthusiastically updates students on the College's upcoming construction projects.

I had the privilege recently to travel to the University of California, Davis Pre-Health Conference, attended by more than 4,100 undergraduate students who are health care career-bound. Justin Griest, Admissions, Financial Aid, and Recruitment Officer extraordinaire, and I staffed our Ohio State Optometry booth in a big tent where every imaginable discipline was represented by a variety of academic institutions.

Some of you know that I have a long-ago connection to UC Davis. I began my career at the University of California, Davis Medical Center in Sacramento right out of optometry school and worked there until I moved to Ohio. I had dinner with the billing clerk I first shared an office (really a walk-in closet) with. I dropped in on a talk on how to choose optometry or ophthalmology, only to find the only speaker was an ophthalmologist. It turned out I knew the speaker—now the

Associate Dean for Admissions for the UC Davis School of Medicine—from back in the day. He invited me to join him at the podium, and I think the standing room only crowd of students left with a clear idea of the different educational and career choices.

You may wonder why we would want to represent Ohio State Optometry so far from home. The profile of the entering class this autumn provides insight. There are 68 of them, 46 women and 22 men. Thirty-seven of them are not Ohio residents, representing 23 other states. Their average GPA and average OAT scores are both our highest ever—3.72 for the GPA! We are on track to a firm, nationwide reputation as a premier optometric institution. We are admitting and educating the best and the brightest from all over the country, so why not recruit future students at the UC Davis conference? Thanks to Mike Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92) and our Student Services group, led by Jen Bennett, get ready to welcome the future, Ohio Optometry!



PRESIDENT'S | FITTER

Hello fellow BuckEYES,

I am Stephanie Baxter (OD'08) and I'm looking forward to taking our society forward as your new president. Being voted in during my 10-year reunion this fall was sure a great way to kick-start things! I've had the pleasure of serving on our board for the past nine years and have been able to learn the ropes from some great past presidents. Roger Saneholtz (OD'74) and Vince Driggs (OD'85) have not only been mentors in my board commitment, but wonderful leaders in our alumni society.

I can't think of a more exciting time to take over as your president with all the excitement happening at the college. As Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, mentions on page four, we have the best of the best coming into our college and they leave with the knowledge and people skills to do great things for our profession. It's important for us as alumni to continue promoting our profession and The Ohio State University College of Optometry to those we think would represent us well. I encourage you all to continually talk to your younger patients about optometry and make it a point to help educate youth in your communities about what optometry can do for them. We also have a new building on the horizon, which I'm looking forward to updating you on.

If you have any interest in learning more about our board or being involved with the alumni society in any way, please contact me. I currently live in South Bend, Indiana with my husband Kevin, two children, Griffin (4) and Vivian (1), and our dog Lola. Kevin is an ophthalmologist and we practice together at Michiana Eye Center.

Stephanie M. Baxter (OD'08)

President, Ohio State Optometry Alumni Society





EDITOR'S | FITER



What is Your Attitude?

Well, we are into that time of year again. The time when we are reminded to be thankful with a holiday named Thanksgiving. The time when many faiths celebrate some significant event in their belief or tradition. While we are reminded to be thankful, our media blitz has more to do with where to get the best sale before our neighbor gets it. We are told that more stuff is a good thing and that the more toys and stuff we accumulate, the more successful we will be seen to be. While I think most of us would agree that this statement is a facade, it doesn't keep us from the malls or shopping websites.

While we are reminded to be thankful, do you take any real time to be thankful? A synonym for thankful is grateful. I like it better, because for me, it conveys a sense of humility. Have you taken some time this season to think about what you are grateful for?

As I mull this thought, I, like some of you, am guilty of not really elucidating my gratitude. So, let me share my thoughts and perhaps they will stimulate some of yours.

I am grateful for family. Our moms are still living; my mom is 83 and Joyce's mom is 97. We are fortunate to still have this connection with our heritage and enjoy them. We are grateful for our children who, each in their own way, are weaving their life into the fabric of society. We are continually blessed by our grandchildren, each unique and special. Our siblings and their families add richness and depth to the family experience. We are grateful for all of them.

I am grateful for my health and home. Most days I feel 37 years old, though that is a long distance in the rear-view mirror. I have minimal aches and pains, and can do most physical things that I want to do. After experiencing the fire last year and being displaced for 11 months, I am grateful to be back in our new and improved home. While not totally settled, we are steadily making progress.

I am grateful for a profession that allows me to serve and care for people and improve their lives each day. I am grateful for the many opportunities I have had to serve within the profession and the very special experiences I have had through that service. I am grateful for the ability to give with my time, talents and gifts.

I am grateful for the many freedoms we have in this country and often take for granted. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve outside of the profession in many ways. It is with gratitude that I think of the many special opportunities I have had simply by saying "yes."

What about you? Maybe it is worth a few moments this season to honestly think about and consider what it is that you are grateful for. If you have been fortunate as I have been, it may be a long list. Even if you are struggling with something right now, there is something that you can be grateful for. Start there, and you might be surprised how much you have to be grateful for.

Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84) BuckEYE Editor

renovations that will facilitate moving the non-clinical administrative

and some teaching functions to the sixth floor of that building.

The projects are moving along, so I know more every day.

- A basement and sixth floor have been added to the building to maximize the available space on that corner. Our Binocular Vision and Pediatric, Vision Therapy, and Vision Rehabilitation services will occupy the basement. Floors four through six will house offices for faculty associated with the College of Medicine.
- The building at 11th and Neil will likely look traditionally academic from the outside and will have an open, welcoming interior with lots of nooks and crannies for informal interactions among students, staff, and faculty.
- Our expectation is that the A wing of Starling Loving and the Fry Bridge will be demolished soon after we move to 11th and Neil, so we are planning accordingly. This demolition is to allow for the remodeling of Hamilton Hall and construction of a four-story (plus basement) building that will stretch from Hamilton to Fry. Ultimately, we will have two 80-student and one 40-student classrooms in the new Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Learning Center.

- Our teaching labs will ultimately be located there too, but that will likely be the last phase of work in Hamilton. In fact, I think those labs will overlook Adriatico's Pizza, which has happily moved to the northeast corner of 10th and Neil.
- We received a grant from the university to subsidize a student life space overhaul in the basement of the Fry Tower.
- We are actively working with architects and people from university real estate and planning to design the work that needs to be done in the Fry Tower. The sixth floor will be internally remodeled to accommodate the dean's suite along with student services, advancement, communication, and financial/human resources staff. The large waiting areas on the fourth and fifth floors of the Fry Tower will become conference rooms. The anatomy, optics, and visual function teaching labs will be relocated to the north end of the Fry Tower basement. We have a swing space classroom identified in the M wing of Starling Loving for the foreseeable future.

Next steps are the hiring of a design/build architect and finalization of the funding and construction timelines. The current timeline would let us move in sometime in 2020. We can't see the future without you!

Leave your Legacy Name a room in our new clinic

by Rachel Childress, Director of Development

As we get closer to breaking ground on our new clinic building, we've been working to finalize the room naming opportunities. After looking at many versions of floorplans, scouring blueprints, and determining which spaces would be the most preferred, we have an approved naming list.

Our goal is for each of these spaces to have a name by the completion of the building in 2020. Here are those options and the number of rooms available:

Room Naming Opportunities				
6	Low Vision Exam Rooms	17	Primary Vision Care Exam Rooms	
1	Low Vision Consult Room	*1	Primary Vision Care Consultation Room	
12	Binocular Vision/ Pediatric Service Exam Rooms	*1	Reception & Patient Waiting Area	
6	Advanced Ocular Care Exam Rooms	16	Contact Lens Exam Rooms	
1	Advanced Ocular Care Consultation Room	*1	Contact Lens Consultation Room	
1	Low Vision Services Wing	1	Binocular Vision/Pediatric Service Wing	
1	Advanced Ocular Care Service Wing	1	Primary Vision Care Service Wing	
1	Contact Lens Service Wing	1	Employee Lounge Area	
1	Large Group Vision Therapy Room	1	Primary Vision Care Testing Room	
3	Sub Waiting Room	1	Main Clinic Elevator	
1	All Access Elevator	*1	Student, Faculty, Staff Lounge	

*A gift has already been committed to name this space.

In addition, there are several other spaces such as faculty offices and vision therapy rooms, for example, that are not part of our listing. If you're passionate about one of these areas of the building, let's talk and see what we can do.

Also remember that you can use this naming opportunity to honor a loved one, classmate or special faculty member. For example, when the Fry Hall tower was built, Wayne Collier (BSOpt'65) named the sixth floor conference room for John Schoessler (OD'66, MS'68, PhD'71), Dean Zadnik named a faculty office for her father and grandfather, and in the pre-clinic we have a room named in honor of Chris O'Brien (OD'92) from his classmates and family.

If you've been on the fence in the past about naming a space, I'd like to talk with you about how we can make this happen. There are many ways to give to the college, and gifts can be broken into increments over time to make it as easy as possible. I'm sure we can find the best way for you to be involved. Please reach out to me at 614-292-2100 or childress.35@osu.edu to learn more.



For one of our alumni, growing up in Reno, Nevada gave her the strength to take a chance with her education and career, each paying off well. Kelly Nichols (OD, MPH, MS'98, PhD'01) was born in Reno and lived there through her graduation from Reno High School. Dr. Nichols spent much of her time outdoors while growing up, living near Lake Tahoe, California and being 45 minutes from Sand Harbor beach or snowskiing. The Truckee River and nearby high desert provide even more outdoor opportunities on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada range.

She took a chance by being the first member of her immediate family to graduate from college. She applied to several colleges in Arizona, Oregon and California, supported by a scholarship from the Nevada Gaming Commission. UCLA originally appeared to be the choice, but its large size was a concern. Her second choice was the University of California at San Diego, and it became her first choice as she really liked the feel and a good friend was attending there.



Kelly Nichols (front row, 2nd from left) with Husky mascot and the other Reno High School Varsity Cheerleaders



1995 Optometry graduation from **UC** Berkeley



Marjorie Rah (OD'95, MS'97, PhD'00), Jeff Walline (OD, PhD'02), and Kelly Nichols as graduate students together at Ohio State.

Health professions and medicine were the disciplines she was trying to decide between and pre-medicine became the winner. But as she continued through her study, she became concerned about how she handled blood and especially how she would manage an emergency room rotation. At the suggestion of her father, Dr. Nichols visited their family optometrist to see if optometry would be a better fit. She became convinced very quickly. The clean, professional environment along with a great office feel attracted her. The expectation of no blood sealed the deal.

Four colleges of optometry accepted her application and her choice was to stay in the University of California system at UC Berkeley. She reports a great educational experience in her continual quest for learning at UCB School of Optometry. Among her highlights were serving as president of the American Optometric Student Association and her externships at Omni Eye Specialists of Colorado with Robert Prouty, OD, and at the San Francisco VA with Bernard J. Dolan, OD, MS. After receiving her Doctor of Optometry degree, she completed a residency at the Omni Eye Specialists of Colorado in Denver rounding out her understanding of ocular disease.

As she completed her disease residency and was trying to decide what next to do with her career, she applied for several optometric positions and a PhD program. As several other leading researchers were making the move from UCB to Ohio State, she came with them as a graduate student. In five years, she earned an MS, an MPH and a PhD, all from Ohio State, for a total of six college degrees. In the early years as a graduate student, she shared an office with Jeffrey Walline (OD, MS'98, PhD'02). Later she met Jason Nichols (OD'99, MPH, PhD'04) whom she married in 1999.

Both her master's and PhD theses were focused on Dry Eye Syndrome. When asked why dry eye disease, Dr. Nichols shared that due to the environment, she had the opportunity to see much dry eye disease in her time at Denver, so she

was familiar with the challenges of the disease. As she was choosing a research topic to study, the goal was to find something relevant to clinical optometric care. While she was fascinated by retinal disease and fluorescein angiography, they were not optometry topics about the retina that could be research topics, and dry eye disease was treatable by all optometrists.

It was a CLAO Journal article in 1995 by Michael Lemp, MD that described the known clinical info on dry eye disease and the future relevant research to be done, a study roadmap of sorts. Dr. Nichols began her research with this and has continued working to answer those same clinical questions. The article was a defining moment. Her advisor was Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD and while Dr. Zadnik was extremely proficient at teaching how to do clinical trials, dry eye disease was not her area of expertise. But she knew people who were experts and provided introductions for Dr. Nichols to people who knew dry eye disease.

She was one of two optometrists invited to serve on the 12-member steering committee for the



Dean Karla Zadnik, Andra Geno (nee Zadnik), Kelly Nichols, Jason Nichols, Jeff Walline (best man), Don Mutti, OD, PhD, and Mark Bullimore, MCOptom at the Nichols' Maui, Hawaii wedding in 1999.

international Dry Eye Workshop (DEWS), whose goal was an evidence-based report on the status of the dry eye field. The seven reports were published in Ocular Surface in 2007. In 2008, Dr. Nichols was elected chair of the steering committee for the International Meibomian Gland Dysfunction Workshop, leading a group of 50 members to report on the relationship of dry eye and Meibomian Gland Dysfunction. The final report was published in March 2011 in Investigative Ophthalmology & Vision Science as a dedicated special issue. These efforts and experiences have established Dr. Nichols as one of the foremost authorities on dry eye disease on the planet.

In 2011, after 11 years on faculty at the college, she moved to the University of Houston with Dr. Jason Nichols and their family to establish The Ocular Surface Institute, a research center dedicated to the study of dry eye disease. In 2014, Dr. Nichols was selected as the Dean of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry. One of the aspects about UAB that she really appreciates is the graduate program, where they are training the future researchers and leaders of the profession. The school also offers three dual degree programs allowing students to earn an MPH, MBA or MS at the same time they are earning the OD degree.

Since becoming Dean, Dr. Nichols has focused on serving students and assuring their success. She has learned that change is tough for everyone. Building renovations have been the focus for the last three years, with completion expected in 2019. Updates in the student pre-clinic area, lounge and locker room directly impacted the quality of life for the students. Resurfacing the outside of the building and adding 24 windows has updated the facility to make it more attractive to clinic patients and to the students and faculty who appreciate the light. Other accomplishments in her first four years include a new faculty handbook and faculty and staff reorganization. As the school celebrates its 50th anniversary in September 2019, these changes will prepare the school for its next 50 vears.

Her hobbies have included running since her time at Ohio State, previously running marathons and half marathons. This year, she has been committed to posting a daily nature photo on social media, taken while out running (#dailynaturephotokkn). The intent is to force her to go outside daily, something she has missed from her days in California. She is still an avid Buckeye fan, watching football games anytime they are broadcast.

Dr. Nichols and her husband have two sons. Cullan is a high school freshman and loves baseball; Brady is a high school junior and competitively mountain bikes. Dr. Jason Nichols also works at UAB and spends half his time doing research and half his time as an Associate Vice President for Industry Research Development at UAB, and notably serves as Editor for Contact Lens Spectrum and Contact Lens Today.

We congratulate Dr. Kelly Nichols on her service to the profession!



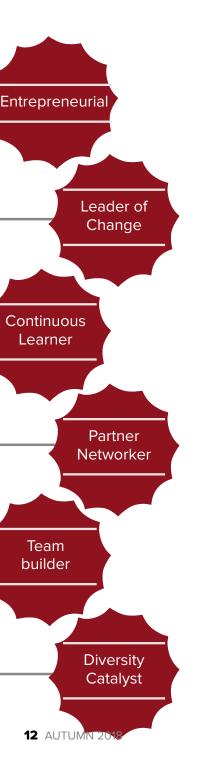
Jeff Walline, Karla Zadnik, and Kelly Nichols celebrating Halloween when in graduate school at Ohio State.



Kelly Nichols and her family loved being season ticket holders for Buckeye Games! (left to right) Cullan (age 6), Kelly, Brady (age 8), and Jason at the Ohio State - Purdue game in 2010.

I-CE The Future Leaders of Optometry

By Jennifer Bennett, MS Ed, Director of Student Affairs

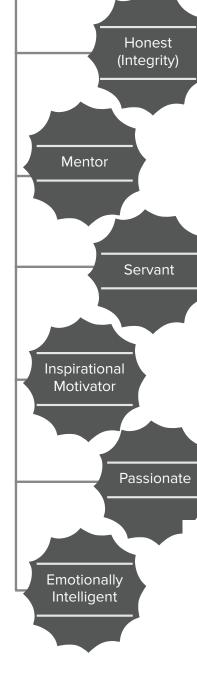


Each year, as newly minted optometrists begin their career journeys, one thing is for sure – regardless of how they choose to practice, successful careers and the ability to navigate the ever-changing vision care landscape will require leadership skills. Our students, the future leaders of the optometry profession, will be called upon to address optometry's challenges and maximize its opportunities.

To enable students' ability to establish satisfying careers that allow them to influence both the present and future, the college has expanded the Buckeye Advantage by implementing a new leadership and career development initiative. This new set of programs and services allows students to assess and develop leadership skills and take advantage of career management services that use leadership skill exploration as the foundation for identifying professional interests.

The most unique feature of the leadership and career development initiative is its foundation: The Ohio State University College of Optometry I-CE (pronounced "I see") Leadership Competency Model. Designed in consultation with a leading leadership and talent-management consultant and informed by feedback from over 500 Ohio State Optometry alumni, the I-CE model will allow us to build student leadership skills as intentionally as we build their clinical skills.

The first of its kind at a school or college of optometry, the I-CE model is based around a core set of leadership skills tailored specifically to the profession of optometry and categorized into three main areas: innovation, credibility, and execution. Students assess themselves in each area, and then ask others to assess them on the same dimensions. The feedback received through this process, called 360 or multi-rater feedback, illuminates differences between how students perceive themselves and how they are seen by others, which enhances self-awareness and the ability to identify both areas for improvement and hidden talents.



"Our goal is simple – admit the best first-year optometry students in the country. We want the future leaders, the next generation of professors, and the most successful practitioners."

Dean Karla Zadnik

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

I-CE Leadership Competency Model

Innovator Am I innovative?

Credible Am I credible?

Executes Can I execute?

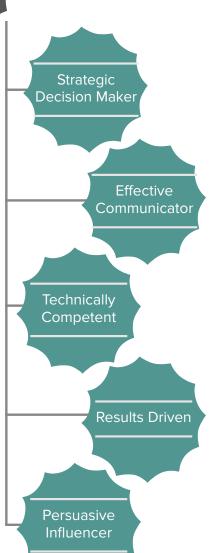
This process reflects best practices used to develop leadership skills within top business schools, Fortune 500 companies, and large health-care organizations. Additionally, placing the focus on developing leadership skills, rather than acquiring a long list of extracurricular involvements, is inclusive and deconstructs traditional ideas about leadership. Our approach assumes that leadership does not require a formal position and that even those who don't necessarily identify themselves as leaders or seek leadership positions can have significant influence through leadership skills. We believe that anyone can develop and practice leadership skills in any area of their professional or personal life.

We are beyond grateful for the unprecedented alumni involvement in both the identification of the core skills and validation of the assessment tool used with students. During the summer of 2017, Dean Karla Zadnik brought together a group of alumni, associate deans, and faculty to inform the work of our consultant. The outcome of this day was the identification of the core leadership skills. During the early months of 2018, nearly 500 alumni voluntarily took an early version of the assessment tool that further validated the skills within the model. This level of involvement is reflective of our alumni's commitment to the college and the development of future leaders for the profession.

In the spring of 2018, the inaugural group of students, the Class of 2021, participated in the roll-out of the leadership skill assessment tool. They each received a personalized report that identified the gaps between how they see themselves and how others see them. The report helped students identify their strengths and areas for growth. This data and increased self-awareness had an immediate impact as students were asked to apply what they learned about themselves in relation to communication, technical competence, emotional intelligence, and team-building to the teamwork component of Keystone I, the first year capstone course. Additionally, over the summer, each first-year student created and received feedback on an individualized personal development plan that identifies how they will use the data from their report to work on specific leadership skills and begin to identify career interests during their second year. Students will take the assessment again during their third year to see how they have grown.

Finally, this process has taught us a few things about the class of 2021 as a group. Generally, they are humble and working toward confidence in their leadership ability - in every leadership skill area, others rated them more highly than they did themselves. Additionally, they are most confident in their ability to develop and establish professional credibility as well as bring diversity to and support diversity within organizations – this will serve them well as they continue to grow and develop into their identity as doctors.

The spring 2018 rollout was a first step. As time goes on, we hope to further incorporate the core leadership skills into clinical skill evaluation, and career development initiatives. Ohio State Optometry has a long history of leadership and is well positioned to continue in this tradition.





By Chris Booker, University Communications

For Isaiah Jordan, the desire to understand and heal the human eye led him to the field of optometry. But it was a special program for students considering optometry that led him to The Ohio State University College of Optometry.

Jordan is an alumnus of our Improving Diversity in Optometric Careers program. The three-day residential program is designed to attract ethnically underrepresented minority students to careers in optometry.

"Growing up, at least for me, I had never seen an African American male doctor and I feel like that's an issue," Jordan said.

Jordan grew up in Columbus and graduated from Wright State University before attending the I-DOC program. He's now in his third year as an Ohio State optometry student. He said diversity in the medical field makes a difference in patient care.

"I feel like it makes you a little bit more comfortable when you go and see a doctor to know that they are a little bit more in tune to you and your needs," he said. "I guess it also makes you feel like you're being listened to. It's just overall more comfortable."

Students in the I-DOC program come from colleges and universities across the country.

I-DOC students learn about new vision technology, eye diseases and new information about better eye care. Guest speakers include Ohio State graduates in the field of optometry. They receive information on the requirements for admission and the application process -- including a mock interview -- and get a chance to ask questions of the alumni, faculty, staff, and students of College of Optometry.

Barbara Fink (OD, MS'85, PhD'87), professor of optometry and vision science, helps coordinate the I-DOC program and said diversity plays an important role in improving the

profession overall.

"It enriches us, it enriches our class. Making our class more diverse helps the class," Fink said. "It also helps the profession. It helps students to be with other students who don't look like them and come from different backgrounds for them to be better able to interact with and care for their patients. And it helps them when they leave to go out and serve a larger community."

Joshua Simpo, a second-year student from the University of South Florida, attended the program this summer. He said he found it to be informative and supportive. He said it also helps serve a critical mission.

"I think growing the ranks of diversity in any medical field is very important. But in optometry it's even more important here," he said. "I think it's important for us serving our community, it's important for them to see people that look like them."

Simpo said the I-DOC program has influenced where he will apply to continue his education.

"With the friendliness of the staff and the faculty, I do see myself coming to Ohio State as one of my number one options for optometry school. Before I was thinking of going somewhere a little closer to home but now that I see it, I'm really liking the vibe of the school," he said.

*Thanks to VSP Global for continuing to be an important partner in supporting the I-DOC Program.









The Journey Begins!

By Jennifer Bennett, MS Ed, Director of Student Affairs



Emily Ulry ('22), Joan Cmar ('22), and Amber Watkins ('22) post with Cool Brutus on their first day of Optometry school

On Friday, August 17, a day they are likely to remember for a very long time, the Class of 2022 arrived for the much anticipated orientation program and start of classes. An infographic in the Summer 2018 BuckEYE magazine demonstrated that our new class is certainly impressive in terms of academic and leadership potential. What may be more exciting is what a delight it has been to get to know the individuals within the class. I can assure you that your future colleagues are dynamic, bright, energetic, hard-working, and enthusiastic.

As I write this article, our new students have completed their first round of midterms and are starting to settle in to their new community and new life as an optometry student. In addition to learning a lot of basic science, they are joining clubs, building new relationships, exploring the city of Columbus, and discovering all that Ohio State has to offer. It is a time of joy and excitement with a little trepidation sprinkled here and there. Welcome class of 2022! We can't wait to see where your optometry journey takes you!

"Another special thing that my classmates and I did during orientation was meet with students from other health professional programs at Ohio State to get a better understanding of the roles of different healthcare providers and how we can all work together for the benefit of patients."

Emily Ulry ('22)



By Sarah Cupples, MA, Director of Marketing and Communications

Renee Emmerson, Vernon Dela Cruz, Marielle Blumenthaler ('19), and Brooke Kondash.

Everything about Marielle Blumenthaler's presentation was unconventional. The hip space, the small, intimate crowd. The service dog politely watching from a comfortable spot on the floor. Most innovative of all, however, was her idea.

Blumenthaler, a fourth-year Ohio State Optometry student, was the first-ever recipient of the Ohio State Student Innovator Award, awarded by VSP Global® and the Rick Bay Foundation. She presented her winning idea to VSP Global's innovation team at the Columbus Idea Foundry, a renovated 100-yearold former shoe factory-turned coworking space, in Franklinton. The audience included Renee Emmerson, Vernon Dela Cruz and Brooke Kondash of VSP.

Blumenthaler proposed integrating vision therapy services into elementary schools serving low-income students, similar to how school-based speech therapists commonly function. The idea is to bring in sensory motor evaluations, vision therapy sessions, and progress checks to the school to neutralize barriers to care and to optimize children's academic success.

"I worked as a vision therapist during my first year of optometry school, and saw first-hand how vision can impact a child's school performance," Blumenthaler explained. "I quickly drew a connection between vision therapy and speech therapy, but only one is provided to children in schools on a regular basis. The other is not."

The \$5,000 inaugural award was presented to Blumenthaler immediately following her presentation.

"We are grateful to the Rick Bay Foundation and VSP Global for providing this unique opportunity to Ohio State students," said Associate Dean for Clinical Services Greg Nixon (OD'96). "Marielle produced an idea that was genuine, inspirational, and could offer tangible results to increase access to eyecare for children. We are tremendously proud of her accomplishments."



SVOSH Travels to Ghana

By Sarah Cupples, MA, Director of Marketing and Communications

Imagine being part of a group providing full, dilated eye examinations to 691 patients over four days in the Eastern Region of Ghana. When Ohio State Optometry SVOSH students picture this, it's not their imagination, it's a fond memory.

Over the summer, Carolyn Chakuroff ('19) and Marielle Blumenthaler ('19) of the Class of 2019 led fellow SVOSH students Alyssa Ashley ('20), Ali Borer ('19), Jordan Claboine ('19), Sean Cushman ('21), Natalie Montecalvo ('20), Kelly Morgan ('19), Shaun O'Connor ('20), Lydia Pickrell ('20), Lexz Rudinoff ('19), Jake Sander ('20), Nate Turnwald ('20) and Aimee Violette ('19) on an unforgettable week-long clinical experience. They were joined by their SVOSH advisor, Bradley Dougherty (OD/MS'01, PhD'13), as well as alumni Richard Frick (OD'97) and Jamie Casper (OD'04).



"Traveling to Africa was an extra challenge and this year's group rose to the occasion."

Carolyn Chakuroff (19)

"We worked closely with (Ghana native) Emmanuel Owusu (OD/MS, PhD'18) all four days in our clinic," said Chakuroff. "He was an incredible resource and it was truly an honor to work beside him providing eye care/education in his home country. We brought 23 letters from his Ohio State Optometry family and he was touched that so many took the time to write him. He told us he plans to read one every month so he can enjoy them longer and hopes to see many of his colleagues at Academy 2019 in Orlando."

The SVOSH team referred about 25 patients for cataract removal, performed by **Tom** Mauger (OD/MS'81, MD), the former chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Science at Ohio State, and his resident. The students left behind sunglasses, readers, hats, and medications to be used in the clinic after they were gone.

"Traveling to Africa was an extra challenge and this year's group rose to the occasion," said Chakuroff. "I did not hear one complaint despite having endured seven flights, four delayed departures, two missed connections, three 'nights' spent on a plane, multiple hours-long van rides, and one group nap under mosquito nets in a hospital ward."

They were exhausted to say the least, but their positive attitudes and commitment to greeting every single patient with a smile and "how are you?" represented Ohio State Optometry in a way that should make us all proud.

photos left to right: The SVOSH team giving eye exams in Ghana.

Emmanuel Osusu (PhD'18) talking to a

Jordan Claboine ('19) examining a patient.







For more information about Ohio State Optometry SVOSH, visit org.osu.edu/svosh



On Saturday, October 6, Michael Earley (OD'88, PhD'92) was installed and sworn in as the president of the Ohio Optometric Association at the annual OOA Congress. Prior to that, on Thursday, October 4, the OOA presidential gavel was passed to Dr. Earley by the previous OOA presidents in attendance at the OOA Honors program. Both events took place at the East-West Eye Conference in Cleveland.

Dr. Earley currently serves as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. In this capacity, he is in charge of the professional optometry academic curriculum, and serves as the Chair of the college's Admissions Committee. He also teaches courses in General and Histological Anatomy, Neuroanatomy, and Clinical Reasoning. He also attends in the Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Service, with a specialty in management of vision problems in patients with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). On the OOA Board, he served previously as a trustee, as Secretary-Treasurer, and as President-elect.

The Ohio Optometric Association is one of the strongest state affiliates of the American Optometric Association (AOA), with approximately 70% active membership among Ohio optometrists. The OOA represents the interests of its members and their

patients with the state legislature to insure that Ohio optometrists can continue to treat their patients to the highest standards of care and receive proper reimbursement for their services. The OOA also provides its members with excellent continuing education through the EastWest Eye Conference, one of the premier optometric educational conferences in the country.

Dr. Earley stated that one of the top priorities during his term will be passing Ohio House Bill 156, which addresses vision care insurance limits. Passage of this bill will ensure that optometrists and patients will be able to utilize the vision material suppliers of their choice when purchasing eyewear and other products, and will prohibit the placement of fee limitations on vision services and vision materials that are not covered under an enrollee's benefit plan.

Another priority will be to concentrate on best positioning the OOA both with the best talent and financially to allow us to pursue modernization of the optometry law in the near future.

Please join the Optometry Alumni Society Board in congratulating Dr. Mike Earley on becoming OOA President.

OOA Award Winners

By Mike Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92) Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

OD of the Year Jeffrey Walline, OD, MS, PhD

Presented to a member OD who has made outstanding contributions to the profession through optometric and community service activities at the national, state, and/or local level.

An incredibly deserving recipient, Jeff Walline (OD, MS'98,

PhD'02) has a remarkable legacy of leadership, volunteerism, and contributions to optometry. In addition to his extraordinary service in optometric education, including multiple leadership roles at The Ohio State University College of Optometry, he is the author of dozens of published works and is a highly sought-after speaker, having presented at hundreds of engagements. He is a member of both the American Academy of Optometry and the AAO Foundation Board of Directors and serves on the American Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry Academic Research Committee. As if that were not enough, he is also a member of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Myopia Control Review Task Force and an ad hoc Reviewer for the National Institute of Health's Peer Review Committee.



He has been a lifelong member of the AOA and has held leadership roles at both the state and national level serving as a Zone Governor and participating on numerous committees. Most recently he served as 2016 chair of the AOA Contact Lens and Cornea Section a committee he had been a member of since 2009. He now sits on the AOA Council on Research and serves as the faculty liaison for the Ohio State chapter of the American Optometric Student Association.

He is the Medical Director of Realeyes, filling a role previously occupied by none other than Dean Karla Zadnik. He serves in this role with continued excellence and has helped to create two new curricula ensuring that the Realeyes Program remains relevant and influential throughout the state. He regularly presents Realeyes and is one of the select group that can claim they have presented to over 10,000 students through their Realeyes volunteerism!

Dr. Walline is the Associate Dean for Research at The Ohio State University College of Optometry in Columbus, OH.



Student of the Year Elizabeth Galko

Presented to an Ohio State University College of Optometry fourthyear student who has shown outstanding professional interest and involvement in Ohio optometry.

Our 2018 recipient truly fulfills this description as **Elizabeth Galko** (*19) has sought to advance the profession from the moment she set foot on campus! She has been active in Ohio Optometry since her first year at OSU going so far as to create her own internship at the Ohio Optometric Association. Since that summer, she has remained immersed in organized optometry as an active member and later trustee of the American Optometric Student Association. We anticipate her leadership and involvement will only grow after graduation.

WILDERMUTH **OPTOMETRIC** RESEARCH CLINIC

Research Roundup

By Karla Gengler-Nowak, PhD, CRA, Grants and Contracts Administrator

Ann Morrison, (OD'14, MS'16), was awarded a fellowship from the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation for her project "Enhancement of Emmetropization in Highly Hyperopic Infants." Infants born more farsighted than normal often do not emmetropize, putting them at risk for developing vision problems such as amblyopia and strabismus. This project will determine if partial refractive correction with accommodative therapy can help infants emmetropize normally.

Teng Leng Ooi, PhD, was awarded a research award from the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation (\$20,000) for "Sensorimotor recovery in amblyopia using an active video game design." In this research, Dr. Ooi will train amblyopic subjects with a binocular treatment paradigm, called the push-pull paradigm. The push-pull paradigm was initially designed to reveal that repetitive excitatory stimulation of the amblyopic eye while inhibiting the fellow eye promotes sensory balance between the two eyes and improves 3D depth perception. Having successfully proven this, she will now advance the paradigm to require the amblyopic eye to make goal-directed eye movements during a game-based push-pull training. She hypothesizes that requiring an amblyopic eye to strategically generate saccadic and pursuit eye movements during the game play while the fellow eye is being suppressed will compel the weak eye to more actively control its signals to the motor system. This research is part of her lab's long-term goal to advance the theoretical knowledge of amblyopia and its clinical management.

Cornelia Peterson, DVM, a doctoral student in the lab of Heather Chandler, PhD, is the recipient of an IGNITE award from the Cincinnati Eye Institute for her study "Modulation of insulin signaling in corneal cells." She is interested in changes to the cornea of diabetic patients who often develop some degree of keratopathy. Topical insulin has been shown to aid in the resolution of epidermal defects in both diabetic and non-diabetic rats, and with respect to the cornea, topical insulin therapy results in reduced wound size and improved corneal sensitivity in diabetic rats. Her work is aimed at identifying the cell surface receptors and signaling cascades that promote protein synthesis shown in the Chandler lab to be stimulated by insulin. She is also interested in identifying differences in these receptors and signaling cascades between human and canine corneal cells that may account for the differences that are observed with their clinical presentations.



Welcome home, **BuckEYES!**

By Michael Haddock, MA, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement

This year, the College of Optometry hosted Alumni Reunion Weekend in early September and welcomed more than 400

alumni, family and friends to campus.

On Friday night, Anita Ticak (OD/MS'08) presented "Dry Eye Diagnostics & Treatment" to a full-capacity room (including a section of very excited Class of 2008 classmates). Immediately following, Allergan's Director of Academic Development Mark Risher presented a new product "TrueTear." Later, alumni celebrating their milestone reunion years gathered throughout Columbus, reminiscing and sharing stories. These meet-ups were specialized for each celebrating class and even had special appearances by Drs. Zadnik and Earley.



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photos left to right Diane and David Erwin (OD'78)

Amber Louprasong (OD'08), Rachael Miller (OD'08), and Nasim Nikoumanesh (OD/ MS'08)

The evening took off with a special performance by Bad Habits – the Eye Docs of Rock to a crowd of over 350 people. This concert venue provided a unique opportunity for the attendees to rockout with classmates and also catch up on an outside terrace. Overall, it was a fun, memorable experience for all alumni, faculty, students, and friends who attended.

On Saturday morning, a group of 20 African American alumni, students, and friends convened for the first annual African American Alumni Breakfast at La Chatelaine Bistro. Led by Jaqueline Davis (OD'81, MPH), current students were able to network with alumni and learn about the life and legacy of H.E. Welton (BS'38), the first African American graduate of the Ohio State College of Optometry.

Later that day, alumni and friends gathered at Fry Hall for a fun tailgate experience with food from Schmidt's Sausage Haus. The Ohio State Cheerleaders and Spirit Squad, including Brutus Buckeye,

pumped up the crowd and took pictures with guests. Overall, a great time was had by all! Finally, we would like to sincerely thank our 2018 Alumni Reunion Weekend sponsors: Marco, Hoya, and Allergan.

Although the weekend is over, we would like to extend an invitation to connect with those who will be celebrating their milestone reunion years in 2019. If you are a class president/vice president/or helped coordinate a past reunion, please email haddock.15@osu.edu or call 614-688-1363. While all alumni are invited to campus for Homecoming Weekend, the 2019 milestone reunion classes will be: 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2014.



Reggie Stradford, LeVelle Jenkins (OD'88), Brutus, and Tracy Stradford (OD'88)

Ohio State Day of Giving

Ohio State's "Day of Giving" is March 22, 2019, during which Buckeyes from all over the world will come together to help Ohio State tackle the local and global challenges that affect us all. At the College of Optometry, we'll be using this online engagement platform to support the construction of our new clinic building on 11th and Neil Avenues. We will also have a special matching gift opportunity to double the impact of gifts made that day. Save the date and look out for more information from the Alumni and Development Offices soon!

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photos left to right Steven Manning (OD'18) and his wife, Allie Brutus entertains the crowd!



Top row (from left to right): Scott Baron (OD'88), Paul Alton (OD'88), Dana Shepard (OD'88), Teresa Cooperrider (OD'88), Kelly Raies (OD'88), and Dan Drought (OD'88)

Middle row: Loren Bennett (OD'88), Marlos Begeny-Mahan (OD'88) (in the white top), Mark Bashore (OD'88), Sharon Williams (OD'88), John Wiener (OD/MS'88), Walter Morton (OD'88), and Chip Cooperrider (OD'88).

Bottom row: Randy Zink (OD'88), Diane Tucker (OD'88), Alice Bacak (OD'88), Kathleen Cleary (OD'88), Tracy Zemel (OD'88), LeVelle Jenkins (OD'88), Karen Winters Schwartz (OD'88), and Tracy Stradford (OD'88).

Amber Louprasong (OD'08) and her husband.



Save the Date - October 4-6, 2019

Interested in mentoring?

The Office of Student Services is developing a database of alumni around the country who are willing to be contacted by prospective students seeking shadowing locations. This information will not be public knowledge, but will be used by The Office of Student Services when a prospective student inquires. Contact Shawn Gilbert at gilbert.351@osu.edu or 614-247-6426 if you are interested, or if you have any questions.





For the 10th time in as many years, a world-class scholar shared new information and insight with students, staff and faculty who were packed into Fry Hall's venerable Room 33 on September 19 for the annual Jeffrey and Joyce Myers Lecture Series. Previous Myers lecturers have included Drs. Irvin Borish, Mitchell Scheiman, Tony Adams, Kovin Naidoo, Ian Bailey, Donald Korb, Mae Gordon, William "Joe" Benjamin, and Lou Catania.

Earl L. Smith III, OD, PhD, holds the Greeman-Petty Professorship in Vision Development at the University of Houston, where he also has served as dean for the past 15 years. A multiple-award-winning scientist, educator, author, and administrator, Professor Smith's topic was "Observations Relevant to Treatment

Strategies for Myopia." In it, he shared a review of the pertinent literature and then discussed some of his own contributions to the topic. By using animal models to help us understand how the eye can be either stimulated or inhibited to develop myopia, Professor Smith discussed various factors such as the use of ophthalmic lenses, amount of time spent outdoors, exposure to certain wavelengths of light, and even pharmacological agents that react with adenosine receptors in the retina. Since some epidemiologists predict half of the world's population will be myopic by the year 2050, research such as his has profound public health implications. His lecture is available for public viewing at qo.osu.edu/myers2018.

Prior to his lecture, Dr. Smith was interviewed in a more-relaxed setting by Dr. Myers. That interview is available to the public at go.osu.edu/myersinterview.

Thank you Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Myers for establishing this prestigious lecture series; and congratulations Dr. Smith for a lifetime of pioneering research in vision development.



Chakuroff earns top NBEO score

In what has become an annual tradition, the Optometry Alumni Society Board surprised and recognized **Carolyn Chakuroff ('19)** as the highest Ohio State Optometry scorer on the NBEO Part I exam. On top of the surprise ceremony with Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, Carolyn was presented with a \$750 check from OAS President **Vince Driggs (OD'85)**.

Carolyn grew up in New Hampshire and graduated from St. Lawrence University with a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry. She is in the OD/MS program; current president of the Gold Key and was the previous president of SAAO and SVOSH, respectively; and, she received The Ohio State University Student Life's Outstanding Graduate/Professional Student Award.

When asked about the OAS award and recognition, Carolyn shared, "This gesture demonstrates to me how true it is that The Ohio State University College of Optometry students and alumni are a family. I moved many miles away from home to attend Ohio State, but even before I made the move I felt like I had new family in Ohio. It was apparent how much respect OSU Alumni have for our program and their generosity ensures that our optometry program will remain top notch for many years to come. I look forward to one day giving back to this community as they have given so much to me these last few years."

New Interdisciplinary Educational Program

By Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

Last summer, an innovative interdisciplinary educational program began at the college, which we believe is the first of its kind in the country.

Thanks to the collaboration of **Dawn Goedde** (**OD'04**), Associate Professor of Clinical Optometry and Residency Director, and W. Fred Miser, MD, Professor of Family Medicine and Director of The Ohio State University Family Medicine Program, first-and third-year family medicine residents (18 total) now receive part of their training at the College of Optometry. First-year residents have lectures and labs on direct ophthalmoscopy, slit lamp, and differential diagnoses of common eye problems.

Third-year residents then come back to the College to observe direct patient care in Primary Vision Care (eight hours), Pediatrics (four hours), and Vision Rehabilitation (four hours) in addition to taking a refresher course on the topics discussed in their first year rotation.

According to Dr. Goedde, "The lectures and labs I teach to family medicine residents are the same ones I give to our own students. This provides some common knowledge and skills between the two professions that can only facilitate interdisciplinary referrals and improve patient care after they graduate."

VLOG provides unique insight into student experience.

By Dave Moore, Instructional and Web Development Specialist









The word "vlog" is short for "video web log." It is a form of online journaling containing self-created videos that document the author's own personal reflections.

Joan Cmar ('22) is our first student "vlogger." Titled "Joan's Walk," her first vlog invites us to tag along with her throughout her journey as an optometry student.

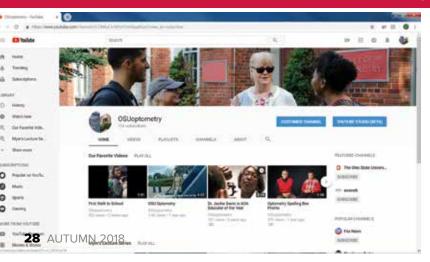
In her initial video, Joan tells us that she already feels at home here at #OSUopt, even though she has only been here a short time. She emphasizes that the move from undergrad to optometry school has definitely been a big change for her with the classes being way more intense and focused than anything previous. At the start of this semester, she says she felt really nervous and terrified, but Joan shares, "Some good advice I received though was, that it is

okay to be nervous because it shows that you truly do care about what you are going to be doing."

Joan's video goes on to detail not only her love and caring for optometry, but how everyone at the college, faculty, staff and students are sharing that love back. At the end of her brief movie, Joan tells us "you never know where change and new beginnings can lead you if you don't just take the initial step."

I look forward to viewing more steps of Joan's journey through optometry school here at Ohio State.

You can view Joan's "First Walk to School" yourself at **go.osu.edu/joan**





The Residency Option Popular program prepares young ODs

By Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

According to the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO), there are more than 220 accredited residency programs in the country, which have more than 430 residency positions. With approximately 1,700 new optometry graduates per year in the U.S., that means about 25% of all new ODs choose to complete a residency after their graduations. This year, 22 (34%) members of our Class of 2018 were accepted into various residency programs throughout the country, with 15 of our own graduates matching to Ohio State-affiliated sites.

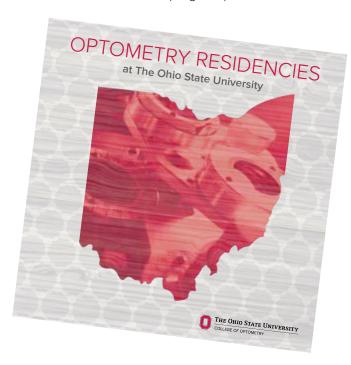
At Ohio State, we have 12 accredited programs (nine in Ocular Disease, two in Pediatric Optometry, and one in Contact Lenses) with 27 positions available every year. Our oldest program is at the Chillicothe VA (est. 1977), and our newest one is at Columbus Ophthalmology (est. 2018). All of our 12 programs are located in Ohio (see optometry.osu.edu/program-descriptions for detailed information about all of our programs).

According to Residency Director Dawn Goedde (OD'04), who completed her own residency at the Columbus/Chillicothe VAs in 2005, the residents must commit themselves to a rigorous one-year program. Some of their mandatory requirements include an orientation class in July, which teaches advanced clinical skills such as B-scan ultrasonography and lacrimal duct dilation and irrigation, preparing a poster for the EastWest Eye conference in October, touring the VA Blind Rehabilitation Center and Sight Center in Cleveland in the fall, and presenting a case study lecture to Ohio State optometry students and faculty in June. In addition, each resident manages about 1,200 complex patients during the year, and participates in a variety of other clinical and academic experiences arranged by their individual site supervisors.

Why do some new ODs choose to complete an additional year of specialized clinical training?

According to Shane Mulvihill (OD/MS'16), "The residency program at Ohio State was invaluable to me to help me achieve my career goals. I knew that I wanted to work in pediatrics and the program gave me the clinical expertise and training necessary to succeed and a challenging and rewarding practice setting. I am now working in the pediatric ophthalmology section at Emory University where I utilize skills built during my residency every day. I would not have been able to work at an academic medical center without the preparation that my residency program provided me."

It is evident that residency programs in optometry have become a very popular career option following the OD degree. And we are very proud of the 12 excellent Ohio State-affiliated site locations and supervisors that provide a "stepping-stone" to a young OD's ultimate career goals.



"I would not have been able to work at an academic medical center without the preparation that my residency program provided me."

Shane Mulvihill (OD/MS'16)

1954 Richard Norton (BS'54) has been recognized as a distinguished honoree of the Austin High School Alumni and Friends Association in Austin, Minnesota.



1971 Bob (OD'71, MPH) and Pam **Newcomb** are proud grandparents for the first time! Above is a picture of Natalie learning the O-H-I-O cheer.

1980 Rick Weisbarth (OD'80) was named President-Elect of the National Academies of Practice (NAP). He will begin his two-year term in March of 2019.

1981 Tom Mauger (OD/MS'81) has been selected to lead the West Virginia University Eye Institute and serve as chair for the Department of Ophthalmology. He will also serve as associate dean for practice plan integration. He previously served as professor, department chair and director of the Havener Eye Institute.

1984 Roger Filips (OD'84) and his wife Ann were recognized by Creighton News.com for their innovative treatment program to solve reading problems. The keys to this method involve a combined approach with strict doctor supervision and intensive home therapy, administered by a parent three times a day.

1985 Paul Endry (OD'85) was provided the opportunity to drive a semiautonomous motorcar (also known as a SAM). He was paralyzed in a cycling accident last year.

1985 Nicholas Luthman (OD'86,

MS'01) recently graduated from Liberty University with a Master's of Divinity degree. He will be pastoring a church as well as practicing optometry.

1988 Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92) was cited in a Yahoo.com article about the effects of sunscreen in your eye and how to effectively treat the area.

1999 Jennifer Fogt (OD'99) was cited in the Self.com column, "Licking Your Contact Lens and Putting Them Back." She debunked this myth and encouraged patients to never do this.

2004 Kara Gibbs (OD'04)'s practice, Southern Tier Optometry opened in a new location of Jamestown, NY. It was recognized by the local newspaper (The Post Journal) for its newfound business efficiency and impact on the community.

2008 Nathan Noakes (OD'08) has joined Alpine Vision Care in Idaho. A Boise, Idaho native, Dr. Noakes specializes in hardto-for contact lenses including medically necessary scleral contact lenses.

2012 Derek Gresko (OD'12) and Victoria Piamonte (OD'13) welcomed a daughter named Natalie Cristina Gresko. She was born on 07/07/2018.





2012 Mallory Kuchem (OD'12)) and her husband Chad welcome their newborn son George Frederick.

2012 Danielle Wilhelm (OD'12) and her husband Jeremy Deslinski (OD'11) welcomed, a newborn daughter, Heidi Catherine, to their family.



2013 Masoud Nafey (OD'13) has been appointed Chief Medical Officer for VisionWeb. In his new role, Dr. Nafey will focus on business strategy and product development of VisionWeb's practice management and EHR software, Uprise.

2014 Ann Morrison (OD'14, MS'16) was highlighted for offering her expertise in Self.com's "10 Symptoms of Blepharitis, a Bizarre Eye Condition that Can Affect Your Eyes."

2014 Phillip Yuhas (OD/MS'14) offered his expertise in a Self.com article, "7 Things That Can Make Your Dry Eyes Even Worse."

2017 Kirsti Roehm (OD'17) has joined Eye Specialists of Mid-Florida in the Winter Haven office.

2018 Jacob Boroff (OD/MS'18) was recognized in VisionMonday.com's report of annual "Best in Class OD Students 2018."

In Memoriam

Richard A. Bell (OD'95)

By Bob Newcomb, OD'71, MPH

The College extends its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Richard A. Bell (OD'95)**, who passed away on July 30, 2018, at the age of 49.

Rich was a graduate of Findlay High School (1987) and The Ohio State University College of Optometry (1995). He began his optometric career at Spectrum Eye Care in Findlay and was later employed at the Chillicothe and Columbus VAs. While at the VAs, he treated thousands of patients and taught hundreds of Ohio State students and residents.



Bell taught me as an intern at the Chillicothe VA in 2005 and his kindness and expertise were so helpful to me in learning to become an eye doctor. I am grateful to have known him ..."

Another former student, **Paul Bingham (OD'13)** from Idaho, said, "I'm saddened to hear of Dr. Bell's passing. I enjoyed his mentoring and friendly demeanor while at my VA rotation ..."

And one of his former residents, **Kara Bisceglia (OD'06)** from Pennsylvania, said, "... He was so kind and respectful to me and treated me so well during my residency. I learned so much from him that I still use to this day. Even after my residency, he continued to help me by giving me references and advice on job opportunities ... I will never forget his kindness, his intelligence, his willingness to always go above and beyond to help everyone – students and veterans."

Brian Montgomery (OD/MS'95) was one of his co-workers at the VA and said, "Rich was simply my best friend. I will miss him."

It has been said that the purpose of life is to discover one's talents, and then to use those talents to help others. By doing so, one leaves a legacy long after death. Dr. Bell discovered his talents of clinical care and teaching; and he leaves a legacy that will be evident in a generation of Ohio State optometrists who were fortunate enough to have him as their clinical instructor, colleague, and friend.



In Memoriam

Please note: This list includes updates reported by family members, newspapers and other sources. Each entry includes name, graduation year(s) and date of passing.

1950s

Rodney Taylor (BS'54), age 91, passed away on November 11, 2018.

1960s

Thomas Edward Fiffick (BS'65, OD'66), age 77, passed away on October 3, 2018.



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