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Dawn Goedde (OD'04) with **Cody Kidd ('13)** reviewing electronic health records.

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Welcome to the 2012 Spring issue of the *Buckeye Optometry Alumni Magazine*.

Spring is in the air. . . and so is change in our Clinic Services! Our cover story highlights the premiere of electronic health records. Our clinicians, staff, and students handled, if not embraced, this change with their usual degree of professionalism.

We are privileged to have among our student ranks an Albert Schweitzer Fellow. Kacie Kreifels, a second-year student in our professional program, received a competitive, one-year fellowship that focused on health-related community service and leadership development. Her project centered on how to provide better care for international patients, specifically within Hispanic populations. With the help of mentor, **Jackie Davis (OD'81, MPH)**, this fellowship experience was a resounding success!

Celebrating and learning from our diversity is a core value here in the College of Optometry. While our students learn much from the faculty, it is also true that our faculty learn much from the students. **Ravaugh Williams (OD, MS'06)** came to Columbus, Ohio, from the island of Trinidad. That her professors offered to purchase winter coats for her as a means of coaxing her to stay here for her residency is a testimony to how much more there was yet to learn. **Yoongie Min (OD, '89)** has served for four years on our Dean's Advisory Council (DAC). An inaugural DAC member, Dr. Min has drawn on his personal and professional experiences as a private-practice optometrist and alumnus and contributed to our professional training program. His is another international story as he traveled from his native Seoul, South Korea, to Ohio.

We extend a heartfelt welcome to two of our newest staff members, **Christy Askew**, Special Testing Coordinator, and **Rachel Childress**, Director of Development. You can read about their background and expertise that they bring to the College. We also extend congratulations to **Dekunte Edwards**, who has been promoted to Program Coordinator for Student Affairs and Alumni Relations. While much of what Dekunte has done for us over the past five years in student affairs will remain largely unchanged, she will, in addition, oversee all of our efforts related to alumni affairs, including continuing education.

Alas, we said "farewell" to **Greg Good (OD'75, PhD'81)**, professor of clinical optometry and assistant dean for clinical services, upon his retirement in January. Many members of Dr. Good's family helped us celebrate his long and impressive career at a reception in mid-December at the Faculty Club. There have been reported sightings of Dr. Good in Fry and Starling Loving Halls as he prepares to help us with spring quarter teaching.

As is always the case, I've run out of room before running out of accolades. I'm sure you will enjoy reading about other noteworthy alumni, faculty, staff, and students in this issue of our magazine.

Best wishes for a warm, enjoyable spring,

Melvin D. Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH
Dean, OSU College of Optometry



March 2012

Spring is approaching quickly and I can gladly say that I've only touched the snow shovel two times. Truly amazing for northwest Ohio. I guess I should mention that I did leave the cold weather for two weeks and missed not having to use the snow shovel a third time. This was the first time in thirty-five years of practice that I was out of the practice for two weeks at one time. I highly recommend it, as everything was still there when I got back.

Spring also brings a lot of activities to the College that involve our organization. Optometry Alumni and Friends gives financial support to the College Open House in April, the White Coat Ceremony for first year students moving on to clinic for their second year, and the Convocation at graduation for the fourth year students. Optometry Alumni and Friends also purchased a new refrigerator for the student room this winter. The students are well aware of this support and are appreciative of what your dues dollars do for them.

Alumni weekend this fall will be September 14 and 15. The Friday night banquet will be at the Ohio Union. Game day on September 15 will include a tailgate at the College, and California will be the opponent. Many thanks need to go to Craig Little, our main man at the OSU Alumni Association. Our reunion game was originally set to be Nebraska, but that weekend conflicted with the East-West Eye Conference. Craig was able to shift our game to our first choice, which was Cal, and that was not an easy thing to get done as Cal is considered a marquee game. We hope to meet some new friends from Berkeley as they travel this way and join us for our tailgate. Be sure to be ready to respond to our registration materials in the summer, as we expect the ticket demand to increase since Urban Meyer has taken the task of leading our football program back to national prominence.

Thank you Dr. Stephanie Baxter for our new OAF facebook page. Please check us out at OSU Optometry Alumni and Friends. I'd tell you more about it but I haven't really gotten into some of this technology. I did respond to a linked in something or other but haven't figured that out either. But I'm sure Steph will eventually get me up to date.

As always, "Affirm thy Friendship, O-HI-O!"

Roger L. Saneholtz (OD'74)

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends



The Payoff Moment



The success of athletes is often defined by a specific statistic. Baseball batters are defined by home runs or by slugging percentage, pitchers by earned run average. Hockey and soccer players by goals made, or by goals blocked/saved. Golfers might be defined by strokes per hole or strokes per round. Thoroughbreds are defined by their Win-Place-Show record in races. While it may be an unfair evaluation of an athlete's body of work, it is how we evaluate them.

Take Babe Ruth, as an example. Even to those who don't study baseball carefully, he is known as the home run king. He held the lifetime home run record at 714 from 1935 until Hank Aaron broke it in the spring of 1974. Aaron held it until Barry Bonds broke it in 2007. The record stands at 762. And it may take another 30-some years to be broken once again, though Alex Rodriguez might disagree.

Arguably, Ruth and Bonds were paid to hit home runs. For Ruth, it helped the Yankees create a dynasty. But if they were paid to hit home runs, how much did they make per home run? In the 1927 season, Ruth hit 60 home runs, and was paid \$1166 (\$50,000 in 2010 dollars) per homer. In 2001, Bonds hit 73 home runs, and earned \$178,000 per home run at the time. If you presume 2.5 seconds for the pitch, swing and connection, Ruth earned \$1.2 million (2010 dollars) per minute of home run batting, and Bonds earned \$4.25 million (2010 dollars) per minute of home run batting.

The thoroughbred Secretariat, arguably the best race horse of our time, was paid to win races for his owners. In 21 starts, he won 16 races, and won another but was disqualified. In two years of racing, he earned more than \$1.3 million (\$7 million in 2010 dollars). He raced less than 45 minutes in his career, but earned just over \$155,000 (2010 dollars) per minute in for his owners.

So what are you paid to do? Examine patients, manage staff, diagnose disease, detect refractive error, sell product, measure stuff? I would suggest that, in the patient's mind, you are paid to provide them solutions for their vision/eye problems. It is the moment of the case presentation that the patient is paying for. It is your expertise and knowledge about solutions to their problems that is of value to them.

It takes great preparation to be able to do that cogently and quickly, just as it took Ruth and Bonds and Secretariat great effort and sacrifice to achieve what they did. But the payoff moment for us in practice, just like the home run for Ruth and Bonds, and winning the race for Secretariat, is the case presentation. All our study and knowledge in school, our continuing education, and our experience, comes to a payoff moment when we sit knee-to-knee with a patient and their family and explain to them the solutions for their problems. As we often say, "Every day in practice is final exam day."

While we will likely never earn the money that our athletes described above earned for their payoff moments, the counsel and guidance we provide to patients is invaluable to them and can improve the quality of life in almost every case. Think about your payoff moment. Remember that you are affecting a person's quality of life every time you do it. And your patients will evaluate you by how you offer them solutions.

Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)
BuckEYE Editor



Electronic Health Records Arrive at the College

Figure 1

by Gregory Nixon (OD'96)

On January 9th, 2012, The Ohio State University College of Optometry launched the use of electronic health records (EHR) within its clinical program. This launch culminated over two years of planning and preparation that detailed the software selection, software and hardware acquisition and installation, software customization, student and faculty training, and clinic implementation plan. As many practitioners know, implementing electronic health records within any optometric practice is a large task. Due to the scale of our academic practice setting, the number of clinic users to train, the age of our clinic facilities and lack of any computers or wiring in any of our clinic exam rooms, the College was faced with numerous challenges throughout this process; however, the EHR Task Force was guided by a dedicated team of faculty and staff that devised a comprehensive plan to effectively manage each of these tasks.



EHR TASK FORCE

Faculty:

Dr. Greg Nixon, EHR Task Force Chair
Dr. Michael Earley, Assistant Dean for Clinical Services
Dr. Dawn Goedde, Chief of Primary Vision Care Services
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The EHR clinic software was chosen based on an open request for proposals and competitive application process. The College chose the Eyecare Advantage software by Compulink® based on the scheduling and customization features that are critical needs of the clinic program. Even though the choice was made to equip each exam room with its own computer terminal, we installed a fully secure, high-speed wireless network throughout the clinic to allow access to the EHR server. Each exam room terminal was mounted on an extendable and retractable Ergotron® arm to allow for flexibility of positioning for data input (See Figure 1). In addition to the ease of use this provides, this feature was determined essential to teach students the importance of maintaining good doctor-patient relationships while collecting and inputting exam information (See Figure 2)

Even though the EHR program did not get integrated into our clinic services until January of this year, the EHR training process started at the beginning of the academic year last fall. The second year students were instructed on the use of the EHR throughout the clinic procedures laboratories that are part of the normal curriculum. They learned how to record all elements of an eye exam electronically while they were learning how to perform the procedure itself so when they progress to seeing patients in clinic, they will already be fully trained on the EHR protocols.

A four-day training session was held the first week of January to provide extensive instruction to our third-year students and clinic faculty on the use of the EHR program that they then immediately used the following week in clinic. The classroom that is normally used for traditional lectures was transformed into a makeshift computer lab (see Figure 3) for classroom training sessions. Additionally, students and faculty practiced



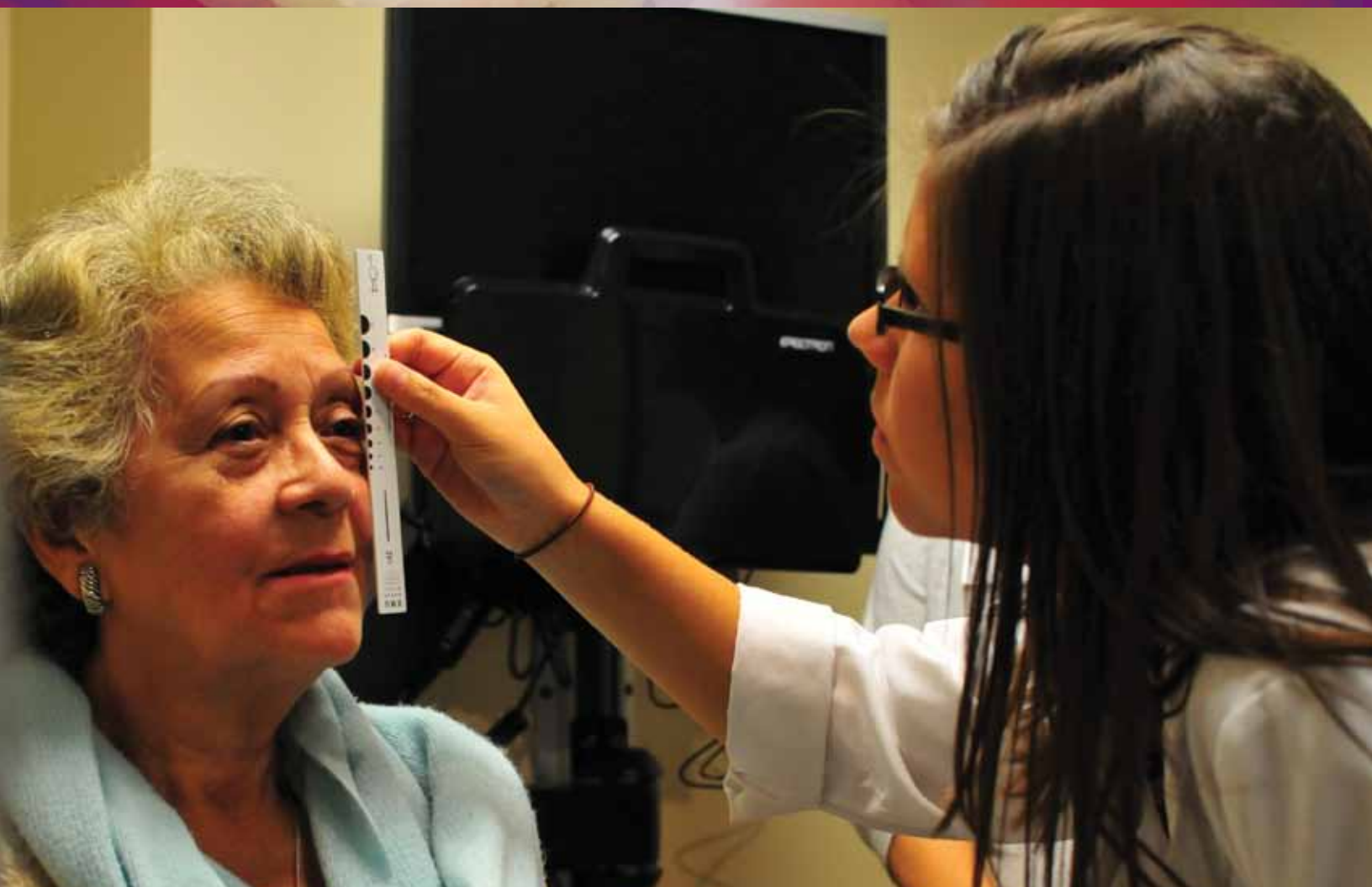
Figure 2

mock exams on each other to test out the full functionality of the system. Some advanced features include attaching exam photos and other special testing images, print functions, and E-prescribing.

Currently, the EHR software is only being utilized within our Primary Vision Care and Ocular Disease Services and used by the third-year clinicians. This June, as the third-year students progress into fourth-year clinics, the Contact Lens, Pediatrics, Binocular Vision, and Low Vision Services will also adopt electronic health records. Once EHRs are deployed clinic-wide, the College will make continued efforts to meet meaningful use requirements so that we will be eligible for further incentive payments from the Department of Health and Human Services.



Figure 3



Hispanic International Clinic Day The Columbus Schweitzer Fellow Program



Jackie Davis (OD'81, MPH) and Kacie Kreifels ('14) at the Hispanic Clinic Day



Michael Do ('14) and Betsy Kaminsky ('13) with a patient

Kacie Kreifels ('14) was recently designated an Albert Schweitzer Fellow (ASF). This fellowship is a one-year interdisciplinary, mentored fellowship program focused on health-related community service and leadership development. Since its inception in 1991, over 2,000 graduate students have been recognized as Albert Schweitzer Fellows.

The goals of the ASF Program include:

Developing leaders in service who are educated, experienced, and committed to addressing unmet health needs; and improving community health by providing direct service to individuals and strengthening the capacity of community-based organizations.

Columbus, Ohio is one of 13 program sites. In addition to the overall goals, the Columbus Schweitzer Fellows Program strengthens fellows resolve to provide health service to underserved populations.

With her mentor, **Jackie Davis (OD'81, MPH)**, Ms. Kreifels' developed a fellowship project which included activities to provide better care for international patients, culminating in a clinic day dedicated to Hispanic patients at the College.

Preparation included a workshop, where Steven Lownes, MA, CT, an ATA Certified Translator and PhD student in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, provided a presentation and demonstration of how to use interpreters in an optometric examination. He gave pointers about speaking in complete sentences and allowing the interpreter time to translate. A Mexican dinner was provided for participants.

Additionally, Josue Vicente, Executive Director, and Jesus Ovalle, Health Programs Coordinator of the Ohio Hispanic Coalition (OHCO) provided information to faculty, staff, and students about the Hispanic/Latino/Mexican-American populations in Ohio and discussed cultural differences that optometrists should be aware of when caring for Hispanic patients. OHCO was founded in 1990 as an advocacy agency, and it has grown into a multi-service agency serving the growing Latino/Hispanic community in Ohio.



Ms. Kreifels recruited patients by educating the Hispanic Columbus population at an Ohio Hispanic Coalition Mexican Consulate event, the Columbus Latino Festival. Kreifels also went to various Latino health fairs and a Hispanic free clinic, provided information to local Hispanic leaders throughout the community, and sought support from the The Ohio State University Multicultural Center. Contact with the Ohio Hispanic Coalition led to outreach efforts by the College to the Hispanic community in the west side of Columbus, including a glaucoma screening for Hispanic patients.

On Hispanic International Clinic Day, interpreters were available for Spanish-speaking patients in the College of Optometry clinics. VSP provided vouchers for examinations of patients who had social security numbers. CareSource provided coverage for some patients. Dr. Davis and Ms. Kreifels also held fundraisers to fund all the other patients so that every patient received a free eye exam. They also received free spectacles, if needed, if they did not have insurance. Forty-two Hispanic patients were seen. Patients ranged in age from nine months to 69 years. Spectacles were ordered for 22 patients.

Diseases discovered included glaucoma, dry eye syndrome, papilledema, pinguecula, pterygium, allergic conjunctivitis, and accommodative insufficiency. Management was instituted as appropriate.

Hispanic Clinic Day 2011



Ms. Kreifels is investigating opportunities for future activities that will lead to better care for Hispanic patients. She has spoken to various student organizations about taking on the Hispanic International Clinic Day event and have it become an annual event at the College. The OSU American Optometric Student Association executive council has agreed to assume the responsibility for this event.

Ms. Kreifels is committed to other activities as an Albert Schweitzer Fellow. Schweitzer Fellows are required to attend monthly meetings in leadership development, skills-based workshops, and interdisciplinary discussions. She is also required to set aside time for reflection on community service and find opportunities to network with like-minded students from diverse fields, as well as professionals in areas of interest to her.

Congratulations to Kacie Kreifels, a future alumna, uniquely trained to address an unmet need. She will join a group of astounding health professionals through this lifetime commitment to give back to the community throughout her career.

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Albert Schweitzer Fellow Program
www.schweitzerfellowship.org

The Ohio Hispanic Coalition
www.ohiohispaniccoalition.org





The Askew family- Grant, Travis, Kale, Christy, and Marlene

Christy M. Askew

Christy M. Askew is one of the newest members to our clinic staff. She started her position as Special Testing Coordinator on November 21, 2011. She had previously worked for 11 years in the ophthalmology practice of Agnone, Morrison & Associates Eye Physicians & Surgeons, Inc. in Marysville, Ohio. There she served in a variety of positions and was a certified professional in NextGen (NCP), a practice management computer system.

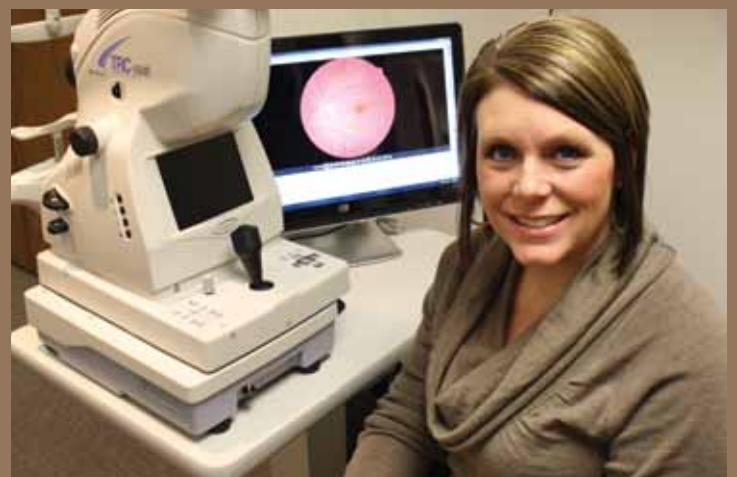
In her position at the College of Optometry, Christy works with several imaging devices, including fundus photography, anterior segment photography, OCT imaging of the macula and optic nerve, HRT imaging of the optic nerve, and B-scans. She performs the testing in patient care and instructs optometry students in the techniques.

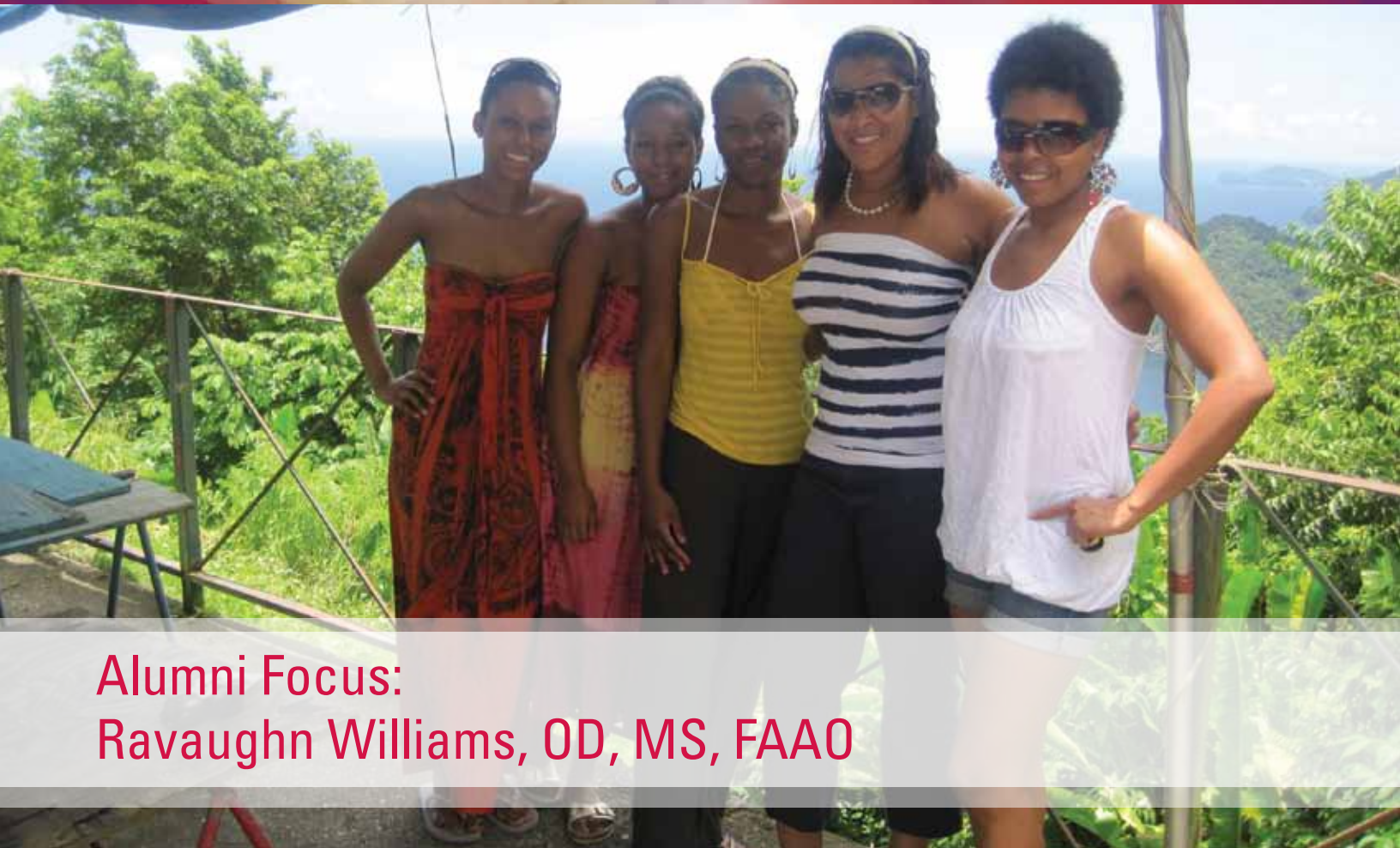
Christy is not new to The Ohio State University. She was a Buckeye, studying Early Childhood Education from 1996 to 1998.

She currently lives in Irwin, Ohio, along with many members of her large extended family. She has three children —Grant, age 8, Kale, age 3, and Marlene, age 15 months. Grant is already involved in many sports, including football, baseball, and basketball, and is an ex-

cellent big brother. Christy is married to Travis Askew, who works in lawn care for Scotts Miracle-Gro. He also operates a snow plow and works on a Christmas tree farm during winter months.

Christy enjoys shopping, particularly for antiques and primitives. She used to enjoy softball and running; however, knee surgery has limited her athletic endeavors in these areas. The family has a new Christmas puppy—Hank, a boxer.





Alumni Focus: Ravaughn Williams, OD, MS, FAAO

Ravaughn (center in yellow) surrounded by her cousins in Trinidad.

Ravaugh Williams (OD/MS'06), was born and spent most of her life in Trinidad, one of the islands of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. She was an excellent student at the primary and secondary schools she attended in Trinidad and often made the top grades in her class.

Although Trinidad has a very prestigious university that she was accepted into and could have attended for free, her desire was to travel beyond the shores of Trinidad to receive her college education. The only obstacle to fulfilling that dream was the cost of funding a college education. While her family was not in a position to pay for her education, she was able to receive a full academic scholarship to North Carolina Central University (NCCU) where she received a bachelor's degree in Biology. Leaving Trinidad and her family in 1998 to go to the United States was one of the most difficult things she had ever done because she is so close to her family. She worked through homesickness to survive and thrive during her four years at NCCU.

She always had a proclivity toward math and science and knew at a young age that she wanted to be a doctor. She thought she wanted to be an ophthalmologist, but during her senior year in college discovered she really wanted to be an optometrist. The aspect that attracted her to the profession of optometry was the work/life balance. The revelation that she wanted to be an optometrist came very late in her senior year and by the time she had taken the Optometry Admission Test (OAT) and researched schools, there were only two schools left that still had open deadlines. They were Pennsylvania College of Optometry and The Ohio State University College of Optometry. She was accepted at both colleges. The decision to attend Ohio State was made by the warmth of the people that she met when she interviewed. The fact that the college had a high passage rate in the National Boards further solidified her decision. Another chapter of her life began when she packed up her car and drove from Durham, NC to Columbus in 2002.

Dr. Williams really enjoyed her experience at Ohio State. She made some good friends who helped her endure the long hours of grueling classes and studying for the board exams. She was invited into the dual optometry/master's degrees program, which severely limited her free time, but she trusted the sacrifice would pay off eventually. She participated in various student organizations and held several offices. She remembers, "One of the most memorable experiences I had was a trip to Hawaii to attend the National Optometric Association's convention." Her experiences at OSU climaxed at graduation when her immediate family came to Columbus to celebrate with her.

She left Columbus despite offers from faculty to buy winter coats for her so that she could do a residency program at the College. She states, "This island girl had had enough cold weather to last her a lifetime!" She was ready to move on to warmer territory, which led her to Houston, where she did a cornea and contact lens fellowship at the University of Houston College of Optometry. During her fellowship, she added to her cornea and contact lens acumen, became a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, and accepted a position at Alcon.

At present, she is working at Alcon in Fort Worth, Texas as a clinical trial manager in the area of glaucoma. Prior to this position, she worked as a clinical researcher and clinical trial manager in the area of dry eye disease. The free time given up by earning the dual optometry/master's degrees gave her a good foundation for her roles at Alcon. She has had to learn what it takes to get a pharmaceutical drug approved worldwide. After four and a half years, she has not yet had the privilege to work on a drug that has made it to the market. She hopes to have that experience one day. She cares for patients two Saturdays a month as she does not get that opportunity in her position at Alcon.

Her free time is spent with family and friends, traveling within the United States and abroad, and taking dance classes. She has always loved dancing and as a little girl, she took ballet. Currently, she takes ballroom dancing. She hopes one day to dance on a professional level. While she may never be on *Dancing with the Stars*, she is okay with that, as long as she is dancing.



(photos top to bottom)

Ravaughn and her best friend at the base of the Grand Canyon, NV.

Ravaughn and her sister at Walt Disney World.

Ravaughn with OSU Alum, **Sandra Wang (OD'97)** et al after a lecture in Trinidad.

Dean's Advisory Council Member: Yoongie Min, OD

In the Spring of 2008, Dean Melvin Shipp established a Dean's Advisory Council (DAC). The council's primary purpose is to offer professional insight and business acumen to assist Dean Shipp as he leads the College and responds to the ever-changing needs of students, faculty, staff, and the community.

In recognition of their personal and professional experiences and achievements and their capacity to influence constituencies and stakeholders, Dean Shipp appointed 12 members to serve on the DAC. One of the members is Yoongie Min (OD'89), a private practice optometrist with offices in Northwest Columbus and Chillicothe, Ohio.

Dr. Min was born in Seoul, South Korea and immigrated with his family to California at the age of three. His father attended the University of California, Irvine to obtain his masters degree in chemical engineering. After several years there, he and his family moved to College Station, TX, where his father obtained his PhD in chemical engineering at Texas A&M University.

When Dr. Min was in the fifth grade, his family moved to Wheelersburg, OH, where his father was working for U.S. Steel at a chemical plant in southern Ohio. Dr. Min attended Wheelersburg High School. During high school, he served as editor of the school yearbook, president of the National Honor Society, and played basketball. He got his first pair of contact lenses while in high school and "thought it was pretty cool!"

He began college at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, and had originally thought about studying journalism or law. He thought the school was too small and hated Cleveland winters, so he transferred to Ohio State during his sophomore year. He decided to study biology and zoology with the thought of possibly attending medical school. He found out more about optometry and decided that it sounded like a good career path because it combined elements of health care and business.

Dr. Min entered the Ohio State University College of Optometry in 1985. He met his future wife, Jackie, when she was a patient in the contact lens clinic and Yoongie was student clinician in his fourth year. He moved back to Cleveland after graduation and joined



Lakeland Eye Surgeons as the first optometrist they had ever employed. Dr. Min returned to Columbus in 1991 and opened his own office in northwest Columbus. He bought a practice in Chillicothe, OH, in 1992, and has been operating both practices ever since.

He and Jackie married in 1992. She is currently employed by the OSU College of Nursing as a graduate recruiter. They have two sons, Andrew (17), a senior at Hilliard Davidson High School, and Alex (15), a freshman at Hilliard-Davidson High School.

Dr. Min has served for many years as a youth sports coach in Hilliard, coaching his sons and many other boys over the years in basketball, football, and baseball. His sons have spent many years playing school baseball and travel baseball in the summers. He also enjoys cooking and traveling, especially cruise vacations to warm weather areas such as the Caribbean and Mexico. Some other favorite places are San Francisco, Napa Valley, Vancouver, Seabrook Island in South Carolina, and the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Dr. Min is a big Buckeye fan and attends most football and basketball games. He considers himself extremely fortunate to have attended the 2003 Fiesta Bowl when Ohio State beat Miami for the national championship. He also attended the 1999 Final Four in basketball in St. Petersburg, FL.

At his Northwest Columbus office, Dr. Min practices with Dr. Marie Schiff and Dr. Michelle Buckland. Additionally, he also serves as a contributor to the online journal, Review of Optometric Business.

College of Optometry Online Videos

Each day YouTube users view over two billion videos. It is anticipated that by 2013, 90% of web traffic will be for video content. Video is quickly becoming the dominant form of online media and an opportunity for education and recruitment of students.

Since 2004, The Ohio State University College of Optometry has stepped up efforts at seeking funds, generating ideas, and filming footage for the production of online videos for use on the College web site and its links.

Most recently, Vision Service Plan (VSP) and the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) Mini-Grant Program have provided funding for online videos. So far, VSP has contributed \$6,000 toward filming and editing by MediaSource, a Columbus-based multimedia production and media relations firm, specializing in creating content and buzz. MediaSource filmed students and activities during the 2011 Improving Diversity in Optometry Camp (I-DOC). The final product debuted at the EastWest Eye Conference and can be viewed online at the College's diversity page.

Justin Griest, Manager of Admissions and Financial Aid, chairs the subcommittee for production of the MediaSource videos. He plans a few more 30-second to three-minute videos from the footage already shot, with ideas for additional videos under consideration, including community outreach and diversity efforts. In order to increase minority student enrollment in optometry, video clips will include testimonials and interviews from minority alumni of the Ohio State University College of Optometry.

Jackie Davis (OD'81, MPH) submitted a proposal called "Eye Care for All" to the ASCO Mini-Grant program in 2011. There are two main elements to her proposed project: 1) education and recruitment of under-represented Ohio high school students, striving for the goal that they will ultimately consider optometry as a viable career option and 2) enhancement of the cultural competency of our enrolled optometric students, giving them the needed skills to navigate cultural and ethical issues in the care of patients from diverse communities.

A PowerPoint presentation, entitled "Eye Care for All," has been developed that incorporates a series of video



vignettes with optometrists and optometry students talking about their work and how it impacts their communities. The presentation also includes academic requirements, career modality options and enrollment statistics for the College of Optometry. Emphasis has been placed on the need for more diversity in the profession of optometry to better reflect the diversity of the U.S. population, as well as an attempt to address the issues of access to care in underserved communities. Dr. Davis' son, Tyler, served as videographer for the project. The PowerPoint presentation and videos will soon be made available to optometric practitioners for their use in recruitment of students and will be available on the College of Optometry web site.

Dave Moore, the college's web developer, has created a YouTube Channel for the College of Optometry, where several OSU optometry videos can be seen. The list of videos includes: OSU College of Optometry I-DOC Program, OSU Research Helps Protect our Eyes, InfantSee Week in Ohio, 2011 White Coat Ceremony, 2011 Convocation, 2011 Class Banquet, I-DOC 2011. The Myers Lectures can also be seen, beginning with Dr. Irvin Borish in 2009, Dr. Mitchell Scheiman in 2010, and Dr. Anthony Adams in 2011.

Dave More also made a page of videos that Justin Griest can use when he is on recruitment trips. They include information about The Ohio State University ("What It Means to Be a Buckeye"), about Columbus, research at the college, the InfantSee program, SVOSH trips, Faith Mission, and others. Alumni are welcome to use these videos in their recruitment efforts, too.

Alumni are invited to visit the College's web site frequently to see new videos, learn more about what is happening at the College, and acquire tools that can be used in their recruitment efforts.

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Recruitment Videos

<http://optometry.osu.edu/futurestudents/video>

A Day in the Life. . . .

Hi, I'm Masoud Nafey.

My life is a hectic rollercoaster nowadays. Call me crazy, but I am thoroughly enjoying the ride! I'm a third year student here at the OSU College of Optometry and here's a look at my life during winter quarter:

This year has been a myriad of learning opportunities in clinic and in the classroom. Along with all of that, NBEO Part I is approaching and my preparation for this comprehensive exam has already begun. My days are spent in the classroom attending lectures and shortly after, seeing patients and absorbing as much clinical knowledge as possible before I head home to study for boards.

As a devout Muslim, my typical day starts at about 6:00 am as I get up for my morning prayer. Afterwards, I head to the gym for a quick workout before I shower and head to campus by 7:45 am. I attend three courses in the morning, from 8:00 am to noon – Contact Lens, Low Vision, and Clinical Binocular Vision. Each of these courses also includes a lab, which involves about two hours of applicable clinical and practical practice of what we have learned in lectures thus far.

After an hour break for lunch, I head to the clinic to get ready for my patients! My first appointment is usually at 1:00 pm, and we have about two hours to examine the patient, discuss the case, and look up conditions we might want to delve into after the patient departs. By 3:00 pm, another patient is in my exam chair.

Seeing patients and being an intern in the Primary Vision Care and Ocular Disease clinics is one of the best experiences of optometry school. Most of the time we don't know what we are going to get! Since we have such a diverse optometry patient base here at OSU, appointments can range from someone who needs a new spectacle Rx to someone who needs to be referred for a neurology workup ASAP because they have Pseudotumor Cerebri.



Along with my duties as a student, I have leadership responsibilities as I serve as the President of my class (Class of 2013) and the President of the Student Council. As President of my class, I serve as the liaison between my classmates and the faculty and staff as well as set up fundraisers for our class so we can raise money for our 4th year graduation party. As President of the Student Council, I represent the entire student body as a whole and am the only student representative in the Curriculum and Clinic committees, where I sit with the Dean, Associate Dean and Assistant Dean, and other faculty members and staff, to discuss pertinent issues to keep our college of optometry ahead of the rest and one of the best.

One of the most exciting events at the moment is the fact that we have selected our externship sites for fourth year. I will be attending an advanced practice site in Chicago, Illinois and a VA rotation in Tucson, Arizona where I'll surely gain a tremendous amount of clinical experience!

Although I live a busy life, I try my best to enjoy every day of this journey because it truly is one of a kind.

Research – Dr. Andrew Hartwick Receives Career Development Award

Andrew Hartwick, OD, PhD, assistant professor, received a KL2 Award from the Center for Clinical & Translational Science at The Ohio State University. Using rats as an animal model, Dr. Hartwick has been developing a pupil testing strategy that assesses the functional capacity of a small population of retinal ganglion cells. With this award, he will translate the technique for use on human subjects in order to develop a new clinical test that may aid in glaucoma detection.

Student Awards Ceremonies

A special student awards ceremony was held the evening of November 16, 2011, to recognize some “end of the third year” student awards. The idea is to make this “mini” awards ceremony a new tradition in the fall. Those students receiving awards included:

Mallory Kuchem ('12) and **Jeff Unterbrink ('12)** were recognized as 2011 VSP Scholarship recipients. These awards recognize students with high academic achievements who have also demonstrated excellence in the delivery of primary eye care services. These students also understand optometry's role in the health care continuum and have a commitment to enter the independent practice of optometry.

Jeff Unterbrink ('13) was also awarded the Lawrence Shaefer Scholarship for outstanding clinical performance during the 3rd year curriculum. This award was created by the OSU Optometry Class of 1981 to honor the memory of their classmate whose optometric career was cut short due to cancer. The recipient of this award represents the student who has displayed the most exemplary clinical skills in the management of primary care and ocular disease patients.

Amanda Schmisser Huston ('12), was recognized for receiving the American Optometric Foundation 2011 Carl Zeiss Vision Fellowship for exemplifying the highest level of commitment to clinical excellence and the profession of optometry.



Andy Hartwick (top center) with the members of his lab: **Holly Moose ('13)**, and **Phillip Yuhas ('14)**. Seated: Celeste Quinones, Carolyn Doering, and Puneet Sodhi.



Dean Shipp, **Mallory Kuchem ('12)**, and **Jeff Unterbrink ('12)**

Wes K. Immler ('12), was recognized for being The Ohio State University College of Optometry student who received the highest score on the targeted Part I – Applied Basic Science Examination administered in March 2011.

Masoud Nafey ('13), was recognized for receiving the John L. Howlette & C. Clayton Powell Student Award for maintaining high academic achievements while also demonstrating involvement in the professional community and extracurricular activities.

Dr. Good Retires

Greg Good (OD'75, PhD'81), Professor of Clinical Optometry and Assistant Dean for Clinical Services, retired from the College effective January 1, 2012. A reception was held at the Faculty Club on December 15, 2011, to recognize Dr. Good's many contributions over the past 30 years. Many former students, some of whom are now colleagues as professors themselves, clinic staff members, and others shared their stories of what it was like to sit under his tutelage and/or work with him.

Dr. Good's wife, Susie, and their children and grandchildren also joined in the celebration of a long, impressive career.

We wish Dr. Good much happiness and enjoyment in the years to come!

College Opens Eighth Accredited Residency Program

Opt IV students have rotated through the Erdey Searcy Eye Group on the far East side of Columbus for 14 years. Now the College is pleased to announce a new accredited residency program in Ocular Disease at that practice location beginning July 1, 2012.

The practice was founded in 1992 by Richard A. Erdey, MD, as a comprehensive ophthalmology practice. Gregory D. Searcy, MD, joined the practice in 1999. Dozens of OSU optometry graduates have learned how to diagnose and manage patients with ocular diseases under the tutelage of Drs Erdey, Searcy, and many staff optometrists there, including **Patrick Janson (OD '95)**, **Kasey Huffman (OD '00)**, **Matthew Neal (OD '01)**, **Jonelle Knapp (OD '04)**, and **Philip Arner (OD/MS '06)**.

According to Dr. Huffman, who now serves as the new residency coordinator, "The mission of the Residency in Ocular Disease at the Erdey Searcy Eye Group is to provide a unique post-doctoral experience, both clinical and didactic, in ocular disease diagnosis and treatment to an exceptional optometric graduate."



Robert D. Newcomb (OD '71, MPH), the College's Residency Director, said, "Our first resident at the Erdey Searcy Eye Group will likely see over 1,500 patients with cataract, glaucoma, anterior segment disease, retinal disease, neuro-ophthalmic disease, iritis, and other ocular and systemic conditions. We look forward to working with the Erdey Searcy Eye Group's new residency program for many years to come. Residency training is a very popular one-year post-graduate career choice immediately after graduation."

Like all of the other seven residency programs at the college, this newest one is accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education. For additional information about all of the College's residency programs, please visit our website at <http://optometry.osu.edu/residency>.

Be Part of the History of the OSU College of Optometry

Dean Melvin Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH, is the forward-looking leader of our alma mater, and he knows the optometry program at Ohio State was founded in 1914. That means we will begin plans to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2013!

As part of this celebration, Dean Shipp has asked **Robert “Buckeye Bob” Newcomb (OD ’71, MPH)** to write a history book that details our first 100 years of outstanding education, patient care, research, and community service.

Dr. Newcomb said, “I’ve lived through the last 40 years of OSU optometry history, but, at my age, I’ve forgotten a lot of it! In addition, I need help in reconstructing the first 60 years, beginning with Dr. Charles Sheard as the first director of the program and culminating in achieving College status and granting the first Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree in 1968.”

He invites all alumni to send him stories, newspaper clippings, photographs, and treasured memories of their college days to be included in The 100 Year History of The Ohio State University College of Optometry, which is planned for publication in late 2013. Be sure to include your year of graduation and current contact information, and thanks for being part of our illustrious history.

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New First-Year Student Clinic Initiative

Winter quarter, 2012 marked a new and exciting chapter in clinical education at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. For the first time, first-year students (Class of 2015) were placed into direct patient care in our Primary Care Service. After considering the pros (e.g. increased patient contact) vs. the cons (e.g. busy student schedules made even busier), the College decided to place the first year students into the clinic as Optometric Technicians.

Starting Autumn Quarter 2011, the Opt 1 students were enrolled in a new class taught by Drs. Michael Earley (OD’??, PhD’??) and **Gregory Good (OD’75, PhD’81)** and were trained in many clinical techniques, including visual acuity, color vision testing, stereo testing, blood pressure measurement, visual fields and non dilated ocular photography. Serving as technicians, the students will play a much more active role than other potential models such as simple observation or serving as scribes for third-year interns and their attendings. Based on results from the OSU College of Medicine, where first-year students were recently placed into patient care, simple observation of examinations typically loses student interest after only a few weeks. A survey of faculty and of all current students indicated that active patient participation was the best way to proceed.

We expect that this new endeavor will not only have a positive impact on the students’ training, but also on patient care. In the new system, the third-year intern can consult with the attending while the first-year tech is running fields, taking blood pressure, etc., thus reducing waiting time in clinic. Also, if an Opt 3 is running late with a patient exam, the Opt 1 technician can start with acuities and other testing on the next patient, thus keeping all on schedule. Through this clinical immersion initiative, the Opt 1s are seeing the importance of the basic science material in action during case histories and examination, therefore cementing the lecture material in real clinical application. So far, the response has been very positive from all involved. We continue to look for ways to grow and improve this initiative.

The Ohio State University College of Optometry

OPEN HOUSE *& Career Day*

Saturday, April 14, 2012 • 1:00 - 4:30 pm



Discover the many opportunities a career in optometry has to offer!

Join us for an inside look at the OSU College of Optometry. High school and college students, as well as alumni, practitioners, and academic and career counselors, are welcome. No pre-registration or RSVP is needed to attend.

College Tours – 1:00 - 3:50 p.m.

Current optometry students will give tours of the clinics and academic areas of the College starting at 1:00 p.m. The last tour will begin at 3:50 p.m.

Student Organization Exhibits

Learn about student life in the College and opportunities for leadership and professional development

Admission, Financial Aid, and Career Information Sessions – 1:10 & 2:45 p.m.

Find out about:

- admission requirements
- how you can become a competitive applicant
- how to finance your Doctor of Optometry degree
- career paths

Points of Pride

- One of the premier optometry programs in the U.S.
- Diverse and talented students from across the nation
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- OD/MS combined degree program
- Opportunities to participate in research and work side by side with international leaders in the field
- Continually expanding the profession through research



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Current Opportunities for Pediatric and Binocular Vision Patients

You can help us to answer important questions in vision care by referring potentially eligible children to the studies below. Please contact Dr. Marjean Kulp at 614-688-3336 or kulp.6@osu.edu for further information.

Research Project	Question	Who's Eligible?	Benefits Provided at No Cost
Hyperopia in Preschoolers (HIP)	What is the effect of uncorrected hyperopia on visual and educational skills in 4- to 5-year-old children?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 4 or 5 years • Enrolled in preschool or kindergarten • No prior/current glasses wear • Moderate hyperopia (+3D to +6D in any meridian based on wet refraction) in at least one eye • Astigmatism $\leq 1.5D$ and anisometropia $\leq 1D$ • No IEP • No strabismus or amblyopia 	Comprehensive vision exam and educational testing at no cost, travel payments (\$25, \$30) and parking pass
Hyperopia Treatment Study (HTS1)	Should glasses for hyperopia be prescribed right away or only if other problems occur?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 12 to <60 months • No prior/current glasses wear • Moderate hyperopia (+3.00D to +6.00D SE based on wet refraction) in at least one eye • Astigmatism and anisometropia $\leq 1.5D$ • No strabismus or amblyopia 	Follow-up exams at no cost, travel payments (\$40) parking pass Glasses for those in glasses group and those who develop other vision problems
Amblyopia Treatment Study (ATS)	Observational study for a child who needs glasses and is interested in participating in an ATS treatment study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unilateral amblyopia • Children < 8 years 	Glasses and follow-up visits at no cost, parking pass
Amblyopia Treatment Study (ATS16)	Does removing the correction from the glasses for the good eye improve the weak eye more than just continuing atropine alone?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children 3 to < 8 years • 20/50 to 20/400 amblyopic eye if pre-treatment or currently being treated • 20/40 to 20/160 amblyopic eye VA with 2 lines of IOD or 20/32 with 3 lines of IOD if stable on treatment • 20/32 or better in good eye • Currently undergoing no amblyopia therapy or 2hrs/patching a day or atropine • No simultaneous patching & atropine • Maximum of 2hrs/day patching OR atropine qd in last 6 mo. 	Treatment visits and patches or atropine, travel payments (\$30) and parking pass (glasses also can be provided through another study if this is a first time Rx or a change is needed)
Intermittent Exotropia Study 2 (IXT2)	What is the natural history of IXT and how effective is occlusion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children 12 months - <11 years • Intermittent exotropia with no previous treatment other than refractive correction • Random dot stereopsis of 400" or better • No hyperopia > +3.50 D; no amblyopia • Willingness to be in observation group for 3 years (unless IXT deteriorates) 	Vision exams at no cost, Patches at no cost for those in the occlusion group, travel payments (\$30) and parking pass
Convergence Insufficiency Treatment Study (CITS)	Which home-based therapy is best to treat children with symptomatic convergence insufficiency? (4:1 real:placebo therapy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children ages 9 to 17 • Symptomatic convergence insufficiency • Exophoria at least 4pd greater at near • Receded NPC $\geq 6cm$; reduced positive fusional vergences • Access to computer and internet 	12 wks therapy at no cost; those symptomatic at 12 weeks will be offered alternative therapy; travel payments



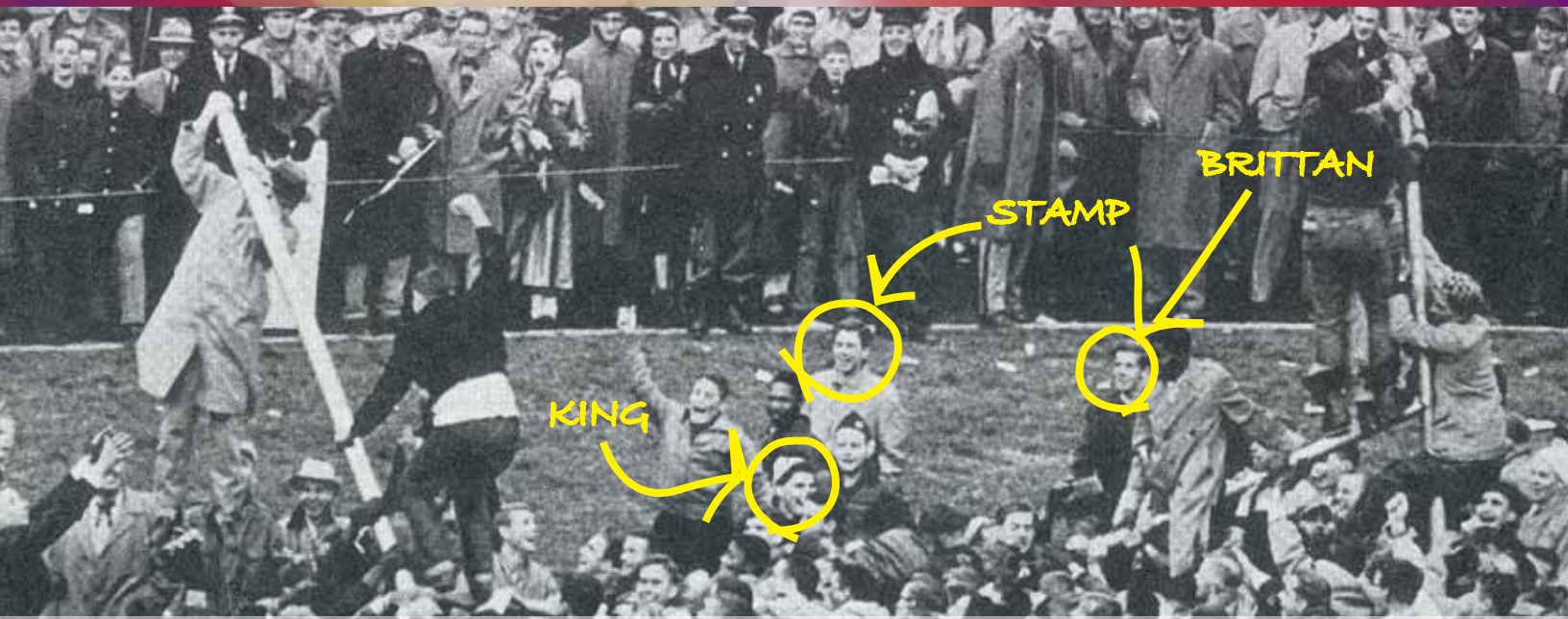
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Distinguished Alumnus Award Winner 2012

This year's Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented to **Joseph Barr (OD'77, MS'79)**. You are invited to join fellow alumni and friends on Friday, September 14 at the banquet to celebrate his achievements.



Whatever Happened To The Toppled Top?

By Dr. James King (BS Optom '55)

The class of 1955 of The Ohio State University School of Optometry graduated on June 10, 1955. Eleven days later, on June 21, 1955, the Four Lads, a male quartet, recorded *Moments to Remember*. It became one of the most popular songs of the decade. Words and music were by Al Stillman and Robert Allen. In case you forgot the words, it started:

The New Years' Eve, we did the town, the day we
tore the goal posts down.

We will have these moments to remember.

I was one of the 32 people in the class of '55 who probably remembers receiving sheepskins on that 10th of June. But I was also one of six people who harbors a much more vivid pigskin moment to remember on November 20, 1954. Let me explain:

In the fall of 1954, the football outlook for the Buckeyes was not rosy. They were rated as #20 by the preseason forecasters and not expected to finish in the top ten. But when the season started, and footballs were substituted for crystal balls, the Buckeyes didn't blink. The gridiron god must have smiled on Coach Woody Hayes.

Woody had a legendary dislike for Michigan. It was so intense that he could not even bring himself to utter the M word. He only referred to them as "the team up north". No one in 1954 would have predicted that Woody's coaching career at OSU would last for another

24 years. OSU had been known as a football coaches' graveyard, having buried 5 coaches in 10 years.

Though almost sacrilegious, I must confess that I never did learn the words to our alma mater. I followed the lead of others and sang:

Oh come let's sing Ohio's Praise,
And say goodbye to Woody Hayes.

And then, I would pseudo lip-sync the rest. But, I digress.

The 1954 season began with a series of wins over Indiana, California, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Northwestern, Pittsburgh, and Purdue. That set the stage on November 20, 1954, for the mother of all rivalries: OSU vs. MICHIGAN. OSU was rated #1 and Michigan #12. An undefeated season, a Big Ten title, and a Rose Bowl bid all hung in the balance. Michigan struck first. A pass interception by Jack Gibbs helped the Buckeyes tie it up 7-7 by halftime. In the third quarter, the Wolverines had a first down on Ohio's three. But a great goal-line stand held for four downs. The Bucks then drove for 99 yards to score. Another OSU touchdown in the fourth quarter cemented the win at 21-7. A rendition of, "We don't give a damn for the whole state of Michigan" joined the clamorous ringing of the new victory bell.

As one of the greatest teams in Ohio State history left the field, other groups of people arrived. One group formed a snake dance at mid-field; another was attracted to the goal posts like ants to a jelly jar. Technically speaking, the process they initiated is called toppling.

Toppling occurs when a group of people assemble in the end zone and collaborate one with the other with the singleness of purpose of changing the orientation of the poles from vertical to horizontal. Initially, the goal posts in question had been in a formation resembling the capital letter H. The process of toppling is to have someone shinny up one post until he is able to stand on the cross bar. Then a back and forth rhythmic swing begins, until the force of gravity on the top overpowers its footing on the ground and the pole begins to fall.

The next challenge is to free the pole from its crossbar, a process that requires much pushing and pulling, and twisting, and jerking. Luckily there was an abundance of jerks available, and the pole was soon liberated from its crossbar. Among great cheering, the left goal post was lifted triumphantly upon the shoulders of the victorious fans and was marched out of the stadium like a medieval battering ram poised to attack a castle.

Alphabetically, senior optometry students, **Richard Ball (BS Optom'55)**, **Richard Britton (BS Optom'55)**, **Lowell Hone (BS Optom'55)**, **James King (BS Optom'55)**, and **Will Stamp (BS Optom'55)** who were curious bystanders during the demolition process, became peripheral participants as the entourage approached High Street, turned right, and headed toward downtown Columbus.

A goal post is made of steel and is heavy. In due time, some of the original pole bearers became weary and dropped out. Seeing an opportunity to be helpful, the optometry quintet gradually infiltrated the parade. As the goal post passed Long's Book Store and approached 12th street on the edge of campus, it occurred to someone on the optometry team that the five, if not a majority, represented a controlling interest in the activity.

Soon, a 90-degree change in direction to the east was made down an alley and the goal post almost magically appeared in the back parking lot of the Epsilon Psi Epsilon fraternity house at 58 East 12th Avenue.

Dick Britton disappeared momentarily and then suddenly reappeared with a hacksaw. Soon, the round,

globe-like adornment at the end of the post was detached. A brief conference with the non-optometric contingency produced a compromise agreement, allocating the entire pole to them while the eye-ballers would take possession of the minuscule top. In harmony, the non-optometry contingent repositioned the goal post on their shoulders, back-tracked down the alley toward High Street and presumably continued their victory march downtown.

Our spoil, the top of the goal post of perhaps one of the most important games of the century, sat amidst some intramural athletic awards on the mantle of the fireplace in the living room of the E Psi E house at least until graduation day, June 10, 1955.

On subsequent optometry alumni weekends, when members of the class of '55 would return like lemmings to the old fraternity house, we would peruse the mantle but there was no globe. There were the remnants of the refracting room and the bar we built in the basement, but no toppled top.

So, the thought occurs, "Whatever happened to the toppled top?" Does it sit inconspicuously in some OD's recreation room among scarlet and grey pom poms and banners that say, "Go Bucks?" Or was it cherished for a while and then discarded by an uninformed spouse who got tired of dusting "that thing"? Or, if it still exists, perhaps it should be donated to a sports' hall of fame or somewhere else, so more Buckeyes could have a moment to remember.



Postscript. In later years, due to the high costs of goal post replacement, student injuries and deaths, the activity of goal post toppling has been degraded from a recognized school spirit tradition to an act of vandalism, and is therefore discouraged by most college officials.

1937 **Herschel Rubin (BS'37)** suffered a broken shoulder in November 2011. He reports that he is recovering well.

1943 **A. John Rose (BS'43)** is still hanging in - wintering deep in the heart of Texas with his significant other. He is proud to report that he turned 90 years old this past summer. He sends his warm regards to anyone of his "vintage."

1966 **Thomas Kiggins (BS'66)** considers himself to be the "Andy Rooney" of optometry.

1972 **Michael H. Greenberg (OD/MS'72)** was a "Fan of the Game" for the Browns vs. Steelers game on January 1, 2012. He was able to go on the field for warm-ups and meet a few players and coaches.

1975 **Lawrence M. Cusma (OD'75)** is the Communications Liaison for the New York State Optometric Association. He recently did a 30-minute interview on an Albany public radio station on the topic of "Glaucoma." It is to be aired nationwide through syndicated N.P.R. sometime soon (no exact date yet). The talk stressed the role of O.D.s as primary care providers in the management and treatment of glaucoma.

1976 **Ronald B. Arenstein (OD'76)** retired from his private practice in Massillon, Ohio in 2008 and now practices at the Fort Myers, VA Outpatient Clinic. He also retired from the US Air Force Reserve after 35 years of commissioned service with his last position as the 22nd Air Force/Surgeon General, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia. He is currently serving as a remote examiner for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry and previously served as a senior examiner at multiple locations including the College of Optometry at The Ohio State University.

1977 **Stacia J. Yaniglos (OD'77)**, clinical associate professor and chief, Louis Stokes Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, was awarded the Training and Education Award "for outstanding leadership and dedicated service in the development of high quality interdisciplinary Federal Service Optometry training



Stacia Yaniglos (OD'77) (center) receiving the Training and Education Award last November.

programs and post-graduate residency education nationwide." This award was presented at the 117th AMSUS (Association of Military Surgeons United States) Annual Awards Banquet held in San Antonio, Texas, November 2011.

1982 **James C. Robinson (OD'82)** became a grandfather & Daniel Robinson (OD'10) an uncle when Laura Verdugo gave birth to Gavin Nicolas Verdugo on January 21, 2011.

1990/96 **Brian E. Mathie (OD'90)** recently completed a missions trip with **Brady Kail (OD'96)** to Honduras. Cross Eyed Missions provides eye care for children and adults who are in underserved countries.

1997 **Valerie L. Kelly (OD'97)** and her husband went on a volunteer trip to Jamaica in October 2011. They went with a great group of 40 volunteers from the iCare division of the Great Shape! Inc. If anyone is looking to do a volunteer trip with a terrific group of people, they recommend www.gsjamaica.org.

2003 **Kristina M. Schwartz (OD'03)** and her husband Scott adopted their son Darren in March 2011! They feel blessed to have him as part of their family.

2008 **Christine "Crissi" Myers (OD'08)** married Michael Mikolaj (MPH, MD) on September 3, 2011.

They are currently residing in Birmingham, Alabama while Mike completes his internal

medicine residency. They are planning to move to Lexington, Kentucky next year for him to start his cardiology fellowship. Crissi is currently working for Schaeffer Eye Center in Birmingham, Alabama as an optometrist.

2011 **Annika Williamschen (OD'11)** is employed at Associated Eyecare in Stillwater, MN.



Crissi and Mike Mikolaj on their wedding day



Rachel Childress is New Director of Development

Rachel Childress, a native of Akron, joined the College of Optometry family on February 27 as our new Director of Development. Prior to her employment here, she was the Director of Development at the OSU College of Dentistry for eight years and the Associate Director of Annual Giving at Ohio Wesleyan University for three years prior to that.

Rachel received her degree in Communications from Ohio State in 2001. Her husband, Steve, is also an OSU graduate and is an occupational therapist

with Ohio Health in Columbus. They have two daughters (Avery, age 4, and Peyton, age 20 months) and two cats.

When she is not busy being a Development Director, wife, and mother, she enjoys gardening and couponing although she says she never buys anything she does not need, regardless of a discounted price!

Rachel is plunging into her new job by meeting our staff and faculty, and she is looking forward to meeting our alumni as she travels throughout Ohio and beyond. Welcome Rachel!

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