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Steven Curtis (OD'87) performing with his band *The Navigators*.



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DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Optometry Alumni and Friends:

Welcome to the 2014 Spring issue of the *Buckeye Optometry Alumni Magazine*, the first issue of our magazine for this calendar year and my last as dean.

In my ten years leading the College, I never cease to be amazed at the sheer talent and inspiring commitment of our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends. With every issue over these many years, I have thought, "Surely, we won't be able to top the stories in this issue next time," only to arrive at that next time and be awe-struck once again. In our cover story, we recognize the passion and talent of **Steve Curtis (OD'87)**, optometrist, drummer, and father of eight.

As we have all experienced, passion is often contagious. Certainly, that must be the case with the Zigler family. Starting with **LaMar Zigler (OD/MS'81)**, followed by nephew **Travis Zigler (OD'10)**, married to **Jenna Stelzer Zigler (OD'11)** and son **David Zigler ('14)**, they have demonstrated their shared passion for patient care and outreach.

On the College news front, we welcome Vincent A. Billock, PhD, FAAO, as a research associate professor and **Bradley Dougherty (OD/MS'07, PhD'13)** as an assistant professor. We look forward to the cutting-edge research they will generate. We welcome Doris Smith back to the College. She left in 2010 to work for the Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab, earned a masters' degree in Public Policy and Management from the John Glenn School, and returned as our business manager in late 2013.

Just in time for spring training season, **Nicklaus F. Fogt (OD/MS'92, PhD'96)** and **Aaron B. Zimmerman (OD'06, MS'08)** have conducted research that may help baseball players more accurately decide when to swing the bat at that white orb with red cross-stitching that is traveling their way at upwards of 90 mph.

Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, **Andrew Emch (OD/MS'09)**, and Dean VanNasdale, OD, PhD, took our optometry show on the road to Ethiopia last July. Traveling under the auspices of Ohio State's "One Health Summer Institute" with representatives from the other health sciences, they laid the groundwork for further developing the optometry curriculum in Ethiopia.

Lastly, as highlighted in our last issue, Dr. Karla Zadnik will become dean of the College June 1, 2014. I am confident that you will accord her the same level of support, camaraderie, and guidance that you so generously provided me over the past decade. It has been my great pleasure and privilege to serve as your dean. I wish you many continued achievements and successes! And . . . Go Bucks!!

All the best,

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



Thank You, Mel!!

The month of June is just around the corner, and Dean Mel Shipp is getting very “short”. Pretty soon he’ll be able to walk under his desk without hitting his head. If you’re a veteran, and Mel is a navy vet, you’ll understand the terminology. In military service, short means you are about to end your military commitment. Mel is about to end his service to our college, and I am very grateful that I have been able to serve with him. Here are just a couple of things that I won’t forget about Mel.

Mel had only been our Dean long enough to have attended a couple of our OAF board meetings. **Rich Marquardt (OD’97)** had been our president over seven years, and he was looking to me to assume the presidency of OAF. My response was that I would be happy to give up the treasurer position after ten years, but my acceptance of the presidency would depend on a promise that only our new Dean could make for me. The look on Mel’s face at that point was one of those MasterCard moments as far as being priceless. He had no idea what I was up to. My request was simple. I wanted to be able to hood my son at Convocation. Mel’s next expression was one of relief and joy that he was able to fulfill my request. In fact, Mel has made this a legacy tradition for our OAF alums to hood their child at Convocation.

When Mel arrived at our College, he was trying to figure out this thing about being a “Buckeye”. He was aware of our reputation and I think was very excited to experience it. I would also give him a little grief about his Doctor of Public Health degree coming from that school up north. It didn’t take long for Mel to develop the same passion and sense of family that is nurtured throughout our College and profession. Now Mel’s favorite response is something like this, “I’m not a Buckeye by birth or degree, but more importantly, I am a Buckeye by choice.” In fact, the last time we had lunch together, Mel really wanted me to realize that OSU alums should not take our Buckeye pride, spirit, or sense of Buckeye family for granted. This is a special place that is rarely experienced, and he challenges Optometry Alumni & Friends to never let this change.

Mel, it’s been a wonderful ten years experiencing your leadership for our College. Your inclusion and involvement for Optometry Alumni & Friends within your administration has been greatly appreciated. On a personal note, the Saneholtz family is honored to call you a friend, and you know we can’t wait for you to be a Grandpa in the years to come!!

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

Roger L. Saneholtz (OD’74)

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends



The optometry onesie Dean Shipp sent for Dr. Saneholtz's last grandson, Keaton born December 27, 2013.

Roger L. Saneholtz (OD’74), hooding his son **Austin Saneholtz (OD’08)** at Convocation 2008.

POLISHED GEM OR STILL A LITTLE ROUGH?



Growing up in the funeral business, I am biased against the custom of “open microphone” time at a funeral. From a pragmatic standpoint, the opportunity exists for a much longer service with numerous folks who are not necessarily that knowledgeable about the one who has passed droning on about their limited experience with the deceased. It creates a time challenge for the folks responsible for moving things along and can unnecessarily lengthen an already emotional time for the family. My opinion softened, and I learned something at a funeral some time ago.

I had known Twila since I was in elementary school. Her daughter and I had gone from kindergarten to high school graduation together. Her son gave me my first speeding ticket. The same son and her grandson backpacked with me at Philmont Scout Ranch in 1988. We attended church together through most of my life. In short, we knew each other. In her later years, she had increasing difficulty speaking and communicating. It is not surprising I attended her funeral, and an “open microphone” opportunity was presented.

What was revealed to me was that while I knew certain facets of Twila’s life, there were many facets about her unknown to me. Children shared about special moments growing up, grandchildren shared about grandma playing whiffle ball in the backyard, and former co-workers shared experiences of her work-life. I came to the realization that people in our lives are exposed to a limited number of facets of our lives. Most are exposed to one or two, or a handful of facets, at most. Even our family members only see a few facets of our lives.

Those facets represent the various roles we have in life. Our roles as parent, child, spouse, grandparent, grandchild, uncle/aunt, colleague, employer, doctor, problem solver, activist, volunteer, coach, or teacher represent some of those possible facets. Even the way we interact with folks we meet at a restaurant, the bank, or the dry cleaners represents our role as a consumer. Perhaps you can think of a wide variety of facets in your life. As gems are prepared for use as jewelry, 48-76 facets are cut into the gem, depending on the type of cut. The type of cut selected is designed to provide the greatest reflection of light from the gem. The right cut lets the best of the gem show through.

So, here’s the question: are your facets reflecting the best of you? Are you treating and influencing people in a way that is appropriate and you can be proud of? At your funeral, would the facets of your life be related in a way that you would want others to hear? In short, are the facets of your life creating a polished gem, or are you still a gem in the rough?

If you are a polished gem, congratulations! If you are still a gem whose facets are a little rough, the great news is that each day, in fact, every encounter with another person affords a new opportunity to polish a facet. Consider how you would want to be treated in each situation, whether delivering life-changing news to a patient, interacting with a loved one, leading in your practice, or ordering a meal at the local eatery. Allow those facets to reflect in a way that the true gem that you are shines through.

Jeffrey A. Myers (OD’84)
BuckEYE Editor



KEEPING THE BEAT

for Four Decades

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

Many of us spend a lifetime discovering a passion. Some are fortunate enough to find a passion early in life. For **Steven J. Curtis (OD'87)**, the passion was music, and while he trained on piano to learn music, it was a pair of sticks and a set of drums that allowed him to express his passion. His career plan, formulated in early elementary school, was to be a professional musician. Optometry was his back-up plan.



Liz and Steve Curtis performing at a benefit for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



Dr. Curtis grew up in Marietta, Ohio, the son of **Don L. Curtis (BS'51)**. Dr. Don Curtis was accomplished in his own right, serving as mayor of Marietta and as president of the Ohio Optometric Association. Dr. Steve began learning percussion in fifth grade and by high school was recognized for his musical skill. He was awarded such honors as the John Phillips Sousa Award, McDonalds All-American Band, and All-Ohio District First Chair percussionist, and was voted Senior Class Musician by his classmates. Right before he began his undergraduate work at Ohio State, he made the decision to pursue optometry. He met his wife Liz during his years at Ohio State, while he was playing music and she was singing professionally.

The demands of practice and the care for their eight children required Dr. Curtis not to pick up the sticks quite as much. Then, in 2003, a church festival in Hilliard, Ohio for St. Brendan the Navigator church was looking for another act. Dr. Curtis played drums, Liz sang vocals, someone else played guitar, and they played 15 songs. The crowd response was very positive and the reviews were great. A six person band called The Navigators, borrowing the name of the church, was born.

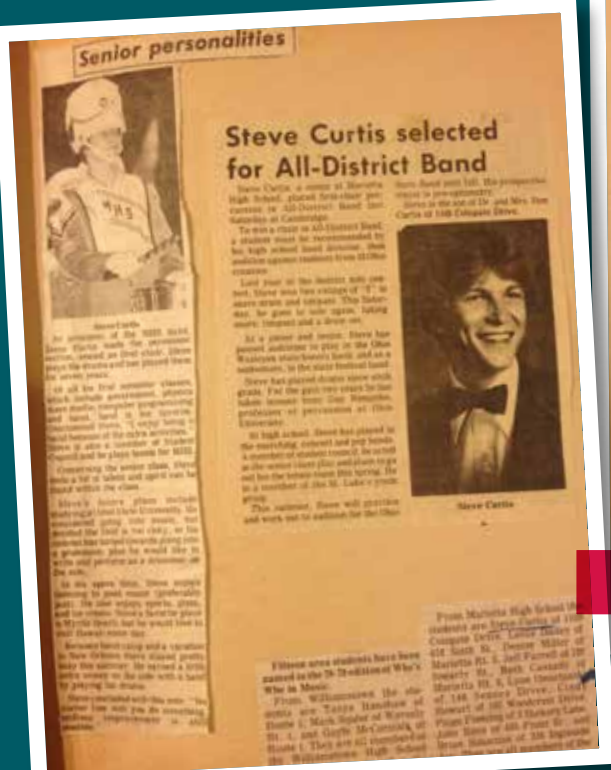
As their popularity grew, opportunities became more abundant, but the band stayed true to its core reasons

for playing, namely to have fun and raise money for worthy causes. They play no weddings or birthday parties, and there is no playing for schools or sports teams. They only play for the benefit of a group that is truly in need in central Ohio. The band has raised funds for United Way, Mid-Ohio Food Bank, children with cancer, and families that have lost homes, to name a few. Playing seven to eight times a year, they have helped to raise \$250,000 for people and groups in need.

Many of the members of the band played in bands earlier in their lives. The chemistry among the members has been strong since the beginning. As the band has grown to 13 members, including their own sound and light people, that chemistry has continued. It is a great mix of people and talents, all dedicated to creating a fine musical product and raising funds for people truly in need. Because all the members have day jobs and all playing is to benefit someone else, there is no conflict over money, allowing the band to stay on task.

Most of the music comes from the 1960s-1980s, with a concentration on the 1970s. Music of the Beatles, Doobie Brothers, Chicago, AC/DC, ABBA, Cheap Trick, Blondie, Pat Benatar, Linda Ronstadt, Ramones, Faith Hill and Shania Twain all fit into the typical benefit concert playlist.

memories...



Out of Dr. Curtis' local paper in 1979



Steve's and Liz's relationship and marriage started and has continued to have music as a central part. Sometimes they play music together, like with The Navigators, and sometimes they play separately. They play and sing now for simple joy and for others rather than for payment. Importantly, they understand one another's need to play and sing and allow one another the space to do it. While Dr. Curtis loves the outlet of playing music, he is grateful that it is not his day job.

To research this article, the author and his wife attended one of The Navigators' performances. This event was produced by King Business Interiors to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and held on the L Brands (formerly Limited Brands) campus in Columbus. The music was high energy, with clear vocals by Liz and the other vocalists. Being a drummer, the subject of this article only got a break when the entire band took a break. Many other members of the band rotated in and out of the performance. The addition of five brass instruments allows great diversity in their playlist and really brought the Chicago selections to life. Overall, it was excellent entertainment.

Dr. Curtis practices with **Julie (Randles) Curtis (OD'03)**, and **J. Bradley Oatney (OD'87)** at Riverview Eye Associates in north Columbus and has created a pediatric practice, offering vision therapy services. He and Liz are the proud parents of: Tiffany-31, Stephanie-30, Don-26, Tina-25, Jimmy-21, Sylvia-20, Mary-18, and Lisa-10. Steve and Liz also have 2 grandchildren. All their children and grandchildren live in the Columbus area.



2006 Curtis Family Portrait top: Sylvia, Don, Jimmy, Tina; Middle row: Steve, Lisa, Liz; Bottom: Tiffany, Mary, Stephanie

“Because none of the band members is paid, we avoid many of the conflicts that bands commonly have.”

Steve Curtis (OD'87)

The Navigators:

Steve Curtis – drums

Liz Curtis – lead vocals

Joseph Hamrock – guitar, keyboard, accordion, & lead vocals

Pat Hamrock – bass guitar & backup vocals

Dan King – guitar & backup vocals

Steve King – lead vocals

Tim King – guitar & backup vocals

Stu Barton – saxophone

Tom McCartney – saxophone

Pablo Vegas – saxophone

Dale Heydlauff – trumpet

Charlie King - trumpet

Kevin Duffy – trombone

Jason Duffy - trombone

Greg Poppel – sound man

Tom Osborn – light man

Dave King – truck supplier and driver

MY MOST VALUED POSSESSION

by Kevin L. Alexander (OD'76, MS'77, PhD'79)

Have you ever been asked “What’s your most valued possession?” How would you respond? I’m not talking about your family, your spouse or your health. I’m talking about your most valuable and important possession – the thing that you treasure the most – the thing that you would never want to give up. Well, my most valued possession is my Doctor of Optometry degree from The Ohio State University. Let me share with you why.

When I began my education at the College of Optometry in 1972, I had a pretty simple plan – become an optometrist and go into practice! Never in my wildest dreams as I sat in the back row of room 33, would I have imagined the amazing journey that my education has given me. My time at the College of Optometry brought me into contact with the likes of Fry, King, Hill, Augsburger and others whose influence was profound and life-changing. As the years have gone by, my OSU education has led me on a diverse career path – one filled with patient care, extraordinary teaching opportunities and, most especially, the privilege to serve my profession.

My optometry degree put me in the exam room for that enormously satisfying experience we all share when caring for patients who can’t see, are in pain, or simply need a comforting word. My most valued possession gave me the background and skills to teach – whether standing before audiences across the world, or training hundreds of students one-on-one who have gone on to their own wonderful careers. My education has also allowed me the extraordinary privilege of leading national optometric organizations, and it has permitted me to use my passion, skills and experience to help change the scope of practice of our profession.

My most valued possession is more than just a treasure – it is a thing of amazing power and lasting benefit – responsible for a lifetime of happiness, good fortune and unexpected opportunity. It has provided my family a comfortable home, educated our children, and allowed us to give back to our profession and community. My most valued possession even helped me fulfill a lifelong dream of piloting an airplane coast-to-coast!



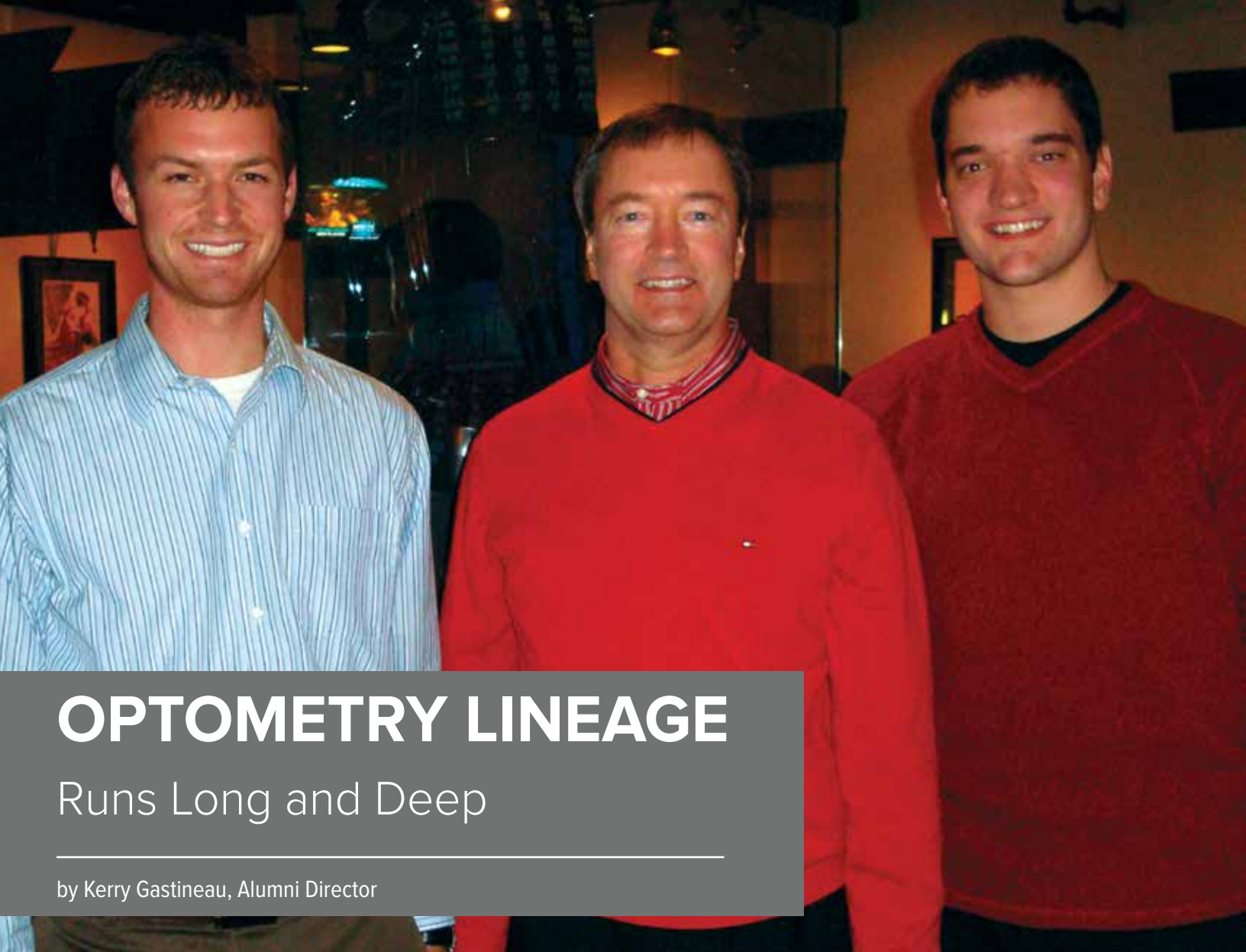
“My most valued possession even helped me fulfill a lifelong dream of piloting an airplane coast-to-coast!”

Dr. Kevin Alexander

Everything I have, everything I have had the opportunity to accomplish, I owe to my Doctor of Optometry degree from The Ohio State University. For those who dream of winning the lottery, I believe I did so one spring day in Columbus, Ohio when I received my diploma in the Horseshoe. That scarlet-covered sheepskin began opening doors for me that day and continues to do so 38 years later.

So “What’s my most valued possession?” For me it’s simple - my OSU diploma is my most valued possession – and it is priceless! In a day when the value of higher education is constantly called into question, I think made a pretty good investment. How about you?

Dr. Alexander is a past president of the Ohio and American Optometric Associations and the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry. Currently, he serves as President of Marshall B. Ketchum University, home of the Southern California College of Optometry. He has been recognized as the Warren and Ruth Morris Optometrist of the Year by the Ohio Optometric Association, with the H. Ward Ewalt Medal from the Ohio State University College of Optometry, and is a member of the National Optometry Hall of Fame.



OPTOMETRY LINEAGE

Runs Long and Deep

by Kerry Gastineau, Alumni Director

(L to R) **Travis Zigler (OD'10)**, **LaMar Zigler (OD/MS'81)**, **FAAO**, and **David Zigler ('14)**

The College of Optometry and the Zigler Family share a long history. The patriarch of the family, **LaMar Zigler (OD/MS'81)**, **FAAO** led the way for the northwest Ohio family. Dr. Zigler, even at a young age, was transforming himself into a role model for the Zigler family and changed forever how the family would come to view the benefits of an education.

Being the first person in his family to attend college, everything was new to LaMar, his parents, and his siblings. He did not have a mentor or anyone to guide him in making career decisions; however, the whole experience was exciting, and he loved every minute of his undergraduate and professional school experience.

LaMar was in pre-professional studies at Bowling Green State University, but was undecided about which profession he wanted to pursue. In high school, he wanted to become a veterinarian, but when he got to college he started considering other options including business, chemical engineering, and medicine. He took both business and science courses his first year, and in his second year, roommate **Craig Dally (OD '80)** mentioned optometry to him. He researched optometry and made a decision after reaching out to optometrists in his community and visiting the practices of **Tom Ohlhausen (BS'57)** and **Keith Woodard (OD'74)** in Bryan, and **John Archer (OD'75)** in Bowling Green. Dr.

Archer was just starting practice, and his enthusiasm for optometry was contagious. After learning from these practitioners about all that the profession had to offer, Dr. Zigler set his sights on optometry.

Dr. Zigler had many mentors while at OSU. **Dean Emeritus Richard Hill OD, PhD** was his advisor for his master's research and thesis. **Dean Emeritus John Schoessler (OD'66, MS'68, PhD'71)** and **Neal Bailey (BS'47, PhD'54)** made up his master's committee. As it turned out, he eventually went into practice with Dr. Bailey. Dr. Bailey and his wife Flo took him under their wing and laid the groundwork for his clinical practice, clinical research, and his specialty in keratoconus. He purchased a second office in 1987 from **Kevin Alexander (OD'76, MS'77, PhD'79)** who was his professor, mentor, and friend.

Dr. Zigler's love of the profession has led him to employ a number of pre-optometry students in his practice over the years, including his nephew **Travis Zigler (OD'10)**. Today, Dr. Travis and his wife **Jenna Stelzer Zigler (OD'11)**, partner with Dr. Lamar in his practice, and it won't be long before another Dr. Zigler enters the ranks at the Columbus office, with LaMar's son **David Zigler ('14)**, planning to join his father and cousins this summer upon graduation and help continue the Zigler family's positive eye care impact on the central Ohio community.

Dr. Travis Zigler, from Bryan, Ohio and Dr. Jenna Zigler, from Temperance, MI (only one mile from Toledo) met at a former local Columbus eatery, McFadden's, in November 2006. At that point, she was a senior at the University of Michigan and was accepted to Ohio State Optometry the very next year. The couple began dating in the fall of 2007 when Jenna came to Columbus for school, and they were married on July 16, 2011, adding another Zigler to the number of optometry connections in the family.

Dr. Travis Zigler pursued his undergraduate degree at Ohio State because of all the positive attributes associated with a big university, like national football championships, diversity, and many different pre-health majors. He knew he would pursue a medical field whether it be dentistry, medicine, or optometry. His uncle offered him the opportunity to work at his office while still an undergraduate, where he "learned the ropes," floating between front desk billing, pre-testing, and serving as an optician.

Dr. Travis graduated with his OD in 2010 and decided to stay in Columbus to practice with his uncle and remain close to friends and colleagues. The fact that the Bryan, Ohio area was saturated with eight optometrists in a city of 12,000 also helped with his decision.



Jenna Stelzer Zigler (OD'11) and Travis Zigler (OD'10)



A recent photo of Jenna Stelzer Zigler (OD'11) and Travis Zigler (OD'10) with Jenna's mom, Lori Stelzer, a registered nurse.

Dr. Travis' mentors while at Ohio State were **Lisa Lex (OD'82)**, whom he had as an attending twice, and later **Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)**. Something that impressed Travis was Dr. Newcomb's love for the profession: "He always has a big smile no matter the situation." This sentiment is echoed in Travis' own advice for success as a future optometrist, "You have to be a people person!" Giving back runs deep in the



Jenna Stelzer Zigler (OD'11) and Travis Zigler (OD'10)



Zigler family at the 2012 AOA Contact Lens and Cornea Section business meeting when Dr. Zigler was chair. Left to right: wife Sandy, son **David Zigler ('14)**, **Lamar Zigler (OD/MS'81)**, son Brian, and daughter Lindsay

veins of the Zigers, and Dr. Travis serves as an auxiliary extern preceptor for a current OSU optometry student. He has noted the preparedness of the students continues to get better and better every year.

Dr. Jenna attended Bedford High School and pursued her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan where she studied brain behavior and cognitive science. Growing up, Jenna had a great optometrist, **Robert Layman (OD'82)**, who mentored her and gave her the chance to shadow and then work for him. This experience ultimately led to her pursuing a degree in optometry. Jenna's dad graduated from Ohio State, so she knew that being a Buckeye was going to be in her future eventually.

Dr. Jenna attributes much of her success to her mentor while in optometry school, **Greg Nixon (OD'96)**, whom she valued as a wonderful professor and whose practices she tries to emulate today. She truly feels that optometry school was a more enjoyable experience than her undergraduate years because it allowed her to be completely engrossed in learning every day about what she wanted to do the rest of her life.

David Zigler is currently in his final year of optometry school and is scheduled to graduate in May 2014. His dad was certainly a positive optometric influence on David, who naturally grew up a Buckeye fan. David learned at a young age how passionate his dad was with regard to treating his patients and his love of the optometric profession.

David's first experience in an optometric office was around the age of eight when he visited the practice his dad shared with **Neal Bailey (BS'47, PhD'54)**, an honor and memory that remains with David today. At an early age, David was always fascinated with eyes

through art and drawing. When he was younger, David would listen to his dad's academic lectures that used a slide projector with constant photos of eyes flying by, which gave David plenty to sketch. As the years went by, David began to make his own plans for his future. He graduated from Miami University in Oxford (2010) and knowing that his path would lead him back to Columbus one day.

David's main areas of interest are contact lenses, cornea, and glaucoma. Like his father, with combined OD and MS degrees almost in hand, he can now look back and share advice for other young aspiring ODs. "Working hard and staying focused" are the keys to success and ideals that his dad has always instilled in him. At the forefront of David's mind are both the advice and examples his optometrist father and life-long mentor has provided him, that patients come first and to always make the patients feel special!

Another similarity that runs in the family is the shared passion for patient care and outreach. David says, "It is eye opening when I finally see that the patient trusts me. The patient's appreciation shows, and their responses are genuine."

The same shared passion is exhibited in Drs. Travis and Jenna Zigler's mission trips. The couple volunteered for SVOSH Ecuador (2007), Peru (2009) and recently visited Jamaica in 2013 through the iCare Project. Jenna was amazed by the number of people who came to receive care. Approximately 3000 patients were treated in five days. People waited all day to see them, and on day three they saw 800 patients, which was their highest number of patients and truly unbelievable. At 3 p.m. that day the iCare Project volunteers had to give the patients tickets to come back because they knew it would be impossible to see everyone by day's end. Jenna said it was



Jenna Stelzer Zigler (OD'11), Travis Zigler (OD'10), and Lindsay Zigler, RN at a Christmas luncheon.

“You have to be a people person!”

Travis Zigler (OD'10)

overwhelming to see firsthand the great lack of eye care in Jamaica. The most prevalent eye disease in their patients was end stage glaucoma.

Dr. Lamar has every right to be proud of these young Ziglers who are venturing into the profession and following in his footsteps. He says, “All three are leaders and are already giving back to our profession.”

He and wife Sandy have been partners in the business, which has required a lot of personal time and commitment over 33 years. At moments it has been stressful but ultimately very rewarding for both of them. Their daughter, Lindsay, has worked with him for over 10 years but recently went back to college and became an RN. Their oldest son, Brian, worked for the practice during college and now sells medical equipment. The entire family is connected to the healthcare industry.

Dr. Lamar continues to give back to Ohio State, teaching fourth year optometry students who rotate through his practice, and conducting workshops with the third year students in The Ohio State University Optometry Clinic. He has taught students either in the contact lens clinic or in the primary care rotation for close to 30 years. By mentoring new ODs for the future, Dr. LaMar feels he is giving back to the profession, as he feels optometry has been very good to him and his family.

Dr. LaMar's story definitely epitomizes “But for Ohio State.” He feels he has The Ohio State University and the College of Optometry to thank for a great education, a rewarding career in teaching, research, lecturing, and private practice, and, most importantly, lifelong friendships. He is very proud of the Zigler family's love of the Buckeyes!



Lamar Zigler (OD/MS81) and Sandy Zigler

NEW FACULTY MEMBER:

Vincent A. Billock, PhD, FAAO

by Barbara Fink (OD, PhD'87)

Dr. Vincent Billock, the newest addition to the research faculty at the College of Optometry, gets a kick out of causing catastrophic visual failures. By creating the right conditions, he causes his subjects to see "forbidden" colors, such as reddish green, and he has found ways to control the hallucinatory patterns of concentric circles and wheel spokes that people can see in rapidly flickering light. Both these phenomena reveal something about the neural basis of opponency, one of the oldest concepts in the science of perception.

Dr. Billock earned his BS and MS degrees in Physics at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. In 1987, he finished his PhD degree in Sensory Biophysics from The Ohio State University, under the guidance of Dr. Carl Ingling. He is currently a Research Associate Professor at the College. He has a grant from the Templeton Foundation to study perceptual causality violations, and he has a proposal submitted to the National Eye Institute to study "Hue, Saturation, and Brightness: Cortical Emergence and Modeling of Color Percepts."

Following a research associate appointment at OSU with Ewen King-Smith, PhD, Dr. Billock spent several years conducting research for the U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory in Fort Rucker, Alabama. He then worked at the Center for Complex Systems and Brain Sciences at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. From 1996 to 2013 he worked in various capacities at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base: Senior Associate for the National Research Council, Senior Research Scientist for Northrop Grumman, Inc., and Lead Scientist for General Dynamics, Inc.

His research experiences and interests have included a range of topics in vision: psychophysics and theoretical/computational neuroscience, color vision, spatial vision, sensory integration and biological information fusion, nonlinear neural dynamics, retinal/cortical disorders, and color vision deficiencies. He has authored 38 publications in refereed journals, has presented 67 papers at



Dr. Vincent Billock



Bambi, Mathew, and Dr. Billock at Stonehenge while he was attending a conference in Oxford.

professional conferences, and is currently writing a book that will be published by Springer-Verlag: *Chaos Reigns when Vision Fails: Complexity and Catastrophe in the Perception of Color and Contour*.

He met his wife, Bambi, while they were both students at Miami University. She is a computer scientist and currently does part-time work as an independent contractor. They have three children: Amber, a social worker in Michigan who works with autistic children; Rachael, a junior at OSU, majoring in microbiology; and Matthew, 12, who is heavily involved in sports.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER:

Bradley Dougherty (OD/MS'07, PhD'13)

by John McCauley, Director of Communications

Bradley Dougherty (OD/MS'07, PhD'13) recently joined the College as an assistant professor. Originally from Mentor, Ohio, Dr. Dougherty did his undergraduate studies at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. In 2013, Dr. Dougherty received a K23 Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award, funded by the National Eye Institute. It is a five-year award with total funding of \$850,000.

As an optometry student, Dougherty received the William Feinbloom Award for outstanding work in clinical low vision rehabilitation and the Minnie F. Turner Award for low vision research. He received The Ohio State University Board of Trustees Student Recognition Award while a PhD student. He also served as a delegate on the Council of Graduate Students, as president and treasurer of the Graduate Organization for Vision Science, and as a student member of the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee of the Graduate School while working on his PhD.

He has published multiple articles in peer-reviewed journals on topics including low vision rehabilitation and patient-reported outcomes and serves as a reviewer for several vision science journals. He was awarded a William C. Ezell Fellowship from the American Optometric Foundation in 2008 and 2009 and the Arene T. Wray and Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation Fellowships in 2011. Also in 2011, he became a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. We are proud to call him one of our alumni.



Bradley Dougherty (OD/MS'07, PhD'13) with a low vision rehabilitation patient.



Dr. Dougherty with his wife Cynthia.



Dr. Dougherty with his dad Edward Dougherty and brother Craig.

RETURNING TO OPTOMETRY

Always Meant Reuniting with Family...

by Kerry Gastineau, Alumni Coordinator



Doris Smith was born in Marion, Ohio and is a 2003 graduate of Highland High School. She is the youngest of seven with one sister, three brothers, and two half-sisters. She travels north every weekend to Morrow County to be with her family and spend time with her boyfriend, Aaron.

Doris attended The Ohio State University at Marion in September 2003 double majoring in accounting and business economics. Even though the Marion campus felt like home, ultimately Doris had to move to main campus to finish her degree.

Her connection to Optometry began in June 2007 as a student accounting assistant in the Optometry business office. Her peers attested to Doris being hard working and dedicated as a part-time employee. Doris was mature beyond her years, and with only a few months until graduation she received a promotion, a newly crafted position as Optometry Clinic Accountant. Doris diligently worked toward finishing her degree and graduated in March 2008. Doris feels she owes a lot to Rick Shaffer who was the Optometry business manager at the time because he encouraged her to stay on track and to not give up, even with an overwhelming class and work schedule.

Doris left Optometry in 2010 for a promotion and career progression as the fiscal, human resource, and travel coordinator for the Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab

office in Columbus working for her mentor, Rick Shaffer. Doris began looking at her future and decided to go back to school for a master's degree. Doris received her Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management in August 2012 from the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. Upon Doris' graduation, the College of Education and Human Ecology fiscal officer position opened and promised to utilize her master's degree. Although her career was enjoyable in other colleges at OSU, she always had her eye on opportunities to bring her back to the relationships and people she so enjoyed in the College of Optometry. Doris returned as the Business Operations Manager in the College of Optometry in December 2013 and brought her career full circle.

Doris always knew she would pursue business as her field of interest but didn't know she would specialize in accounting right away. Doris is detail oriented and likes numbers, which is critical in the field of forecasting and analysis; however, many have told Doris she does not fit the accounting stereotype. In her spare time, Doris rides a Harley Davidson motorcycle and finds riding to be a stress reliever. Her boyfriend of four years, Aaron, is now converted and rides with her also. Doris squeezes in some exercise when she can and enjoys pretty much anything outdoors.



Drs. Fogt and Zimmerman standing next to their pitching machine.

Facing a 90-mph fastball, a major league batter has only a quarter of a second to figure things out, which makes the process his brain and eyes go through very interesting to scientists. He must calculate when the ball will arrive and where it will cross the plate. Then he must decide whether or not to swing, and where to swing.

"By better identifying the physiologic capabilities and behaviors of baseball players, it may become possible to develop more precise vision training strategies for players of all calibers."

Dr. Nick Fogt and Dr. Aaron Zimmerman

The process the batter goes through is the subject of a new study reported in *Optometry and Vision Science*.

Nicklaus F. Fogt (OD/MS'92, PhD'96) and **Aaron B. Zimmerman (OD'06, MS'08)** designed experiments to monitor the eye and head movements of 15 Division 1 college baseball players. Most of the time players tracked the pitch with their heads, moving their eyes very little until late in the ball's flight.

Experiments also involved having the players call out colors and numbers written on the pitched ball. Researcher found the batters' performance calling out the colors and numbers was not much better than pure chance. As the process is better understood, strategies to improve players abilities may be developed.

"By better identifying the physiologic capabilities and behaviors of baseball players," the authors concluded, "it may become possible to develop more precise vision training strategies for players of all calibers."



OHIO STATE

College of Optometry in Ethiopia

by Dean VanNasdale, OD, PhD

O-H-I-O with a replica of Lucy – to date the oldest discovered skeleton of a hominid at 3.2 million years. Left to right: Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, Dean VanNasdale, OD, PhD, Lucy, and **Andrew Emch (OD/MS'09)**

In July 2013, I had an opportunity of a lifetime, traveling to Ethiopia with Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD and **Andrew Emch (OD/MS'09)**. Our trip to Ethiopia was part of Ohio State's "One Health Partnership," a cooperative initiative partnering students and faculty from Ohio State with governmental and educational institutions in Ethiopia. This was my first trip to Africa; my experiences there reinforced how important optometrists are as primary eye care providers.

In Ethiopia, optometric expertise is in short supply, but the cadre of eye care professionals is growing, led by extremely dedicated and capable practitioners and educators. While Dr. Zadnik taught medical ethics to a wide array of practitioners and educators traveling from across Ethiopia, Dr. Emch and I toured the facilities in the Department of Optometry at the University of Gondar, one of the two optometry training facilities in the country. Ethiopia has one of the fastest growing populations in the world – currently approximately 90 million. Established in 2006, the Department of Optometry is the older of the two optometric training institutions in Ethiopia and graduates just over 30 students each year. The Department of Optometry is adjacent to the Department of Ophthalmology, and both

are housed in the International Fistula Training Center. Optometry and Ophthalmology have opportunities to work together, managing patients who travel across the region to seek eye care for complex, sight-threatening conditions. Many neighboring countries lack training for optometrists entirely. By educating students from other countries in Africa, the University is working to fill the need for primary eye care providers in east Africa.

Many of the Optometry faculty are early graduates of the program, and a large percentage hold Master of Public Health degrees. The mission statement reflects a focus on community health, as well as challenges and aspirations: "The profession of optometry offers comprehensive eye care services to all mankind. The training program has the philosophy of producing skilled manpower equipped with adequate knowledge, skills and attitude to deliver such eye care services in the most ethical manner, both on the national and international level."

The faculty faces significant challenges that are rarely encountered in the United States. Trachoma is prevalent in Ethiopia and estimated to cause vision loss in 20% of the population. Because optometry is a relatively new profession in Africa, it is confronted with misconceptions



Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD working on a watercolor



Dr. VanNasdale teaching at University of Gondar Department of Optometry



Dr. Emch teaching at University of Gondar Department of Optometry

about primary eye care and what optometrists do. This is compounded by the fact that spectacle wear in Ethiopia carries a stigma, with many Ethiopians believing that optical correction exacerbates the problem, ultimately resulting in dependence on spectacles. Epidemiological data on the prevalence of ocular conditions, including refractive error, are lacking. The faculty is aware of this and is seeking opportunities for improved community outreach and education.

The optometry curriculum in Ethiopia is evolving, and Ohio State is actively engaged in that process. While no education beyond a bachelor's degree is required to practice optometry in Ethiopia, the faculty recognizes that there is a need for additional training in advanced practice techniques and research methodology. Recently, a master's program was added to the curriculum. Ohio State Optometry faculty are partnering with the University of Gondar and plan to provide in-person and recorded instruction, which will be used to supplement existing curricula in areas prioritized by the faculty at the University of Gondar for the advancement of the profession and eye care services. This provides a unique opportunity for The Ohio State University to share expertise and to continue to provide eye care on a global scale.



Dr. Zadnik exploring the sites near the University of Gondar.



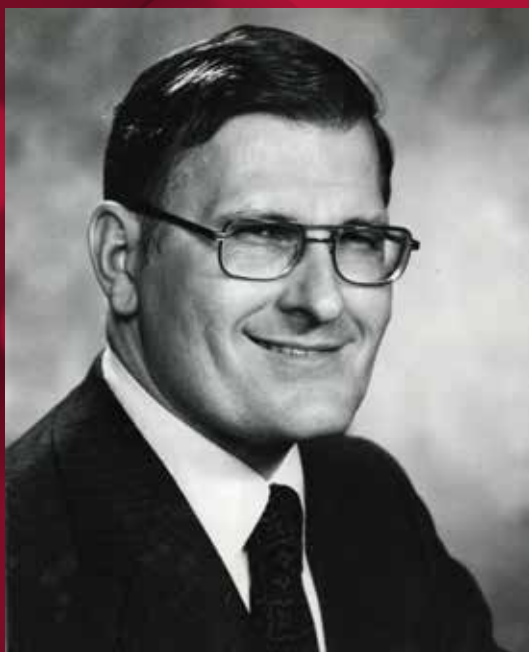
Drs. Andrew Emch, Karla Zadnik, and Dean VanNasdale

4 DEANS IN 45 YEARS

Perspectives and Insights of the Deans

by Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

Since the OSU optometry program became a separate college in 1968, only four individuals have served as its dean. Here is a brief summary of their distinguished academic careers, which is excerpted from a forthcoming book entitled *Our History in Focus: The First 100 Years of The Ohio State University College of Optometry* by Robert D. Newcomb (OD '71, MPH). The book is will be available later this year to coincide with the college's Gala Celebration at the Ohio Union on September 5, 2014.



Dean Hebbard: 1968-1988

Dr. Frederick W. Hebbard received his optometry degree from the UC Berkeley School of Optometry in 1949 and earned his PhD degree in physiological optics from the same institution in 1957. He accepted a faculty appointment at Ohio State after he completed his PhD, and Dr. Glenn Fry assigned him various teaching and clinical responsibilities while he continued to do research in micro eye movements. He soon assumed

administrative duties as well and became the School of Optometry's Associate Director in 1962. In 1966, when Dr. Fry stepped down as the director, Dr. Hebbard assumed that role. In 1968, when the OSU School of Optometry became the OSU College of Optometry, he served as the founding dean – a position he held for 20 years (1968-1988).

Dean Hebbard was a respected leader in optometric education and served on many boards and committees for the American Optometric Association, the American Academy of Optometry, the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, and the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Michael Polasky (OD'69), who was a member of the faculty for 35 years and retired in 2004, remembers that the Audio-Visual department of the College was one of Dean Hebbard's top priority areas. Optometric Educators, Inc., (OEI) a not-for-profit organization comprising of the faculty of the OSU College of Optometry, was created in 1978. OEI was formed so that continuing education courses could be administered by an organization that was totally separate from Ohio State and the College of Optometry; and therefore had control over the administration, registration, content, logistics, and finances. It allowed faculty to supplement their salaries and also to benefit the College when revenues exceeded expenses.

After the university opened its new University Hospitals

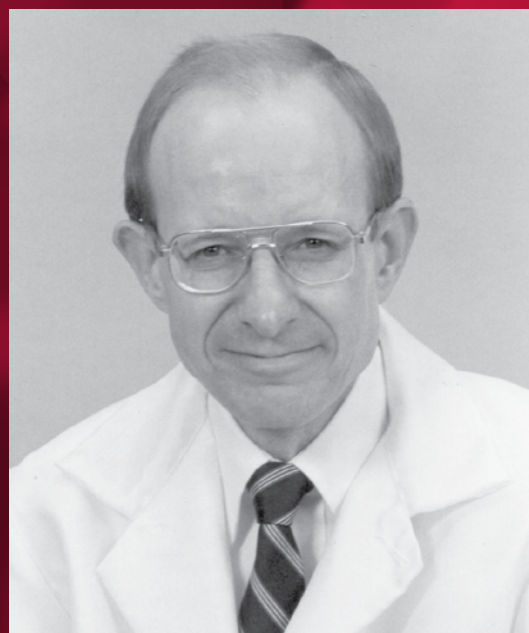
Clinic building in 1974, Dean Hebbard negotiated with OSU medical center officials for the College of Optometry to occupy the vacated Starling-Loving Hall space in the late 1970s. It required extensive renovation to change it from a hospital outpatient clinic to a modern optometric teaching clinic with space for faculty offices, research, labs, and administrative functions of the College. Its acquisition was critical for optometry's growth within the health sciences complex on campus. It allowed the college to increase its number of graduates from 34 in 1968 to 55 in 1988.

During his tenure as a faculty member and administrator, Dr. Hebbard was responsible for many initiatives that helped solidify optometry's presence and prestige within the OSU comprehensive health science campus. Some of those initiatives were:

1. Expanding the five-year curriculum (concluding with a BS-Optometry degree) to a six-year curriculum (concluding with an OD degree);
2. Preserving optometry's independence from the College of Medicine in the mid-1960s when OSU's Department of Ophthalmology proposed that the optometry program be placed under its administrative structure;
3. Securing grant support to open an inner-city optometry clinic for underserved citizens in Columbus;
4. Working with the university's Vice-president for Health Sciences to develop a three-course sequence taught by faculty from the College's of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Optometry, that prepared optometry students to use both Diagnostic and Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents upon their graduation and state licensure; and
5. Recruiting a world-class faculty of luminaries in optometric education, including Dick Hill, Boyd Eskridge, Brad Wild, Jerry Lowther, John Schoessler, Ron Jones, Mike Polasky, Arol Augsburg, Paulette Schmidt, Jim Sheedy, Kevin Alexander, Joe Barr, and Greg Good.

At the time of his retirement in 1988, he said: "I've always enjoyed the university's atmosphere. The students at Ohio State are very fine young people.... One of the blessings in my life is I have had a career I truly enjoy.... My job (has been) my hobby; if you enjoy your job, you don't need another hobby."

Dr. Hebbard now resides in Upper Arlington and celebrated his 90th birthday in 2013.



Dean Hill: 1988-1995

Dr. Richard Mather Hill was born in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1934. As a young man, he pumped gas, worked in a hospital kitchen, delivered mail, and sold cremations in a cemetery - all jobs that he knew then would not become his life-long career! He received his Optometry and PhD degrees from the University of California at Berkeley in 1958 and 1961. In 1963, Drs. Hebbard and Fry recruited Dr. Hill to Ohio State.

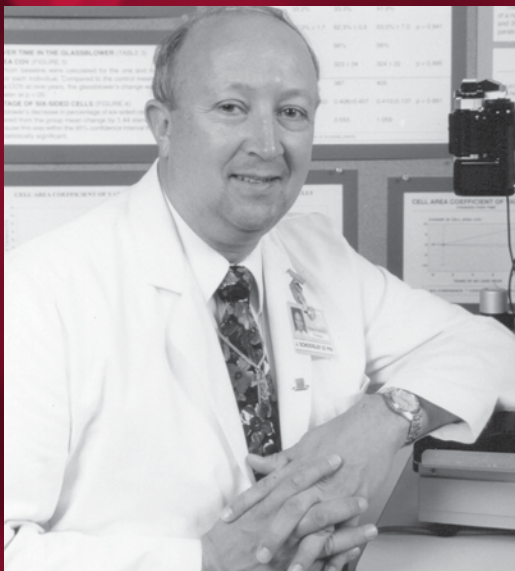
Dr. Hill also had an offer at the time from **Dean Henry Hofstetter (BS'39, MS'40, PhD'42)**, who received his MS and PhD degrees from Dr. Fry, to teach at the Indiana University School of Optometry. Though Dr. Hofstetter had a very engaging personality, Dr. Hill said: "...I figured I might as well go to the well and really get near the renaissance figure of the time in our field (Glenn Fry)..." So he and his wife, Lee, moved from San Francisco to Columbus in the summer of 1964.

Dr. Hill's exemplary service to the profession of optometry and to The Ohio State University spanned five decades, including Dean of the College from 1988-1995. During his years as the college's second dean, Dr. Hill was the king of multi-tasking. He worked tirelessly on accreditation issues, improvement of the physical environment for both students and patients, alumni relations, fund raising, curricular changes to prepare graduates for the contemporary practice of optometry (including a new 14 academic quarter curriculum and off-campus external rotations), recruitment of outstanding faculty members, and enhancement of interdisciplinary relationships across Ohio State's large and diverse campus, among many other priorities.

It was also during his tenure as dean that the college's first two endowed Professorships (the Wildermuth and the Fry) and the first endowed Chair (the Vision Service Plan Chair for the Advancement of Professional Practice) were established. He championed the concept of "clinical ranks" within the College of Optometry, which allowed young and talented clinical educators to be appointed to the faculty as regular non-tenured faculty members.

Also during his tenure, Dr. Hill was the principal graduate advisor to 34 MS students and eight PhD students. He has published 250 research papers, two books, and 97 columns on contact lens developments and has been recognized by the American Academy of Optometry (Glenn A. Fry Award for current research contributions and the Prentice Medal for advancement of knowledge in the visual sciences), the Ohio Optometric Association (Warren and Ruth Morris Optometrist of the Year), the Contact Lens Manufacturers Association (Josef Dallos Award), the National Optometric Association (Founder's Award), and The Ohio State University (Distinguished Service Award), among many others.

Dean Emeritus Hill retired on July 1, 1995, and currently resides with his wife in Upper Arlington. They both are very active members of the OSU Retirees Association.



Dean Schoessler: 1995-2004

Dr. John Schoessler, born May 9, 1942, is the grandson of an optometrist who practiced in Omaha, Nebraska. He once said: "For as long as I can remember, I admired my grandfather as a person and was taken

with the profession that he honored and to which he dedicated his career during the years of emergence of our profession in the United States....I was encouraged by my parents to pursue the dream of becoming an optometrist, and I have never regretted the choice."

He received his BS, OD, MS, and PhD degrees from Ohio State in 1965, 1966, 1968, and 1971, respectively, and was a member of the faculty from 1971 to 1995. Following Dean Hill's retirement, he was appointed the Interim Dean in 1995. Dr. Schoessler obviously knew the operations of the college very well, but now that he was "in charge," he immediately took steps to provide continuity and to communicate with all of the College's constituencies. This included, among many other things, planning the optometric portion of OSU's "Affirm Thy Friendship" five-year fundraising campaign, which ran from September, 1995, through June 2000.

In the summer of 1996, he was named the college's third permanent dean; in the Summer 2002 Alumni newsletter, Dean Schoessler announced a bold new construction project, "Raise the Roof." This project was funded by several critical constituencies of the college and future beneficiaries, including a \$2 million award from the National Institutes of Health for extramural research facilities construction, another generous gift of \$1 million from the E. F. Wildermuth Foundation, \$3.6 million from the University, \$1 million from the Ohio Board of Regents' Hayes Action Fund, and another \$1 million from the college's industry partners, alumni, and friends.

In addition to providing the leadership for a new optometric research facility on the OSU campus, Dean Schoessler increased the number of new faculty hires, renovated existing spaces (i.e., Eyewear Gallery, mailroom, student rooms, classrooms), increased research grants from \$1 million to \$19 million, changed the college's governance structure (instituted an Executive Committee and a Faculty Advisory Committee), established the primary care externship program, and incorporated new practice management courses into the curriculum.

When he retired in 2004, he said: "I have been privileged to experience many aspects of optometry – including patient care, education, research, accreditation, fundraising, administration, interactions with other professions and eye care groups, and especially interaction with the most outstanding state optometric association in the U.S...."

Emeritus Dean Schoessler and his wife Jane, now reside in Westerville, where they both are very active in church work.



Dean Shipp: 2004-2014

Dr. Melvin D. Shipp, born in 1948, is a self-described “Army brat,” having been born at Fort Benning, Georgia, and raised in Texas, Louisiana, Germany, and Kentucky. He graduated from high school in Nuremberg, Germany and then attended Indiana University where he received his undergraduate education. He received his Doctor of Optometry degree from Indiana University (1972), his Master of Public Health degree from Harvard University (1980), and his Doctor of Public Health degree from the University of Michigan (1996).

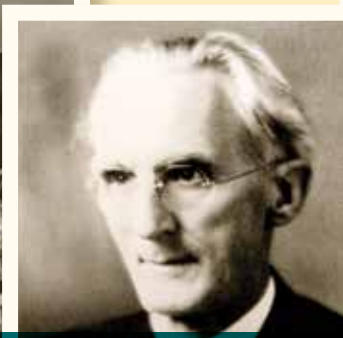
Prior to his arrival at OSU in 2004 as dean, Dr. Shipp was a member of the faculty at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry from 1976 to 2004. His experiences at that institution included health professional education, applied clinical and health policy research, and academic administration. In addition to his teaching, research and service responsibilities, Dr. Shipp also chaired and served on university-wide committees charged with improving the overall health status of underserved and economically disadvantaged communities in Alabama.

Among his many accomplishments as dean, he led the completion and implementation of the college’s strategic plan, further advancing the college’s mission. In that regard, strategies tied directly to the overall plan include a net increase of faculty. In addition, the College has enriched, diversified, and restructured the clinical care experience, including modification to the curriculum to further enhance students’ mastery of clinical skills and clinical decision making. Further, the College’s professional training program and graduate

program has educated students who excel on the National Board examinations. Facilities received a substantial expansion with completion of the Raise the Roof Campaign in 2007, adding three floors to Fry Hall and totally renovating Room 33. In 2013, a complete renovation of Room 22 created a more attractive learning environment, and in January, 2014, a totally renovated Pre Clinic opened on the second floor of Fry Hall.

Dr. Shipp has served as a consultant, panelist, and reviewer for several federal institutions notably, the Food and Drug Administration, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health. He has also assumed leadership and membership roles within a variety of non-federal national health related organizations. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, and a Diplomate and former Chair of the Academy’s Public Health and Environmental Optometry Section. In 2003, he was honored by the Academy with the Carel C. Koch Award for his outstanding contributions to interprofessional relationships. He served as President of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry in 2009-2010. Dr. Shipp was elected to the office of the American Public Health Association treasurer in 2000, served as a member of its Executive Board, and was president of that organization in 2011-2012, the first optometrist to serve in that role. Also in 2011, he was named the Warren G. and Ruth P. Morris Optometrist of the Year by the Ohio Optometric Association. In 2012, he was also named Optometrist of the Year by the American Optometric Association.

On October 8, 2013, he announced his retirement from the university at the end of June 2014. After a stellar career as the College’s fourth dean, Dr. Shipp and his wife, Michèle, are planning to move to Arizona to be closer to their two daughters, Gaël and Elizabeth.



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DINNER: Be There or Be Square!

by Karla Zadnik, OD PhD, Associate Dean



The College's first 100 years will be commemorated at the Centennial Celebration Dinner on September 5, 2014 at the Ohio Union in the Archie Griffin Ballroom. Mark your calendars now.

The event will begin with an Allergan-supported reception at 6:00 P.M., followed by the Essilor-subsidized dinner and the program at 7:00 p.m. Our own Bad Habits, the Eye Doctors of Rock, will close out the evening in the Union's Cartoon Room with a unique set that will take you back ... way back.

I know, I know. You're looking forward to the dinner but dreading the program. Think again! Get ready for a multimedia extravaganza of music, film, and heartfelt testimonials. You won't want to blink for fear of missing something. Wear your black-tie-optional finery, maybe with a touch of Buckeye love in evidence, so that your moment in the commemorative photo booth will be featured in the special Centennial issue of Buckeye magazine. Bring

tissues to blot those tears that will flow as you reconnect with classmates and beloved teachers. You'll spot more Ohio State Optometry luminaries than your visual system can process! Pick up your Ohio State Optometry memorabilia, and take home your very own copy of the College's history, authored by none other than our own beloved Dr. "Buckeye" Bob Newcomb.

The morning after the dinner, receive three hours of continuing education credit (no charge) at the College. Featured presenters include **Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)**, **Greg Good (OD75, PhD'81)**, **Nick Fogt (OD/MS'92, PhD'96)**, **Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79)**, **Mike Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)**, and Don Mutti, OD PhD. Did you know there are three campus-wide Distinguished

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Teachers in that group? Depending on the timing of the Virginia Tech football game that day (my guru of all things related to football timing, **Vince Driggs (OD'85)** says he foresees a 3:00 P.M. or night game), plan on touring the College to see what's new. A recent College visitor, **Chris Woodruff (OD'86)** remarked, "The College bears no resemblance to where I went to school." In his words, come see our new building!

Look for your invitation in your mailbox (yes, your snail mailboxes) in April. In it, you'll find an RSVP card that details the events, their costs, and other Centennial-related opportunities. The College has booked blocks of hotel rooms for your use that weekend. Because it's a football weekend, we expect hotel rooms will be a hot commodity, so make your reservations early.

The College's future looks so bright, you'll have to wear shades. Plan on joining the festivities on September 5-6, 2014 so that you can always say "I was there when ..."

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Saturday, September 6th

9am-12pm, Room 33 Fry Hall

Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

"Alzheimer's Disease: AD for the OD"

Greg Good (OD'75, PhD'81)

"Color Vision – Testing to Standards"

Nick Fogt (OD/MS'92, PhD'96)

"Eye and Head Tracking Studies in Baseball"

Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79)

"Contact Lens Related Corneal Infiltrative Keratitis"

Mike Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)

"Visual Word Form Area of Cortex"

Don Mutti, OD, PhD

"Why Does More Time Outdoors Help Prevent Myopia"

To reserve a room from our blocks, call any one of these hotels directly and say you are attending The Ohio State College of Optometry Centennial:

Holiday Inn
\$179/night

3045 Olentangy River Rd
Columbus, Ohio 43202
614-447-1212

Crown Plaza Downtown
\$127/night

33 E. Nationwide Blvd.
Columbus, Ohio 43215
1-800-338-4462

Hyatt Regency Columbus
\$149/night

350 N. High St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-463-1234

Hampton Inn Airport
\$99/night

4280 International Gateway
Columbus, Ohio 43219
614-235-0717

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ART SHOW

by Aaron Aebie, Communications Intern

The Ohio State University College of Medicine hosted its annual art show during the first week of March. The College of Medicine Art Show featured the artistic talents of students, faculty, and staff from among the various health sciences. The exhibition attracted 300 people who were asked to vote on their favorite piece for the People's Choice Award.

The winner of this year's People's Choice Award was the College of Optometry's very own graphic designer, Kerri McTigue! Kerri submitted two pieces to the exhibition: an American Gothic reproduction watercolor, commissioned by Dr. Patrick Lloyd, dean of the College of Dentistry, and an Indigo Iris watercolor, which is a personal work. Indigo Iris also won the College of Medicine Vice-Dean's Award. You can see other work Kerri has done at her website at indigoirisdsgns.com.



Kerri with her American Gothic reproduction at the Art Show.



Kerri's Indigo Iris painting.

In addition to Kerri, **J.P. Maszczak (OD'05)** also entered a piece of art in the show, a pastel titled Mountain Lion. Dr. Maszczak, chief of the Advanced Ocular Care Service and clinical assistant professor, said that the painting took him about 25 hours to complete. Dr. Maszczak works with multiple mediums such as watercolor, acrylic, pencil, and scratch board. Dr. Maszczak does custom paintings and can be reached by emailing jpmaszczak@gmail.com.



Dr. Maszczak's Mountain Lion painting.



Dr. Maszczak's Wolf painting.

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY 2014 HOLIDAY PARTY!

The faculty and staff at the College of Optometry celebrated the holiday season with their annual potluck Holiday Party. The food was delicious, the decorations festive, and the company wonderful!



THANK YOU

TO OUR TOP SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

by Rachel Childress, College Development Director

As we begin to think about moving into the final two years of the University's *But for Ohio State Campaign*, the College of Optometry is focused on scholarships like never before as we see students graduate with debt equal to a mortgage on a new home. You may recall that the college has a \$10 million goal during this campaign and that \$2 million of that is for scholarships, which will more than double what was available in scholarship awards when the campaign began in 2009. The numbers at the end of February put us just short of \$1 million for this important priority.

By the time this is in your mailbox, we will have passed the half-way point toward this goal, and I thought that this might be a good time to say thank you to our top two scholarship donors that continue to provide generous support to our college and our students. We are grateful to be able to celebrate both the EF Wildermuth Foundation and HOYA Optical Labs as strong philanthropic supporters of student scholarships, and we would like to share a little about their impact on the college.

You may know that the EF Wildermuth Foundation has been a long-time friend of the college, creating a professorship in 1989 and making a leadership gift during the Raise the Roof Campaign in 2004. You may not know that that the Foundation has been supporting optometry scholarships since 1970. For 44 years they have continued their partnership with us through significant scholarship gifts totaling more than \$1 million. The broad criteria of awarding students who have demonstrated a high degree of academic potential and

financial need has allowed us to extend scholarships to more than 100 students in the last five years alone. What a fantastic legacy the Wildermuth Foundation has at the college. We hope to continue to work with them in the years to come.

If you flip your BuckEYE magazine to the inside back cover you'll see that HOYA is our sponsor for the BuckEYE magazine and has been for seven years. They have also given to our discretionary fund and give an award to a graduating senior each spring; however, it's their dedication to student scholarships that we want to highlight. For the last five years, HOYA, under the leadership of Barney Dougher, has been providing the single largest student scholarship at the college each year to the top entering student. This has become an important tool, as our highly ranked prospective students are being offered large scholarship packages from other schools where they have applied. This gift from HOYA gives us the ability to attract the type of student that we want to have in our classrooms.

Along with these outstanding friends of the college, we want to thank the many others who have given to scholarships in the past, either by making a gift to an already established fund or creating a new one. If you haven't considered this opportunity before, please give it some thought next time you make a gift to the college. Our students truly appreciate support from our alumni and friends, and we look forward to the future when our Wildermuth and HOYA Scholars will be in a position to make their own gift to the college, continuing to build our culture of giving.



Ugly Sweater contestants: Emily Grimm, Susie Nippert, Kerri McTigue, Rachel Childress, Justin Griest, and Jeff Walline (OD, PhD'02)

Ugly Holiday Sweater

Contest winner:

Development Director Rachel Childress (*outfit complete with tree skirt and star headband!*) receiving her prize from Associate Dean Karla Zadnik



Jenny Huang, OD, PhD and Kristina Haworth (OD, MS'09) at the party





PRECLINIC OPENING

February 6, 2014



John Archer (OD'75) and Tim Kime (BS'61)

Alumni, friends, faculty, and staff celebrated our preclinic grand opening with some very special guests. Here are a few highlights.

Dr. Timothy and Barb Kime

Tim Kime (BS'61) and his wife Barb named the "Fred Hebbard Classroom" in honor of Emeritus Dean Fred Hebbard, OD, PhD. Dr. Kime considers Dean Hebbard a mentor and chose the new classroom as a special way to honor and recognize him at the College for many years to come.

In addition to Dr. Hebbard, Dr. Kime's son and granddaughter were also able to attend this special celebration.



Dean Shipp, Dean Emeritus Fred Hebbard, and **Tim Kime (BS'61)** standing in the classroom Tim and his wife Barb named the "Fred Hebbard Classroom" in honor of Dr. Hebbard.



Dr. Hebbard reacting to the generous \$100,000 donation made by the Kimes for the "Fred Hebbard Classroom".



Todd Kime, Molly Kime, **Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)**, Dean Emeritus Hebbard, and **Tim Kime (BS'61)**



Melvin Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH



Wendy Clark and Mike Polasky (BS'68, OD'69)



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Dr. Bruce and Joanne Manning

Bruce Manning (OD'81) and his wife Joanne named one of the exam lanes. The College of Optometry is beginning to be a family tradition. The Mannings' oldest son **Justin Manning (OD'13)** recently graduated, and their youngest son Steven will be starting the program this coming fall.

In his more than 30 years of practice, Dr. Manning has mentored a number of students who have gone on to a career in optometry.



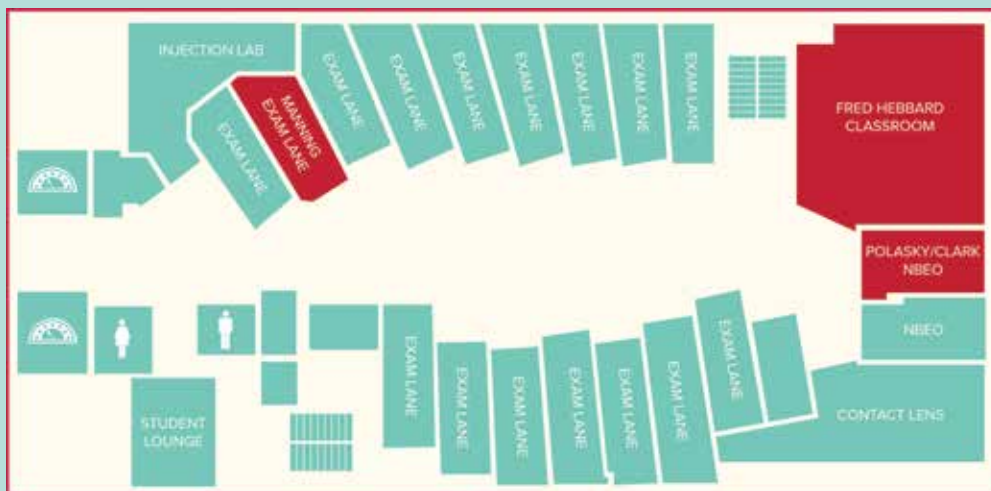
Dean Shipp with Joanne and **Bruce Manning (OD'81)**



Joanne and **Bruce Manning (OD'81)** in their exam lane.



Bruce Manning (OD'81) talks with **Kelsea Naylor ('16)** in the new exam lane.



Pre-Clinic
floorplan as
of 3/2014

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Dr. Mike Polasky and Wendy Clark

Michael Polasky (BS'68, OD'69) and his wife Wendy Clark are both well-loved members of the Optometry family. Both worked at the college for more than 30 years, Dr. Polasky as an Assistant Professor and then Assistant Dean and Wendy as the head of the Instructional Media Department. They named one of the National Board of Examiners Exam Rooms. This is particularly fitting because Dr. Polasky taught clinical optometry to nearly 2,000 optometrists who graduated from the college.



Mike Polasky (BS'68, OD'69) and Wendy Clark standing in the NBEO exam lane they donated.



Mike Polasky (BS'68, OD'69) and Wendy Clark at the door of their NBEO exam lane.



Greg Good (OD'75, PhD'81), Kurt Zadnik (photobombing), Wendy Clark, and **Mike Polasky (BS'68, OD'69)** reminiscing at the opening.



Lucky day for **Bill McMullen (BS'63)** - two fish on one line!



Bill McMullen (BS'63) and wife Sally in Germany in 2013.



Sally and **Bill McMullen (BS'63)** in Holland in 2013.

Reflections from Our Golden Buckeyes

William V. McMullen's (BS'63) fondest memories from his college days at Ohio State were working or studying! His family owned a small grocery store in Cincinnati, and he agreed with his Dad to come home every Friday and work in the store Saturday and Sunday before returning to OSU for the week. The memories he has from optometry school were learning to play bridge in the student lounge, learning in the contact lens clinic, and being afraid to tell his first cataract patient he had cataracts. He thought he would learn how to break the news to a patient from his attending, Dr. Mote. He told Dr. Mote of the situation, and Dr. Mote followed him back into the exam room and looked into the patient's eyes and said, "You're right, McMullen, he has cataracts in both eyes!" Dr. McMullen said, "Needless to say, after 50 years of practice I have found a nicer way to break the news with a little more compassion!"

Dr. McMullen moved to Arizona in 1963 where he ultimately opened his own practice in Tempe until 1990 and another one in Chandler which he sold in 2005. Bill spent three years as an enlisted Medic in the Arizona National Guard and 29 years in the U.S. Army Reserves as an optometrist. He served four months in Desert Storm and retired as a colonel. He was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2002. Bill is married to Sally and they have three daughters, one son, and three granddaughters. One of Bill's daughters is mentally disabled, so he has been very involved over the years trying to help mentally disabled people in his community. His passions also include fishing, golfing, creating woodworking projects, traveling, and spoiling his granddaughters.

ONLY HAD EYES FOR A BUCKEYE

The College of Optometry asked alumni and students to share their love stories at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. Here are some of the best stories!



Victoria Piamonte (OD'13) and Derek Gresko (OD'12)
at Old Man's Cave in Hocking Hills State Park

CONTEST WINNERS: Victoria Piamonte (OD'13) and Derek Gresko (OD'12)

Derek and Victoria first met by chance on March 2, 2009 when Victoria was visiting the College of Optometry for her interview day. Derek was providing the campus tour for the interviewees, and the two locked eyes for the first time on the fourth floor of Starling-Loving Hall. Luckily, the interview went well for Victoria, and she was accepted to the college. Derek had no idea if he would ever see her again. The two

did not keep in touch after the interview. Six months went by before the pair ran into each other during Victoria's first week of classes at Ohio State. After seeing each other at various social events and class functions, the two started to become friends, until Derek finally took Victoria on their first date on November 25, 2009. Four and a half years later the couple is engaged and awaiting their July 2014 wedding in San Diego, California.



Derek and Victoria's recent engagement photos. Photographer: Kim Marcelo



Other Entries:



Justin Manning (OD'13) and his wife Danielle (BS, MA) on their honeymoon in Asolo, Italy. They met at Ohio State while working as orientation leaders the summer of 2009.



Mike Tankovich (OD'72) and his wife of 44 years Jane Scott Tankovich at a Cleveland Indians baseball game. They made it on the big screen!



Bob Goodman (BS'55) and his wife Abby met in Dr. Angier's physiology class in the B and Z building, around the corner from the Optometry School. Things started slowly but soon flourished into a beginning of a now 60 year life journey. Three productive children and four wonderful grandchildren later, we are well.



David Karpik (OD'05) & Kathleen Rice (OD'05) met in 2001 during their first year in optometry school, got engaged at Mirror Lake, and were married in 2007. They get to work together and, when not working, enjoy classic cars.



Michelle Miller ('16) with her boyfriend Jeff Falfas at the 2013 EYE Spring Banquet

Welcome to our newest member of the Optometry Alumni & Friends Board!

Michelle Miller ('16) was raised in the town of Forest located in Northwest Ohio with her younger brother, David and parents, Nancy and Tom. Michelle attended Riverdale High School and graduated in 2008. She then attended The Ohio State University for her undergraduate degree and attained a BS in Biology in 2012. She chose OSU because she grew up in Ohio and because of OSU's reputation of high academic excellence.

She chose optometry because she enjoyed going to the optometrist and felt people are generally happy to see their optometrist. She is currently interested in studying vision therapy and binocular vision and is also planning to do a residency. Michelle is a student ambassador for prospective students visiting OSU Optometry.

Her optometric role model is **Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)** who has given her great advice and guidance, and she shares his interest in traumatic brain injury. Also, she values Don Mutti, OD, PhD who has made a great impact on her by caring about the students' future and supporting them towards great success.

Members of the Class of 1963 at their 50th Reunion during Alumni Weekend 2013!



(from left to right) **Dave Dreffer (BS'63, OD'68)**, **Roy Ebihara (BS'63)**, **Bill McMullen (BS'63)**, and **E. Clifton Hyre (BS'63)**

Dave Dreffer (BS'63, OD'68), while serving on the OSU optometry Alumni Board, became the first official representative to the OSU Alumni Association. **Roy Ebihara (BS'63)** served as President of Optometry Alumni & Friends from 1984 - 1985 and received the Warren G. and Ruth P. Morris Optometrist of the Year

award from the Ohio Optometric Association in 1993. **Bill McMullen (BS'63)** served as chairman of the Fiesta Bowl Committee in Tempe, Arizona for two years. **E. Clifton Hyre (BS'63)**, was president of the West Virginia Optometric Association when his state passed the first optometric therapeutic law in the country.

Marietta ODs Recognized

Recently featured in the Marietta (Ohio) Times **Matt Ingram (OD'05)** and his dad, **Greg Ingram (OD'76)**, keep the profession of optometry in the family. Matt said choosing a career path was never a hard decision for him, as he was always proud to say his dad was an optometrist. Matt still gets much enjoyment seeing the happy expression on patients' faces when they can see better. Matt was a baby when his father started Eye Care Associates with a fellow optometrist in Marietta in 1980. Dr. Greg's wife, Mary, joined the practice 25 years ago and serves as optical manager.

For the past decade, Dr. Greg and Mary, along with a team of local medical doctors and dentists, have annually packed up a large load of donated glasses and traveled to Nicaragua to help treat patients and fit them for glasses. The Drs. Ingram spend most of their time rotating around Eye Care Associates' satellite locations in Beverly, Woodsfield, McConnelsville and Belpre.

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September 2014: CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Friday, September 5th

6:00PM Centennial
Celebration Dinner

Saturday, September 6th

9:00AM CE at the College of Optometry



October 2014: REUNION WEEKEND

Friday, October 17th

5:30PM Class Reunion

Reception at the Blackwell Hotel

7:00PM Distinguished Alumni Awards

Dinner at the Blackwell Hotel

Distinguished Alumnus:

Dr. Richard Ball (BS '55) PhD, FAAO

Early Professional Achievement Award:

Dr. Jason Miller (OD '99)

Saturday, October 18th

3 hours prior to kickoff-

Tailgate in Fry Hall

TIME TBA Rutgers vs. Buckeyes
Football Game

Sunday, October 19th

TIME TBA- 50th Reunion Brunch

hosted by President Drake
at The Ohio Union

(invitation issued by President's Office)

Classes celebrating reunions:

**1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994,
1999, 2004, 2009**

*If you have questions, please feel free to contact
Kerry Gastineau by phone at (614) 688-1363 or by
email at Gastineau.5@osu.edu*

1952 Erwin Jay (OD '52) is working for a large multi office group at multiple locations to offer time off and relief for doctors to have time off.

1953 James Blocksom (BS'53) served in the United States Air Force in Japan following graduation from the college. While in Japan, he became a Christian and, upon returning to the United States, went to seminary and earned a Bachelor of Theology. He returned to Japan in 1961 and served as a missionary for more than 50 years. He is now retired but continues to live in Japan with his wife, seven children and their spouses, and 18 grandchildren. Dr. Blocksom and his family started five churches, a Christian school, a publishing press, and the International Chapel Ministries mission organization. (<http://icmjapan.org/about-us?lang=en>)



Most of the Blocksom family at Christmas 2013

1954 Donald Jansen (BS'54 MD) practiced optometry for four years and went to medical school graduating in 1959 and then interned in Detroit, MI. Jansen practiced medicine for 53 years in Cincinnati, OH after completing a fellowship in cornea and ophthalmic plastic surgery in New York.

1955 Irving Tanzman (OD '55) retired June 2012 after 51 years in practice and enjoys spending time with family and traveling.

1955 Robert Goodman (OD '55) relocated to an active "over 55" community after 20 years in Phoenix and enjoys retirement.

1969 David D. Glick (OD'69) lost his wife in '08 after 50 years together. Dr. Glick has two daughters and four grandkids ages 6-12 and has enjoyed being a snowbird for 15 years. He is still playing trumpet in the mini marching band for OSU games. Dr. Glick had the honor to play in the Rose Bowl 60 years ago and continues to love sailing, tennis, golf, and racquetball.

1973 Mark Rinkov (OD '73) is the recipient of The Consumers' Choice Award. Established in 1987, the award identifies and promotes businesses that deliver customer service excellence. Over the 36 years Dr. Rinkov has been in practice, one trend has been the professional eye care industry's consolidation and growth of chains. Rinkov Eyecare Centers just made their first acquisition last month by acquiring Rosenthal Vision Center from **Rick Rosenthal (OD'91)**. Today Rinkov Eyecare Centers is the largest privately owned optometry practice in Central Ohio with seven locations.

1974 The newest Saneholtz family member of proud grandfather **Roger Saneholtz (OD '74)** is Keaton Cy born 12/27/2013 to son, Brent, and wife, Joy Saneholtz.



1984 Cheryl Archer (OD'84) of Wapakoneta has been appointed by Governor John Kasich to the Ohio State Board of Optometry. She practices at Premier Vision Group in Lima and with her husband, **John Archer (OD'75)**, in Bowling Green. Dr. Cheryl is a graduate of DePauw University.

1984 Janine Flood (OD'84) made her twelfth visit to Haiti in January 2014 in order to continue her work in an eye care clinic that she founded through Healing Art Missions.

1985 Diane S. Meek's (OD'85) son, John, recently graduated from University of Cincinnati with a BS in Biology and Chemistry.

1990 Trying to enjoy the Nor'easter in New Jersey. Doing it Buckeye style! **Diana Milheim Coggins (OD'90)** (photo on next page) with two of her daughters and a new snow friend.



O-H-I-O from the Coggins family.

1993 **Lee M. Favede (OD'93)** of St. Clairsville, was installed as the president of the Ohio Optometric Association at the annual OOA Congress held in conjunction with the EastWest Eye Conference in October 2013. Dr. Favede has practiced with his father, Leon F. Favede, OD at Drs. Favede and Associates in Bridgeport, Ohio for the past 20 years.

Dr. Favede has served on the OOA Board in various capacities since 2007. He is a past governor of Zone 5 and Key

Optometrist. He has served as a volunteer for the RealEyes/Save Our Sight Classroom Initiative since 1993. Favede is also a provider for VISION USA.

In 2012, Favede was recognized by being named the Ohio Key Optometrist of the Year.

2003 **Air Force Maj. Tara Jayne (OD'03)** has received the 2013 AFOS Junior OD of the Year Award.



Henry Joseph Prinz

2009 **Katie Greiner (OD/MS'09)** and family welcomed Henry Joseph Prinz on December 30, 2013. He weighed in at 7lbs 15 oz. and 21 inches-nice and healthy! All are doing well (on little sleep)!

2012 **Karen (Marshall) Manko (OD '12)** married Kyle Gregory Manko on September 8, 2012.

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