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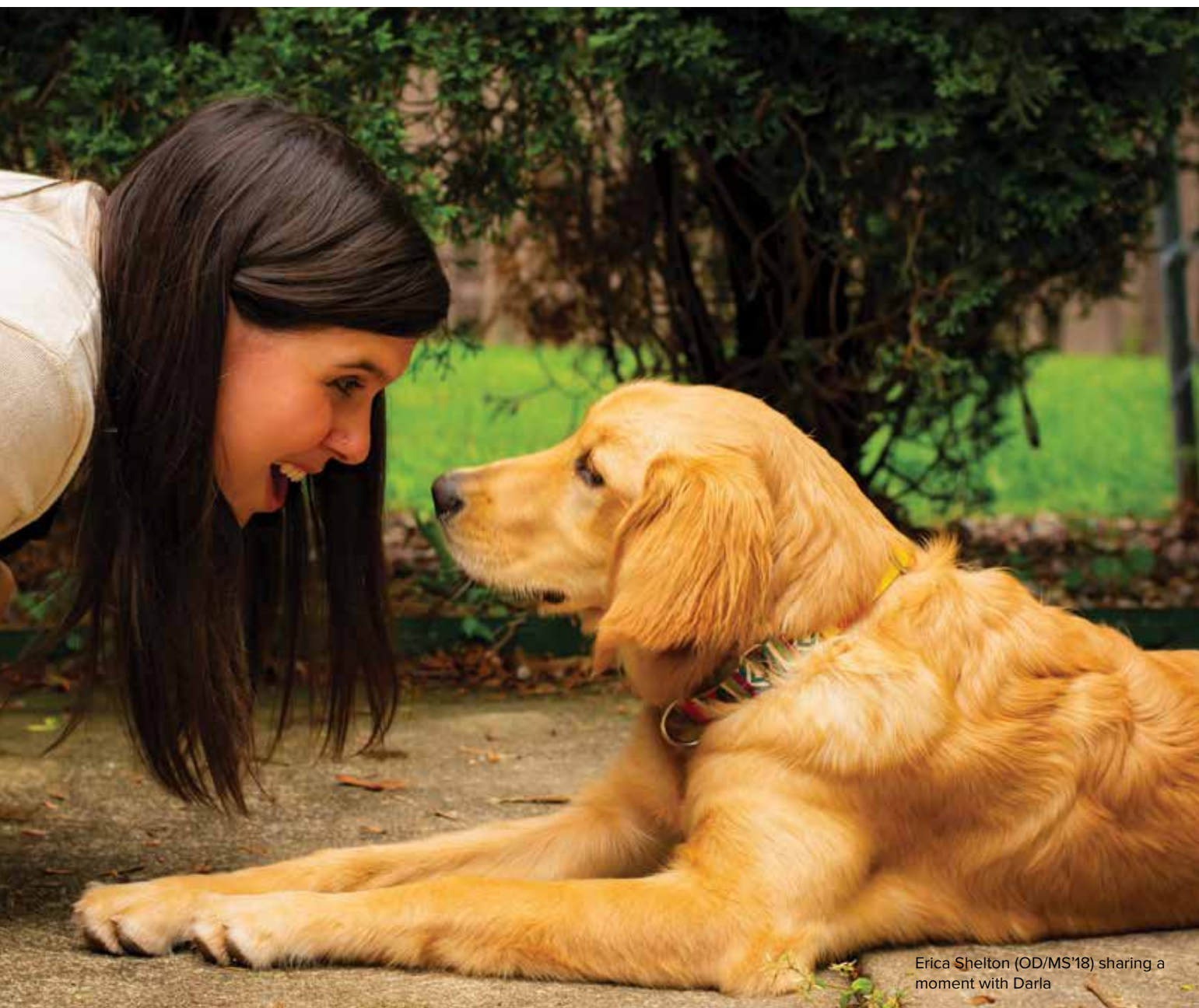
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A Message from the BuckEYE Alumni Magazine Editorial Team

During uncertain times, we cling to what we know to be true. Here's what we know: Ohio State Optometry produces the profession's top doctors, and our alumni network is strong, resilient and caring.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has affected us all, personally and professionally. Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, has communicated directly with alumni via monthly emails to provide updates about the college. If you are not receiving these emails and would like to be added to the mailing list, please email haddock.15@osu.edu.

An excerpt from the April "Dean's Calling" message:

On March 9, university leadership announced a campus-wide initiative to convert to online didactic education for the remainder of spring semester. On March 15, the Executive Committee of the college (Mike Earley, Greg Nixon, Jeff Walline, Jim Woods, and I) made the difficult decision to suspend all student clinical rotations, effective immediately and until further notice. Since then, faculty in the College of Optometry have more than risen to the occasion, providing online education for all didactic courses and even for the critical thinking skills that develop in clinical rotations.


Our students have met the faculty more than halfway. I heard of students participating in pilot online sessions with their teachers. I heard of virtual social interactions. Our students are coping with uncertainty about their education and about their future livelihood, yet they are trusting me and the college's administrative leaders and are giving their course instructors their all. Our faculty and staff are telecommuting. Our IT staff has facilitated our ability to do that en masse. It is remarkable.

Sadly, we have had to postpone many college events, including Visit Day, Second Look

Day, our Visionary Appreciation dinner, the EYE spring banquet, the White Coat Ceremony, and all college events related to the 2020 commencement. Rest assured that the replacement events, whether virtual or in person, will become a celebration of BuckEYE Nation's love for the college and the university.

We are not alone. Our fellow health sciences colleagues are creatively redesigning opportunities for their students, and we are sharing best practices. The university at large has been forthcoming and transparent in its outreach. The optometry deans and presidents have been in contact with each other and with our accrediting body on a regular basis. We have relied on one another for support, encouragement, and leadership.

What's next? Our students, faculty and staff have nimbly adapted to the current normal, which surely will change by the time this magazine arrives in your mailbox. But here's what we know right now. Online didactic coursework will continue through the summer term, and clinic education will evolve to meet the educational needs of our students, as well as the eye care needs of our patients. We are taking all necessary steps to preserve student,



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attending clinician and patient safety, such as developing and communicating pre-screening and in-clinic screening protocols, acquiring appropriate personal protective equipment, and more. Specific dates and guidelines will be announced as decisions are made. Visit our COVID-19 updates web page at u.osu.edu/optcovid19 for news, and even a bit of distracting fun, like “Cool Brutus” coloring pages designed by Senior Graphic Designer Kerri McTigue.

Our researchers are serving the university in this time of crisis. For example, Ohio State’s Office of Research made funds available to seed projects that contribute to Ohio’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. They received 258 proposals, and 24 were funded. College of Optometry Research Professor Lisa Jordan, PhD, served as an epidemiology expert on proposal reviews.

As we move forward to the “next normal,” we invite you to share your stories in the Summer edition of the BuckEYE Alumni Magazine. How have you overcome obstacles creatively?

How are you navigating what’s ahead? What can you share that will inspire your fellow alumni? Please email Director of Marketing and Communications Sarah Cupples at cupples.8@osu.edu with any story ideas.



Extern Superheroes

It’s been said before that not all HEROES wear capes. In fact, some teach students, save vision, and provide leadership in their communities. Extern Director Heidi Wagner, OD, MPH, would like to express her heartfelt thanks to the extern faculty who went the extra mile in lecturing to our students during the college’s virtual learning period.

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Dean's Perspective

"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children." – Alex Haley

I became a grandmother at 5:43 a.m. on October 28, 2019. Rowen Alan Zadnik was born to my daughter, Nina, and son-in-law Josh, and his last name is Zadnik because Josh took our last name. (The feminist in me continues to rejoice.) He weighed seven pounds and was 21 inches long. Wonder of wonder, miracle of miracles, I got to attend his birth. Here's how it happened.

Some of you who saw me at the Academy meeting in Orlando knew that I never unpacked my suitcase. That's because I was expecting to get a call that Nina was in labor. I planned to be on the next Southwest flight headed anywhere close to Columbus. Instead, we headed home on Sunday morning after the Academy meeting, carved pumpkins and had dinner with Nina and Josh, and she went into labor late that night. That child respected my work schedule — simply amazing!

Nina and Josh had a "birth plan," which I think is actually an oxymoron, and it did not include me. As events unfolded, though, I was at the Wexner Medical Center with them all night and, when the time came, they had me stay in the room. I had only ever attended three births — my own and those of my two daughters. His delivery was uncomplicated, and Josh expertly cut the umbilical cord. Another proud moment happened when Nina had the presence of mind to put her contact lenses in just before Rowen was born. Yes, she is an optometrist's kid.

Rowen has already been in two research studies, one a screening study for congenital cytomegalovirus on the day he was born and the second an eligibility exam for **Ann Morrison's (OD'14, MS'16)** doctoral dissertation. He was a moderate hyperope and thus ineligible for Dr. Morrison's full study, but his refractive error became a hot topic of discussion. Both Nina and Josh are myopic, so the talk centered around how old Ro would be when he got his first glasses. Perhaps there will be highly effective myopia prevention treatment by then, and we'll head it off at the pass!

A new baby is life changing. I certainly knew that was true for the new parents. I just didn't know it was true for grandparents too. Many of you know that I send a "Future Optometrist" Cool Brutus onesie to alumni and students when they have a baby. Most of my intel comes from Facebook, and I love it when I see my little gift on the baby a few months later on social media. We are all part of this community. As your families expand, please let us know. Tell us about the big events in your life. Make Ohio State Optometry part of your life!

Go Bucks,

Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD

Dean

Glenn A. Fry Professor in Optometry and Physiological Optics



President's Perspective

*"The true value of an organization is measured by the desire others have to contribute to that organization's ability to keep succeeding, not just during the time they are there, but well beyond their own tenure." – Simon Sinek, *The Infinite Game**

If you've ever listened to TED talks then you probably know who Simon Sinek is and the concept of WHY. If you have not, it won't be a waste of time to invest a listening ear or dive into one of his books discussing leadership and business concepts. He stresses that if we know our why, THEN the how or why can fall into place.

Why did you want a career in optometry? Why do you enjoy what you do daily? These things were hopefully followed up with research and shadowing others in our profession. Hopefully when you walk into "work" each day it's not just about the motions and more about making patients, staff and ourselves happy and the continuous strides for keeping things fresh.

This is of course the year of optometry, 2020, whether you enjoy all the puns or not. Although maybe not quite the year we imagined, it's still a time for us to make a big impact. The new optometry clinic building, set to open this autumn semester, will continue to set us apart with state of the art facilities, and we continue to recruit the best of the best for each incoming class of optometry students.

I hope that when all of you circle back to your WHY, you realize the value you have to our organization as an alumnus. The how and what of your give may be the easy part, but really think about WHY you've gotten to this point and WHY it makes such an impact on our Ohio State Optometry community. Some great examples are our newest board members, **Jason Ortman (OD'00)**, **Katie Greiner (OD/MS'09)** and **Tim Fries (OD'04)**. Jason runs a successful private practice in Colorado and has been actively involved with the Colorado Optometric Association, including being awarded their Young Optometrist of the Year in 2010. Katie lives and practices in Northeast Ohio, enjoys her many hats at Northeast Ohio Eye Surgeons and successfully earned her MBA last year. Tim joins us from the Columbus area and juggles practice ownership, recent completion of his MPH and is on the faculty at the college. We appreciate their commitment to our alumni board, including their professional insights to help grow our alumni and students, and their dedication of both time and travel away from their families. I send a sincere BuckEYE welcome and thank you to them.

Enjoy the spring blooms and Go Bucks!

Stephanie M. Baxter (OD'08)

President

The Ohio State University College of Optometry Alumni Society



A “Paw-some” Experience

Dr. Erica Shelton’s year-long experience as a Pilot Dogs puppy raiser is one she’ll never “fur-get”

By Sarah Cupples, MA, Director of Marketing and Communications





When Erica Shelton (OD/MS'18) said goodbye to Darla Mae, the golden retriever she had raised for a year in preparation for guide dog training, her mother likened the farewell to Dr. Shelton's own departure for college.

"But you get to see me, still! It's not like I disappeared," Dr. Shelton remembers saying to her mother.

The parallels are there, though. Confidence in her competence. Believing that she absorbed all the lessons you taught her. Faith in knowing that she will make the world a better place.



Dr. Shelton's Optometric Journey

Dr. Shelton knew she wanted to be an optometrist in high school.

"I was 16. I shadowed different doctors – a dentist, a podiatrist, an MD and an optometrist," she recalls. "Optometry was the clear winner, right off the bat."

She shadowed **Scott Seipel (OD'84)** in Avon Lake – her hometown – and was drawn to the hands-on aspects of clinical care and appreciated the positive impact that optometrists had on their patients' lives.

"Knowing that you're helping people in huge, huge ways really appealed to me," she says.

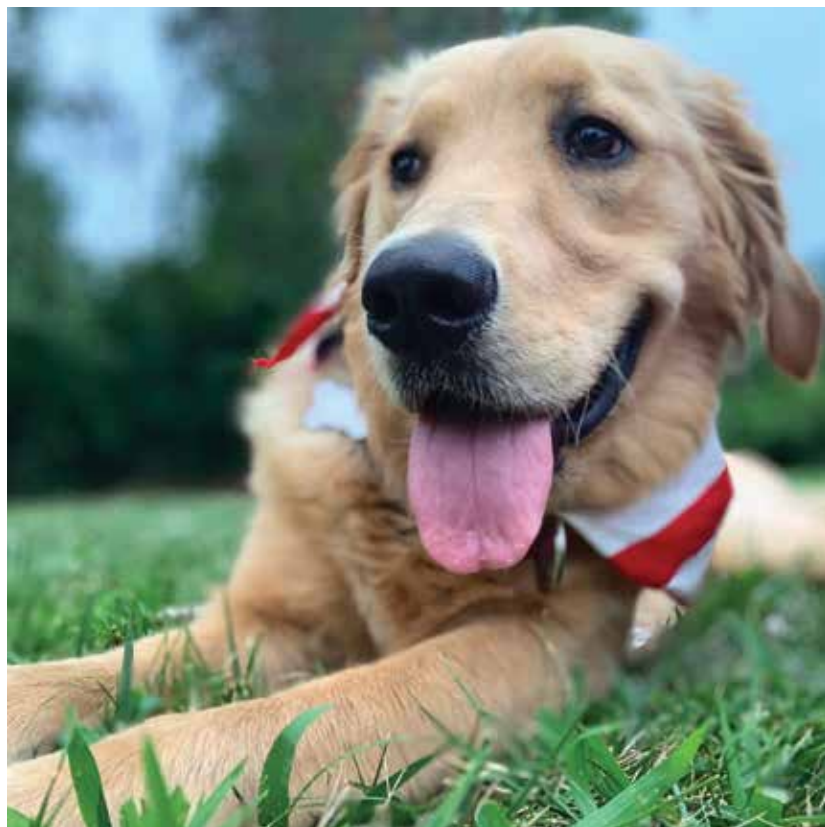
She earned her undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Dayton and chose to pursue her OD/MS at Ohio State. She was thrilled to discover the pediatric element of optometry and particularly enjoyed studying traumatic brain injury treatment. During her post-graduation residency at Ohio State Optometry in Binocular Vision, Pediatrics, Vision Therapy and TBI, she realized that she truly missed optometric research. The logical

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solution for this, of course, was to pursue a PhD in vision science. As a current PhD student, she's examining population health statistics and working on adult data collection. Soon, she would like to include pediatric population health as a research pursuit.

Perhaps it's no coincidence that her recent work, while not exactly pediatrics, has involved a little one. Think: puppy.



A Furry Addition

Dr. Shelton never had a dog – even as a child.

On the surface, it might not seem like a busy PhD student has the spare time needed to raise a puppy. That's not the case. Amazingly enough, her PhD schedule provided just the right amount of free time and flexibility to give a puppy appropriate attention.

"I wanted a dog for at least the last six years. Through undergrad and optometry school, it was not very practical – I needed my schedule to be flexible," she says.

Throughout her OD studies, she witnessed the incredible work of Pilot Dogs, the Columbus-based guide dog organization. And as an optometrist, she fully understands the impact service dogs can have on those who need them.

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Pilot Dogs, Inc. has trained dogs to guide the blind since 1950. They place 150-250 puppies per year.

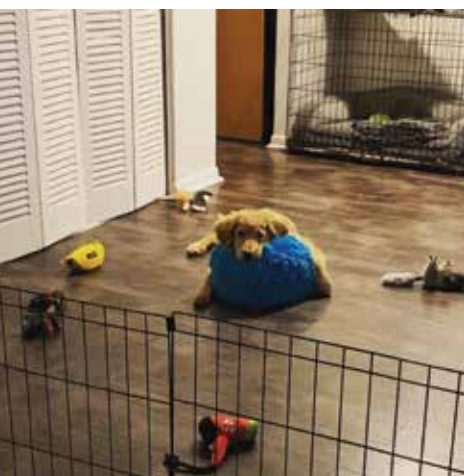
"Our program wouldn't exist without the puppy raisers," says Pilot Dogs Assistant Executive Director Jason Gray. "We greatly appreciate all of our puppy raisers, and Dr. Shelton did a wonderful job."

At Pilot Dogs, puppies come in from breeders at about eight weeks old and are placed with puppy raisers who teach them manners and socialize them for one year. The dogs then enter an intense, two-month course with a Pilot Dogs trainer. After the dogs pass that course, they live in-house at the Pilot Dogs facility for up to five months while paired with a person who is visually impaired. After receiving more training and passing additional tests they are matched with a person with visual impairment and serve as a guide dog.

Armed with knowledge of the Pilot Dogs process, Dr. Shelton filled out the puppy raiser application, and before she knew it, she received a call asking if she wanted to raise a female golden retriever. She said yes and the next thing she knew, she had a 10-week-old pup.

"I even got to choose her name, Darla Mae," says Dr. Shelton. "It came down to Stella or Darla. We were huge Little Rascals fans growing up, so Darla won out. Mae just flowed naturally."

Pilot Dog puppy Darla Mae exploring her world - apple picking in Ohio, relaxing in the grass, and keeping focused on the beach!



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Erica Shelton (OD/MS’18)



Dr. Shelton treated Darla Mae like a normal dog, giving her lots of love, praise and attention.

“There are certain rules you have to follow, basic obedience and respectful traits you would want out of any dog, like not being allowed on the furniture,” explains Dr. Shelton. “One challenging rule was that she wasn’t allowed to greet other dogs while she was on a leash. This was especially hard when she was a puppy. I wanted to expose her to other dogs in a variety of situations, so all of her frolicking with other dogs had to be done off-leash.”

The puppy-raising year flew by, and Dr. Shelton knew the whole time that she was going to have to give Darla Mae up at the end. This didn’t stop her from being fully present and appreciating Darla Mae’s confident, independent and fearless nature, which are all very good qualities for guide dogs, she says. Every activity had an underlying purpose. The year was filled with lots of walks, socializing, training, and even a Saturday trip to Fry Hall where Darla learned how to get on and off of an elevator.

“Anyone who knows me knows that dog was my life,” says Dr. Shelton. “I did everything with her. My whole life revolved around what Darla needed. I even bought a whole new wardrobe that matched her fur, because that’s what you need to do.”

The week leading up to the goodbye was harder than their final day together, because Dr. Shelton knew what was coming. But she took comfort in knowing that Darla Mae would become an amazing guide dog.

“I don’t think I’ll get to see Darla Mae,” says Dr. Shelton. “Down the road when they match her with someone, Pilot Dogs will send a note back to the puppy raiser with a friendly update. The person the dog gets paired up with can decide how much they want to communicate with the puppy raiser.”

Dr. Shelton has found a lot of comfort with other puppy raisers on social media, and at Pilot Dog meet-ups.

“Being part of the group has been fun and helpful,” she says. “Other puppy raisers will answer questions and offer support during the tough parts.”

The support from the Pilot Dogs organization has been top notch, too.

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Other support provided by Pilot Dogs includes training classes, access to a 24-hour on-call veterinarian, interactive activities throughout the year and even a “Pup Crawl” fundraiser last fall involving different bars and breweries, one of which even made ‘doggie beer,’ which was basically chicken broth.

Today, when Dr. Shelton sees someone with a guide dog on the street, she’ll strike up a conversation and ask which organization they worked with.

“There are actually a lot of organizations that raise guide dogs,” she says. “All of them have different philosophies. Pilot Dogs’ success rate is more than 70 percent, which is excellent. They really know what they’re doing.”

Dr. Shelton would do it all again.

In fact, she is. As of press time, Dr. Shelton had just welcomed home a new Pilot Dogs puppy to raise, a German shepherd named Julia.

Erica Shelton (OD/MS’18) socializing Darla Mae with fellow Buckeyes **Paula Kelbley (OD’18)**, **Amber Lange (OD/MS’18)** and Amber’s husband Thomas.

Dr. Shelton with Darla Mae one last time before she starts her Pilot Dog training.



To learn more about opportunities to support Pilot Dogs as either a volunteer or donor, visit pilotdogs.org

Construction Update

By Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD



PROJECT 2020

We can't see the future without you.

Your College of Optometry at The Ohio State University is the little college that could. (Can you tell I'm a new grandmother?) Our new clinical facility at the southeast corner of 11th and Neil

Avenues is on time and on budget. You can see outside brick if you look closely. Negotiations for patient parking nearby are coming to fruition.

We will occupy the bottom three floors of the building, which total 50,367 assignable square feet (but who's counting? Oh wait, I am.). The upper three floors will house faculty members affiliated with the College of Medicine.

Thinking of naming a room?

New Clinic Fundraising Update

By Rachel Childress, *Director of Development*

All told, our space includes the Hoya Eyewear Gallery, patient reception, billing and other key clinic administrative personnel, our Vision Rehabilitation Service, the Binocular Vision/Pediatric and Vision Therapy Services, and our Advanced Ocular Care, Contact Lens, and Primary Vision Care Services. 57 exam rooms in all plus consult rooms. Talk about one-stop shopping for eye care!

Of course, our clinical facilities exist solely to educate future, fantastic optometrists. That means the new facility will include clinical faculty offices and open workspaces, a shared student/staff/faculty lounge, various conference and meeting rooms, IT, and a shop to service equipment.

The university is negotiating with an outside vendor for a small retail space at the southwest corner of the building (920 square feet). We hope to announce the name of the vendor in the coming months.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, the college's administrative teams—dean's suite, student services, advancement, communications and marketing, plus financial and human resources services—happily inhabit the sixth floor of the Fry Tower.

We can't see the future without you!

Tick Tock ... Time's running out. The opportunity to name spaces in the new clinic facility isn't over yet, but is becoming more limited. There are 84 spaces to name with 51 already claimed or pending. There's a handful of spaces remaining in contact lens but, if your passion is BVP, vision therapy, or low vision (where we might even make your sign twice as big), then you're in luck! We also have some large and small meeting spaces still available.

If you've been considering supporting the college in this way in time for the ribbon cutting on November 6, now is the time. To have time for the signage approval and installation, **commitments need to be made by July 31** with the opportunity to spread pledge payments over a maximum of five years.

So take this once in a century opportunity to honor your parents or a special professor, celebrate a retirement, a multi-generational optometry legacy, a friendship, or simply add your own name because you're proud to be a Buckeye optometrist.

Please reach out to
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**614-292-2100 or
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A New 6th Floor

The college's small but mighty administration team has moved to the sixth floor of Fry Hall. We welcome visitors to our new office space as soon as COVID-19 social distancing precautions are lifted.



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Room 635

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Rooms 651-655

Rachel Childress, Michael Haddock, and Denise Turner



Student Services

Rooms 641 - 644

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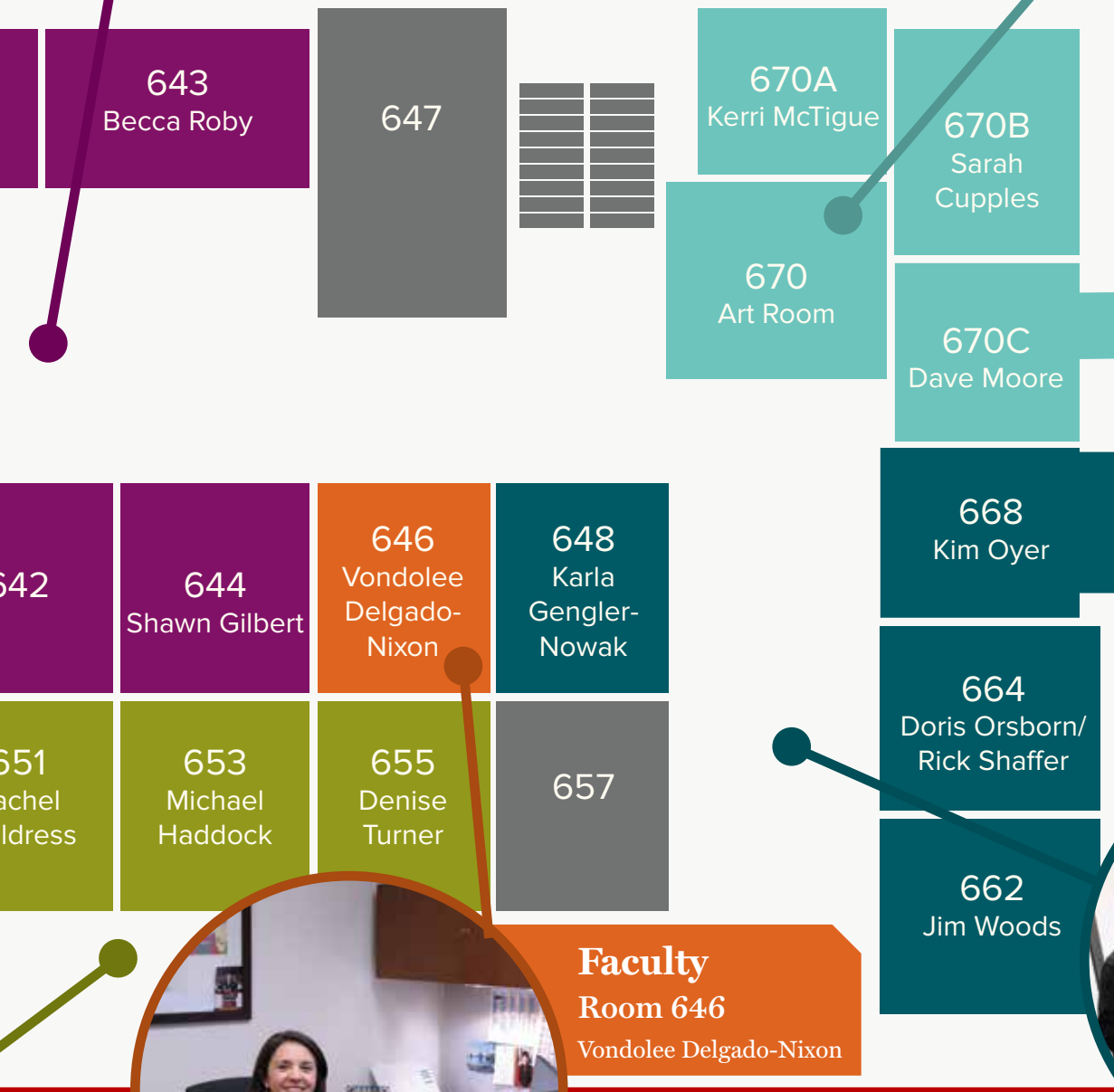
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Jim Woods, Doris Orsborn, Kim Oyer, and Karla Gengler-Nowak





Optometric Therapy for TBI Patients

By BuckEYE Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

According to the NIH's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is the leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults in the U.S.

TBI is also a major concern for elderly individuals, with a high rate of hospitalization and death due to falls among people age 75 and older. And we are all just one catastrophic sports injury or car accident away from experiencing a life-changing TBI. TBI can have a lasting impact on the quality of life for survivors and their caregivers. It can cause impaired decision-making and reasoning, poor concentration, memory loss, movement disorders, and vision and/or hearing impairment. Some patients also may experience personality disorders, impulsivity, anxiety, depression, and even suicidal thoughts.

The care of TBI patients requires a team approach that frequently includes physicians, nurses, occupational and physical therapists, speech and language therapists, and yes, optometrists. At The Ohio State University College of Optometry, our specialty TBI clinic is part of the Pediatric, Vision Therapy, and Rehabilitation Service, and its Chief is Associate Professor of Clinical Optometry **Cayti McDaniel (OD/MS'08)**.

After receiving her OD and Master's degrees from Ohio State, Dr. McDaniel completed a residency at the University of Houston College of Optometry and then remained on its faculty for three years. She returned to Ohio State Optometry in 2012. She told me her clinic population consists of about half traditional orthoptic patients (i.e. amblyopia, strabismus, convergence insufficiency, accommodative lag, etc.) and half TBI patients. Under the close supervision of herself and other faculty members, she has fourth-year students examine the patients and third-year students perform the recommended repetitive oculomotor rehabilitative procedures.

Treating TBI patients does not require expensive equipment, but it does require a thorough knowledge of current literature in the field and exceptional doctor-patient interactions. TBI patients typically require at least twice the number of clinic visits compared to a standard binocular vision patient. According to Dr. McDaniel, workman's compensation and some other major medical insurances cover optometric therapy sessions. And TBI patients are always grateful for any improvement in their visual processing skills.

I recently had an opportunity to interview one such grateful patient who I will call "Chaz." In 1995, Chaz was working on a construction project in Santarem, Brazil, and fell from a 20-foot roof, and landed head-first on concrete. Now 62, retired, and living in Cincinnati, he told me immediately after his fall he was in a coma for four days and then endured months of surgeries and rehabilitation to treat his skull fracture and back injuries. As a result, he now has a fused back from areas T-9-10-11-12 and L1. Fortunately, he was not paralyzed; but did experience bouts of depression. He initially had no vision problems. But years later, he noticed intermittent diplopia, balance problems, and some light sensitivity. He was referred to The Ohio State University College of Optometry for further testing and therapy. Now Chaz says the difference before and after his many Ohio State Optometry clinic visits is "like night and day." And he complimented our staff, faculty and students for their knowledge, skills and compassion during his trips to Columbus.

To refer a TBI patient for evaluation and treatment,
contact Freda Dallas at 614-292-1113.

Suggested Websites for TBI Information and Resources

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
www.ninds.nih.gov

Brain Injury Association of America
www.biausa.org

Brain Injury Association of Ohio
www.biaoh.org

American Optometric Association
www.aoa.org

College of Optometrists in Vision Development
www.covd.org

Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association
www.noravisionrehab.org



Where in the World is Justin Griest?

Beloved admissions guru leaves Ohio State for adventure in Germany

“My job was never work, it was fun every step of the way.”

Justin Griest

After 15 years with The Ohio State University, Justin Griest has left the Buckeye State for the home of Oktoberfest. He and his wife, Maria, moved to Kaiserslautern, Germany as Maria pursues a career with the U.S. Army.

Justin truly loved his time at Ohio State. He started at Ohio State in July 2004 in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. A few years later, Gayle Glanville, the development director at the time, told him that an admissions job was open in the College of Optometry. He applied, and the rest is history.

“My job was never work,” he explains. “It was fun every step of the way. From meeting students on their interview days and events across the country, to having the privilege of calling and telling them they have been

admitted to the program, I was so lucky to be a part of so many special moments in the lives of our graduates.”

Justin misses the people most. He says, “It’s a special place when you consider your colleagues and supervisors your friends. There aren’t many places that leave that impression. Also, I loved catching up with alumni at special events and conferences – each event seemed like a family reunion of reminiscing and catching up on recent life events.”

Life in Germany has been great so far.

“It’s amazing how close we are to so many locations. Last weekend, we decided to hop in the car and go to France for lunch,” he says. “We got there in an hour, toured the town, grabbed fresh macarons, and were home by



mid-afternoon (by which time the macarons were all gone.) There are so many travel options within a few hour car ride – Switzerland, Austria, Luxembourg and Belgium – not to mention we can get to Paris by train in less than three hours!”

Justin and Maria have found that after just a few months, it already feels like they live in an international community.

“The borders are open throughout the European Union, which means you can just drive in and out of each country as you please. But be careful – people drive very fast on the autobahn,” Justin cautions. “When they say the left-hand lane is for passing, they really mean it in Germany! There’s no speed limit on some portions of the autobahn, just a speed suggestion.”

In the larger cities, Justin and Maria have not encountered a language barrier, as English is very prevalent and understood by the locals. In the smaller villages, there’s more of a barrier.

“Google Translator on our smart phones has been very helpful,” says Justin. “And my wife and I started a 16-week German class this week – let’s hope I get better at this!”

A funny observation: “When we first got here, I noticed the word ‘die’ was everywhere. Die this and Die that – I was starting to think the country was a bit morbid. Come to find out that ‘die’ translates to ‘the’ in English. If Ohio State was in Germany we may want to reconsider the whole THE thing,” Justin laughs.

And in case you’re wondering, Justin and Maria have not found an optometrist in Germany yet!

Clockwise from upper left:
Justin holding Zoe and Maria holding Ella at the Chicago O’ Hare airport right before they boarded the flight to Germany

The view from Heidelberg Castle overlooking the city and Neckar River

Maria and Justin in front of the Heidelberg Castle in Heidelberg, Germany.

If you’d like to keep in touch with Justin, he invites you to connect with him on Facebook, or reach out via email at justinwgriest@gmail.com

Industry Insights

Alumni Rise to Leadership Roles

By Joseph Barr (OD'77, MS'79)

The Ohio State University College of Optometry has been a mecca of sorts for training optometrists to achieve unparalleled levels of excellence. In this section, we highlight alumni who have excelled in top industry positions, inspiring others to follow in their footsteps. Ohio State's first leaders in industry came from our MS/Fellowship program that started in the late 1970s. After completing this program, these leaders became mentors to other Buckeyes who earned expanded roles in industry. The cycle of mentorship and support continues to this day.

Carol Alexander (OD'87)

*Head, Professional Relations North America;
Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc.*



"As a native of Columbus, attending The Ohio State University was a dream come true, and my career in optometry has been rewarding and gratifying; from owning a private practice in NW Ohio to representing the largest and most broadly based healthcare company in the world.

The education I received at the College of Optometry inspired me to be entrepreneurial and intellectually curious, resulting in a career I look back on with pride and deep appreciation. The best gift of all, however, was the lifelong friendships that go along with being a BuckEYE!"

Gregory W. Hicks (OD'84)

*Director of Professional Affairs;
Hoya Vision Care*



"As Director of Professional Affairs at Hoya Vision Care I obviously represent Hoya, but I also have the privilege of representing the profession of optometry and ECPs in discussions with Hoya management, Hoya sales, Hoya marketing, the ophthalmic industry and numerous optometric organizations and associations.

"When I represent Hoya, I find it rewarding to identify and discover the needs and wants of my optometric colleagues (or the practices or organizations they represent) and then 'find a way' to try and 'make it happen' for them. (Isn't it interesting that as optometrists we actually do that same kind of thing with our patient care?)"

Carla Mack (OD'95, MBA)

Global Head Professional Affairs; Alcon



"I can honestly say that Ohio State has meant everything to my career. Relationships with amazing faculty and alumni helped shape and guide my path, ranging from **Bruce Manning (OD'81)**, who so graciously hired me when I was 17 years old, to industry mentors **Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79)** and **Rick Weisbarth (OD'80)**.

Industry positions have been incredibly fulfilling and full of everyday new experiences and learning. I have been so fortunate to have held roles in both global and U.S., R&D and commercial organizations and in medical affairs, professional marketing and professional affairs. Because I could have never predicted this journey, I so look forward to what the future holds."

Mo Merchea (OD'97, MS'99, PhD'03, MBA)

Head of Medical Directors, Vision Care & Surgical, North America Medical Affairs; Alcon



"The optometric education and clinical research experience I gained at Ohio State, have been the foundation of an incredible 18-year journey working on product development, clinical research strategy or medical education for basically every part of the eye in R&D and Medical Affairs roles. Looking back, maybe sitting for 'General Exams' as a PhD candidate wasn't as bad as it seemed.

In every company I've worked in, I've been fortunate to be surrounded by other Buckeyes that graduated from Ohio State Optometry, completed the CL fellowship or completed their PhD under the guidance of the same amazing mentors that helped shape my career. I'm grateful that Ohio State gave me (and my industry colleagues) the opportunity to represent our profession within the biggest companies in our industry!"

Gary Orsborn (OD'83, MS'85)

Vice President, Global Professional & Clinical Affairs; CooperVision, Inc.



"My six years in the College of Optometry, including a post-graduate research and contact lens clinical program, have been instrumental to my career.

"The Ohio State program, faculty, advisors and administrators are undoubtedly among the best in the world—something I'm reminded of nearly every day as I

work alongside peers on six continents. That's also a source of personal pride whenever I'm introduced as a conference speaker; being from Ohio State is always in my bio! I hope that I've faithfully represented all our alumni during my 35 years in the contact lens universe, and as I endeavor to apply all I've learned and continue to learn through my associations with alumni and faculty."

Chris Snyder (OD'78, MS '82)

Director, Medical Science; Bausch + Lomb



"My optometric career began in practice, teaching, research, and service to the profession as a professor for 24+ years at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry. I am proud to have helped develop a generation of ODs (largely with a contact lens curriculum having roots that I brought from Ohio State).

"As a second phase to my career, since 2006, I have been in the vision care/eye health industry with Bausch + Lomb. I support U.S. eye care professionals in clinical/medical issues of practice to earn and maintain trust as a health care partner for the common goal of helping people see better to live better. B+L is unmatched in its track record for the number of ODs (most of them Ohio State grads!), employed in key leadership roles.

"Ohio State and its optometry professional and vision science graduate programs laid the foundation for both phases of my career. Even though I have been at UAB and then B+L for so many years, I am still known by many to be a Buckeye, grateful and proud."

Rick Weisbarth (OD '80)

VP, Professional Affairs – U.S. Vision Care; Alcon Vision, LLC



"I am so proud to be an Optometry BuckEYE. Since my convocation 40 years ago, the outstanding education that I obtained at the college has allowed me to experience so many professional opportunities. And as I look at the leaders in our profession (past, present and future), the one thing that stands out is that fellow Ohio State Optometry alumni seem to predominate.

"One of my highlights each year is coming back to campus for college events since they allow me to keep alive the friendships and bonds that I established during my time at Ohio State. As *Carmen Ohio* states: 'Summer's heat or winter's cold; The seasons pass, the years will roll; Time and change will surely show; How firm thy friendship ... OHIO!'"

Research Roundup

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

Research Transformation

The Ohio State University College of Optometry is undergoing a huge transformation that will culminate in new clinic facilities. Moving clinic operations to a nearby location enables us to enhance the research experience for scientists and subjects. The recently renovated Binocular Vision and Pediatrics (BVP) and Low Vision Rehabilitation (LVR) clinic space will be converted to clinical research space with very little need for further renovation.

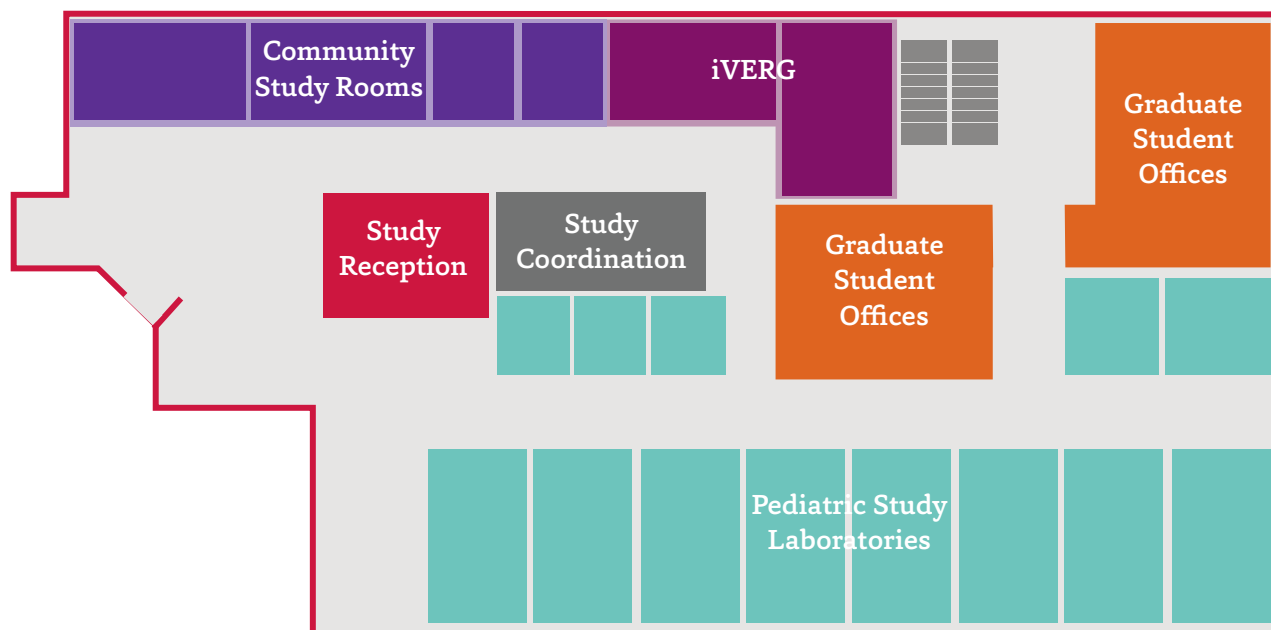
Subjects attending research appointments will check in at the reception desk located just inside the college's front door. Pediatric research teams will occupy the former BVP

space, the Innovation in Vision and Eye care Research Group (iVERG) and community research will occupy the former LVR space, graduate student desks will be located in the former vision therapy room, and research administration will be located behind the reception desk.

The move will also include improved adjacencies for research teams, co-located faculty, and collaborative space on the fourth and fifth floors of Fry Hall. Updated research facilities will better enable us to advance patient care through transformative research.

RESEARCH SPACE

1st Floor Fry Hall





Dr. Nathan Doble



Dr. Stacey Choi

Doble awarded two new grants

Nathan Doble, PhD, with his collaborator, Stacey Choi, PhD, is the recipient of two grants, one from the Ann Ellis Fund of the Columbus Foundation and the other from The Ohio State University's Chronic Brain Injury Program.

The Ann Ellis Fund awarded \$100,000 for a glaucoma imaging study. In glaucoma, one of the first retinal cells to be affected by the disease are the retinal ganglion cells (RGCs). Dr. Doble has successfully demonstrated that they can visualize individual RGCs in living human eyes using their Adaptive Optics-Optical Coherence Tomography-Scanning Laser Ophthalmoscope. This grant will extend this imaging capability to examine the formation of microcysts observed in the inner nuclear layer (INL) in primary open angle glaucoma patients. These microcysts appear to be only present at the retinal locations that show loss of RGCs and a decrease in visual sensitivity within the same eye. Unreported in the literature is the observation of small highly reflective INL features that seem to precede microcyst formation. This project aims to understand when these microcysts begin to form in relation to other changes in the inner retina and correlate their formation to standard clinical measures. This project is a collaboration between the College of Optometry (Drs. Nathan Doble and Stacey Choi) and Ohio State's Department of Ophthalmology (Drs. Mark Slabaugh and Shelly Jain).

The Ohio State University Chronic Brain Injury Program awarded \$25,000 for a pilot study related to chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), the most common long-term sequela of repetitive head injury. It is believed that the length of exposure to repeated concussive and sub-concussive head injuries is most correlated with development of CTE. The grant will use advanced retinal imaging to study the retina of retired National Football League (NFL) players and correlate retinal findings with detailed neurocognitive evaluations. Of particular interest are the retinal ganglion cells that project their axons from the retina through the optic nerve to the lateral geniculate nucleus and superior colliculus. This long axon tract is susceptible to injury in traumatic brain injury. This project is a collaboration between Ohio State's Department of Neurology (Drs. Andrew Sas, Principal Investigator, and Kevin Weber) and the College of Optometry (Drs. Stacey Choi and Nathan Doble).

Building a Picture of the Impact of Vision Impairment on Public Health

For the past four years, Dean VanNasdale, OD, PhD, has been working with the CDC, the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, and the Ohio Department of Aging to analyze state and national population health datasets to improve our understanding of the underlying determinants, health outcomes, and quality of life considerations associated with vision impairment. This work has led to a number of important findings and his work on this project was recently recognized by the American Public Health Association's Vision Care Section with the 2019 Outstanding Scientific Project/Paper award.

Dr. VanNasdale recently received an additional \$75,000 for this ongoing project, which will support continued data analysis with Lisa Jordan, PhD, and the development of novel analysis strategies using artificial intelligence. This funding also will support a stakeholder meeting fostering improved collaboration and the development of a strategic plan to promote sustainability of this and similar data analysis projects related to vision impairment.



Dr. Dean VanNasdale



Dr. Lisa Jordan

2020 Hill Lecture Series

By BuckEYE Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

On February 26, Austin Roorda, PhD gave a fascinating presentation at the college on the structure and function of human S (blue), M (green), and L (red) single retinal cones and explained how they work together to provide both spatial and color vision. His lecture, entitled “Hacking the Human Visual System,” showed how the Adaptive Optics Scanning Laser Ophthalmoscope (AOSLO) – which optically removes naturally-occurring small aberrations and imperfections in the eye – is used to observe involuntary micro-eye movements that refresh the three cones’ off-and-on function for both static and dynamic visual stimuli. A video of his lecture is available at <https://go.osu.edu/Hill>.

Dr. Roorda is a Professor of Optometry and Vision Science at the University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry, currently on sabbatical in the U.K. He received his PhD degree in Vision Science and Physics from the University of Waterloo in 1996. Over the past 24 years, he has pioneered adaptive optics systems for ophthalmoscopy, including mapping of the human trichromatic cone mosaic while a postdoc at the University of Rochester, and has demonstrated the first Adaptive Optics Scanning Laser Ophthalmoscope at the University of Houston. At Berkeley, where he is also a faculty member in the Bioengineering and Neuroscience programs, his lab is developing a system to track and target light delivery to individual cones in human eyes.

Not surprisingly perhaps, the connections between Drs. Roorda and Hill echo the many connections between Berkeley Optometry and The Ohio State University College of Optometry. Decades ago, Dr. Hill published seminal papers on directionally-sensitive retinal ganglion cells with Dr. Barlow. Lo and behold, Dr. Roorda’s lab



space at Berkeley incorporates Dr. Barlow’s old office. Talk about a small world!

Dr. Roorda is a Fellow of the Optical Society of America (OSA) and the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO). Some of his notable awards are the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Waterloo School of Optometry (2007), the Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award from the American Academy of Optometry Foundation (2009), a John S. Guggenheim Fellowship (2014), and an Alcon Research Institute Award (2016).

The college community greatly appreciated Dr. Roorda and his wonderful presentation! We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Richard Hill for providing the endowment to bring such a world-class vision scientist to Ohio State!

Pictured, left to right at the conclusion of the 2020 Hill Lecture, Dr. Austin Roorda, Dr. Richard Hill and Mrs. Lee Hill.

Ohio Optometric Association's Student Night

By Jordan Quickel, *Director of Events and Communication, Ohio Optometric Association*

Since 2010, the Ohio Optometric Association (OOA) has held its annual Student Night event on the first Tuesday in January. The OOA board along with fellow OOA members gather to lead table discussions for Ohio State Optometry students on the business and lifestyle of optometry and to provide insight on a variety of practice settings.

Formatted like speed dating, students from all four classes have multiple opportunities throughout the event to meet with ODs from all walks of optometry. Private practice owners, corporate ODs, employed ODs, multi-practice owners, partial practice ODs, academic ODs, and industry partner liaisons are all represented and answer questions from students. Students switch tables up to three times throughout the night.

This year, 136 students joined 15 Ohio ODs for the event. Multiple students expressed that this was their fourth time attending, and that every year has been different and useful as they approach graduation and the start of their career!



“I thought it was a very easy introduction and guide into networking since most of the optometrists initiated introductions with students, were willing to share their story and left space for questions ... I appreciated hearing the themes of what was important to students at different parts of their careers.”

Jaime Antonio ('22)

“I’ve gone to the past three Student Nights because I always get a lot out of them. It’s really a chance to connect students with local docs. In my opinion, it invites a lot of great conversation about

what advocacy looks like and how students can get involved once they graduate in their state association ... It’s truly one of my favorite events of the year!”



Veronica Schuwer ('21)

5 Ways You Can Become Involved with InfantSEE in 2020

By Cara Frasco Lai (OD/MS'03)

Ohio InfantSEE State Advocate, 2013 Dr. W. David Sullins, Jr. InfantSEE Award Recipient

2020 marks the 15-year anniversary of InfantSEE, a program of Optometry Cares - The AOA Foundation. Since its inception, over 150,000 infants have been examined. Nationally over 18,000 eye and vision problems have been identified in these little eyes.

InfantSEE providers impact communities across the country by providing a one time, no-cost eye and vision assessment to babies six to 12 months of age regardless of family income. InfantSEE changes the way parents think about eye care for their infants - and the entire family. Optometrists have the opportunity to educate the public about the profession and to elevate the public's awareness of the importance of lifetime comprehensive eye care. Ohio optometrists lead the nation with the most registered InfantSEE providers, in total there are 370 Buckeye Alumni examining infants nationally under InfantSEE.

Having completed my pediatric residency in 2004, the InfantSEE program was an ideal way to establish a referral network with pediatricians and families in Southwest Ohio. I don't have enough fingers and toes to count the number of families I gained from first seeing the baby for an InfantSEE examination. As I launch a new pediatric and vision therapy practice, InfantSEE is at the core of the services I provide. In fact, the first patient at my new office was an InfantSEE examination!

Here are five ways you can become involved with InfantSEE in 2020.

1. Sign up to be a Provider

The secret of InfantSEE is that babies are the best patients. As optometrists we have the skills to examine these little eyes. Equipped with your handheld instruments, finger puppets, and small toys, InfantSEE exams give you an excuse to smile and play in the middle of your clinic day. The ability to detect and treat eye problems before vision is affected is rewarding for the doctor and life changing for these children.

2. Be an Advocate

Even if your practice setting is adult focused or not conducive to being a provider, you can still promote the InfantSEE program by becoming an Advocate. Optometrists, students and the public can download a free InfantSEE Toolkit on www.infantsee.org. The kit contains sample social media posts, videos, talking points and more to help you get the word out.

3. Post about InfantSEE on your social media

If you are examining infants already, thank you! Share a post about InfantSEE on your practice social media accounts. Don't forget to tag @InfantSEE and #InfantSEE15. Encourage families to post pictures or videos of their baby's InfantSEE experience or to submit an InfantSEE testimonial on www.infantsee.org.

4. Visit the updated www.infantsee.org

Now providers or staff can easily submit InfantSEE reports directly from the Optometrist tab. It is vital that reports be entered to help track the impact of InfantSEE nationwide. Order the new 'Peek-A-Boo We'll See You' promotional materials free of charge to spread the message in your community.

5. Celebrate with a birthday gift for InfantSEE

In honor of the 15-year anniversary of InfantSEE, a fundraising campaign has been launched. The goal is to receive 1,500 donations in the amount of \$15 or more. Make your donation today at www.infantsee.org/infantsee15 #InfantSEE15

Join me in the year of the optometrist, 2020, making eye and vision care a priority for all children starting with an InfantSEE examination.



Get to know **Lydia Pickrell** Top NBEO Scorer for the Ohio State Optometry Class of 2020

By Jennifer Bennett, MSED, *Director of Student Services*

What has been your favorite moment of optometry school so far?

It is hard to pick a favorite moment of optometry school because there are just too many! I honestly think what makes optometry school so great is the people. I have had the privilege to be taught by amazing faculty, I have made lifelong friends who are able to make things like The Eyeball a blast and studying for boards bearable, and I met my life-long best friend in optometry school who I somehow convinced to be my boyfriend. Every moment in optometry school was made great by the people who were there, and I am so thankful for all of the amazing experiences that have come with optometry school.

What are you most looking forward to in your post-graduation life?

In my post-graduation life, I am so excited to be able to take everything I have learned throughout my four years at The Ohio State College of Optometry and put it into use in order to help my patients. I am looking forward to having patients who trust me to help them with their eye care needs, and I am so excited to finally be able to call myself “Doctor.” And I must admit that finally having a positive income doesn’t sound too bad either!

What advice would you give to the class of 2021 as they prepare to take board exams?

I think my biggest piece of advice would be to trust yourself and how you study. You have



gotten yourselves this far, which means you know how to study. I would stick with what you know, come up with a study plan that works for you, and stick to it! Aside from the studying, the biggest piece of advice I would give is to plan a post-boards trip/activity/literally anything to get your mind off of what just happened. There is such a long build-up of studying, and then all of a sudden it’s over. I think it can feel a bit overwhelming being done, but having something to look forward to past boards really helped to put me in a good headspace.

After graduation, Dr. Pickrell will be employed by Reed Eye Associates in Rochester, NY.

Lydia Pickrell (OD/MS'20) was recognized by **Chris Smiley (OD'01)**, Optometry Alumni Treasurer with a \$750 check and a certificate.

Student Leadership Spotlight

Optometry Student Council

By Jennifer Bennett, MEd
Director of Student Services

For many years, the College of Optometry Student Council has served as the voice of the student body and a leadership lab for its executive board members. The 2019-2020 Optometry Student Council Executive Board has carried on this tradition. From providing feedback on curricular changes and the impact of construction on students' daily lives to making sure we all had Cool Brutus t-shirts to wear, this group has left their mark on the optometry school experience. As they reflect upon their year on the executive board, these future leaders of the optometric profession have learned valuable lessons in leadership that can be carried into their careers.



President
Lindsey Hutchinson ('21)

"I have learned so many things about being a leader from this experience. I've learned the importance of organization, flexibility, and delegation. I've also refined skills in things like public speaking and communication ... I have learned that the culmination of small foundational changes lead to the big changes in an organization. You don't need a groundbreaking idea to make a difference!"



Vice-President
Audree Bass ('21)

"There are just three things we need to be successful in all aspects of our lives, tools, motivation and faith. With this approach the only person keeping you from reaching your goals is yourself. Although I have learned many useful career qualities from this experience, integrity is the quality student council allowed me to further foster the most. It is my goal to create meaningful relationships with colleagues that are built on honesty, loyalty and trust."



Secretary
Abby Almomar ('22)

"I want to continue to have leadership positions in my career to be an advocate for optometry... The College of Optometry has made me a better leader because I have such a variety of leadership experiences. From scheduling guest lecturers in Student Council, to planning a service trip to Jamaica in Fellowship of Christian Optometrists, and volunteering at vision screenings, I am more than prepared to be a leader wherever optometry takes me!"



Treasurer
Kristen Zulliger ('22)

"I decided to run so that I could positively impact the student body during this particularly stressful and busy time of life. I wanted to feel I could make their lives easier by sprinkling in some fun and inspiring events! I have become a better decision-maker because things need to be done in an efficient and timely manner. I have also learned how to delegate tasks and ask for help when I feel overwhelmed!"




Alumni Notes

1950 Joseph Babcock (BS'50)'s wife Barbara established the Babcock Family Fund to be used to "the betterment of Portsmouth, Ohio." This fund was the intention of Dr. Babcock right before his passing in July 2019.

1977 Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79) was awarded the Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLs) Award of Excellence during the annual GSLs meeting in which delegates from more than 35 countries were in attendance.


1989 Todd Winkler (OD'89) was highlighted by the Cincinnati Business Courier for his presence in the local Cincinnati 141-pound weight class boxing circuit. Dr. Winkler has also been providing excellent optometric care to the Cincinnati community since 1989.

1  **1990 Brian Burke (OD'90)** was awarded the 6910 Award by the Rotary Club of Dawson County (GA), which is given to the local member who promotes the ideal of ethics.

1995 Alex Andrich (OD'95) delivered the presentation, "Vision and Learning: Understanding the Role of Vision and Academic Performance," to the Orange Parent Education Network in March.

2001 Jeff Hackleman (OD'01) has been appointed to the Georgia Board of Optometry.

2008 Ann Rea Miller (OD'08) delivered the keynote address at the Ohio State Lima STEM STEPS event in March.

2  **2012 Nikki Beadle (OD'12)** and her husband Kenneth welcomed newborn son Rhett Nixon (born October 15 in the Republic of South Korea), joining his big brother Maxwell.

2014 Phil Yuhas (OD/MS'14, PhD'19) wrote a widely-shared article for The Conversation about how blue light contributes to eye fatigue and sleep loss.

2018 Ashley Hughes (OD'18) purchased **Robert Kreuter (OD'90)**'s optometry practice in Lancaster. Dr. Kreuter plans to work part-time during the transition until fully retiring.

In Memoriam

1950 Donald Owens (BSOpt'50), age 94, passed away on February 10, 2020.

1951 James Garstick (BSOpt'51), age 92, passed away on December 23, 2019.

Administrator Awards

Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education **Jeffrey Walline (OD, MS'98, PhD'02)** of The Ohio State University College of Optometry, were among the prestigious group of specialty lens leaders recognized in January by the Contact Lens Manufacturers Association (CLMA).

Dean Zadnik received the Dr. Josef Dallos Award for outstanding contribution to the development and advancement of the contact lens industry and for service to humanity.

Dr. Walline received the GPLI Practitioner of the Year Award, the GP Lens Institute's highest honor awarded to a practitioner. The award recognizes outstanding professional expertise in fitting customized contact lenses to benefit patients with improved vision and corneal health and to advance the contact lens field.

Email Alumni News updates to Michael Haddock at **haddock.15@osu.edu**



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New Ohio State University App for All Alumni

The Ohio State University Alumni Association has released the official app for Buckeyes everywhere! The app provides news from campus, ways to get involved with local clubs and your Optometry Alumni Society, and a “spirit section” that includes ringtones, backgrounds, and other ways to cheer the Buckeyes. Depending on where you live (with help from your phone’s location services), you can find the closest game-watch for upcoming Buckeyes games. There’s also a fun interactive feature where you can put a graduation cap on Brutus Buckeye’s head and hear Carmen Ohio.

Source: www.osu.edu/alumni/go-bucks/download-the-ohio-state-alumni-app.html



Alumni Reunion Weekend

2020 has been a year of unexpected challenges, and we hope it will be safe to gather later this year for Alumni Reunion Weekend.



Partnering with the Optometry Alumni Society, The Ohio State University College of Optometry will host Alumni Reunion Weekend on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7. Since Optometry's reunion weekend will be happening after the university's Homecoming Weekend, it will be referred to as "Alumni Reunion Weekend" to avoid confusion. All events are subject to change.

Friday, November 6

Two-hour Continuing Education Presentation (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

- Presenter: Kerry Giedd (OD/MS'00)
- Location: Ross Heart Hospital Auditorium
- Cost: \$15

Ribbon Cutting Celebration for New Clinic Building (6:00 p.m.)

- Tours of new spaces, provided by college's executive leadership
- Location: 1664 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210

Bad Habits: The Eye Docs of Rock Concert (7:30 p.m.)

- Cash bar and light appetizers available
- Location: Ohio Union Performance Hall (1739 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43210)
- Parking will be available at the Ohio Union garage, and shuttles will be available to take guests from the New Clinic Building on 11th Avenue to the Ohio Union
- Cost: \$50

Saturday, November 7

Third Annual H.E. Welton African American Alumni Breakfast (Time TBD)

- Location: Faculty Club
- Invitations will go out mid-summer to past attendees. If you would like to be added to the list, email Michael Haddock at haddock.15@osu.edu

Pre-Game Tailgate Celebration (three hours prior to kickoff)

- Tailgate food provided by the Ohio State Faculty Club
- Cash bar available
- Location: Ohio State Faculty Club (181 Oval Dr. S, Columbus, OH 43210)
- Cost: \$35

Football Game versus Indiana (this may be canceled or postponed due to COVID-19)

- Ticket price TBD
- Seat location assignments based on class year, unless otherwise specified during registration – but no guarantees

Online registration will begin in late summer, through our continued partnership with The Ohio State University Alumni Association.

Are you celebrating a 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 year or later class reunion? Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement Michael Haddock will be coordinating class-specific reunions for milestone classes alongside your class leadership. If you would like to help coordinate the class reunion location/activities or have not heard from anyone yet, please contact Michael at haddock.15@osu.edu.



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