

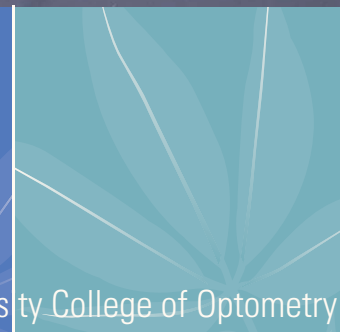
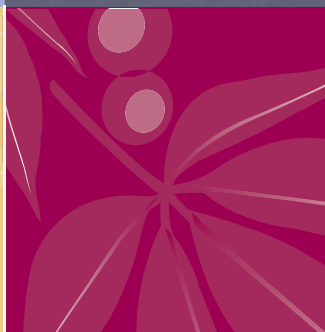
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From the Dean



Dear Optometry Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the summer issue of the BuckEYE Optometry Alumni Newsletter.

While there are any number of threads that run through the stories in this issue, one seems to be the opportunities for success, and the realization of career milestones by our alumni. At one end of the spectrum are our new professional colleagues from the Class of 2007. Their futures loom large and promising. Their graduation marks the beginning of their effort to make a difference; to do something significant. It will be interesting to see many of these young doctors turn up in future issues of our publication and even more interesting to read about their journey.

An individual whose career is on a unique upward trajectory in the U.S. Navy is LCDR **Tyson Brunstetter, MSC (OD '97, PhD '00)**. Currently, he is Research Director for the Navy Refractive Surgery Program in San Diego, CA. I look forward to hearing what LCDR Brunstetter accomplishes in his current position and beyond.

At the other end of the career spectrum—someone at the pinnacle of his career—is **Kevin Alexander (OD'76, MS'77, PhD'79)**. Dr. Alexander, Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University, recently became the President of the American Optometric Association. Of course, long before he attained the titles of dean and president, he was making a difference in the lives of his patients, students, and colleagues. The notion that if you want something done, you should give it to a busy person could not be truer than in the case of Dr. Alexander. His career has been one of tireless commitment and dedicated service to the public and our profession.

In closing, I would like to echo Dr. Alexander's observation shared during his convocation speech to the Class of 2007 earlier this year, "... the true measure of any professional lies not in how much money you make or how much you have improved your life, but in how much you have improved the lives of others." Success in our careers as optometrists is seen much more clearly in what we give away than in what we accrue for ourselves.

Congratulations to those featured in this issue of our newsletter. We delight in celebrating the excellence of the OSU College of Optometry reflected in your achievements and service.

With warmest regards,

Melvin D. Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH

Dean, OSU College of Optometry



From the President

Wow! Things at OSU have been about as hot as the recent weather. As your president, I have been privileged to attend both the first year student's White Coat Ceremony and the Convocation to send off the Class of 2007 into the real world.

The White Coat Ceremony was my first one to attend as President of Optometry Alumni and Friends (OAF). **Buckeye Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)** requested that I say a few words. Imagine approaching the podium in front of the First Year Class and their relatives and when you get there they are actually paying attention to what you are going to say. That was a little scary and I hope what I had to say was somewhat interesting to them after a whole year of lectures from much more qualified speakers than me.

The Convocation (or the Hooding as some of the more mature alums may remember) was also a great evening. Several significant things happened that caught me by surprise. The first surprise was having OSU President Karen Holbrook participate again. **Terry Huston (OD'73)**, treasurer of OAF, and I had a very nice visit with her. She was very candid and sincere in her remarks to us about her past presidency and her future plans. Dr. Huston and I were very grateful to have shared some time with her and both of us felt that we wish we could have had a visit like that with her earlier in her tenure rather than at the end.

The second surprise of the evening was learning that **Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79)** was retiring from his position with the College of Optometry. We all know the loss that comes with Joe's departure. I am going to miss Joe more on a personal basis than the professional side of things. Due to Joe's close ties with university athletics, I was always able to get the real facts on anything from how the quarterback battles were shaping up (after all, he is Craig Krenzel's father-in-law) to what baseball players would be leaving OSU to enter the draft. Joe, I do hope we get to run into each other on campus as I know you'll continue to keep up on the Buckeyes. Please accept our thanks for being such a good friend to all the alums of our great College.

Speaking about the Buckeyes.... OAF's alumni weekend will also be a hot ticket this year. The agenda has changed for the Friday night event, as we will honor **Kevin Alexander (OD'76, PhD'79)** and welcome him to campus for the weekend. The dates are September 8th and 9th. Saturday will be the tailgate and football game. Watch your mail for the invitation or give Gayle Glanville a call for early registration. I hope that you will be able to get back to campus to join us for the weekend.

As always,

Affirm thy Friendship, O-HI-O!!

Roger L. Saneholtz (OD'74)

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends

From the Editor



Mona Lisa has an Effect?

Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519) painted what is arguably the finest work of art in the history of man, Mona Lisa. His paintings were trend-setting in their time, using new techniques and methods to portray an image in a powerful way. His interests were diverse and many. His efforts in the areas of architecture, engineering, geology, hydraulics, and drawing of the human anatomy were years ahead of his time. His drawings of parachutes and flying machines truly resembled the later inventions of the 19th and 20th centuries. He was undoubtedly one of the brilliant minds of the ages.

Mona Lisa was painted by da Vinci between 1503 and 1506. There is a level of dispute about who the subject is. But there is no denying the intrigue in her eyes, her smile, her hands. Da Vinci actually enjoyed the painting so much that he kept it until the end of his life. It passed through a number of private hands before coming to Louvre in Paris in 1797.

So what about the Mona Lisa effect? Is that some obscure thing you learned about in school and have promptly forgotten?

What if da Vinci had kept painting for another month on Mona Lisa? another 6 months? another year? It would have been an entirely different painting. Maybe it would have been a better painting, but can you honestly tell me how you could improve on this masterpiece? Indeed, it is as likely that the painting would have lost value and become a lesser painting with more brushstrokes. Bottom line – Leonardo knew when to stop. I call this the Mona Lisa effect.

The Mona Lisa effect (knowing that further effort will only serve to worsen a situation or knowing when it is time to stop) applies to so many facets of life. More often than not, we ignore the Mona Lisa effect. Maybe when we overindulge in food or drink at a meal. Perhaps when we are in Las Vegas and up \$500 playing blackjack and go home with less money than we brought. Or we continue to invest in a relationship that is not healthy or beneficial to us.

It applies to practice, too. When that 46 year old comes in for their first follow-up visit with bifocal contact lens, and says, “These are terrific, I am doing great,” listen to Leonardo. Further effort will make things worse.

When you are making a case presentation and it is clear the patient has accepted your recommendation, listen to Leonardo. More talk will not convince them more.

When you have remade eyewear for the third time and the patient says they want their money back, just listen to Leonardo. It is a situation likely to not be salvaged.

The Mona Lisa effect is really another thought for wisdom, something far more important than book learning. Look around your life. Look for examples of the Mona Lisa effect. I expect you will find them abundantly.

Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)
BuckEYE Editor



Alexander Becomes AOA President

Maybe the clue was there very early in his career. When someone receives 4 college degrees from The Ohio State University in just over 5 years, it can surely be expected that this is a dedicated and driven individual on a unique journey to do some great things. This clue is there in the career of Kevin L. Alexander, (OD'76, MS'77, PhD'79), who also received a BS while a student in the College of Optometry in 1974. Of the over 500,000 degrees presented by The Ohio State University, only 354 graduates have 4 or more degrees from the University. In June 2007, Dr. Alexander became the 86th President of the American Optometric Association (AOA).

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)





Kevin Alexander, OD, PhD



Dr. Alexander receiving the OOA Senior Student Award from Dr. Al Hilbert.



Dr. Kevin Alexander and wife Dr. Carol Brown.



Dr. Alexander lecturing in Australia.

He joins a small group of graduates of The Ohio State University College of Optometry to serve as President of the 30,000 member association, which includes Past AOA **Presidents H. Ward Ewalt, Jr. (BS'29), Henry W. Hofstetter (BS'39, MS'40, PhD'42), Timothy Q. Kime (BS'61), and James R. Scholles (OD'59, JD).**

In examining the path that Dr. Alexander's career has taken, it is diverse in the opportunities he has had as a practitioner, as a volunteer and as an academican. The cornerstone of his career has been patient care, which he loves, spending all but 5 years since graduation in some sort of clinical practice. His second love is teaching clinicians, in the doctoral training program, post-doctoral residencies and fellowships, and continuing education.

While many would pursue an advanced degree primarily to become a researcher, Dr. Alexander sees the benefits of those degrees from a more global view. He credits his post-doctoral training with helping him take complicated issues of basic science and help clinicians understand how they applies in the exam room in the practical care of a patient.

His practice opportunities have included solo private practice, group private practice, multidisciplinary practice, center director for an optometric/ophthalmologic co-management center, and optometric director for a multi-office ophthalmology practice limited to treatment of the vitreous and retina.

While at The Eye Center of Toledo (TECOT), he established and was the first program director for the clinical optometric residency program for post-graduate optometrists at TECOT. This was one of the first non-VA clinical residency programs in the country. Later, at Retina Vitreous Associates, Inc. (RVA), he

completed and then served as the program supervisor for the only optometric fellowship in vitreoretinal disease. Additionally, he grew a regional network of referring optometrists throughout northwest and central Ohio, southern Michigan, and northeast Indiana.

Dr. Alexander's service to the profession is deep, passionate, visionary, and varied. He and **Arol Augsburger (OD/MS'71)**, were the lead doctors for the passage of the therapeutic law in Ohio. He, along with others, envisioned the concept of the EastWest Eye Conference, and brought it to reality, serving as its Chair for 2 years. Dr. Alexander's appreciation for our optometric heritage led to the establishment of the National Optometry Hall of Fame that was born at the EastWest Eye Conference. He served as President of the Ohio Optometric Association in 1995-96. He served a three year term on the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education prior to being elected to the AOA Board of Trustees. During the last few years, he has served as Co-Chair of the Optometry 2020 Summits that were envisioned to create the future for the profession. Last summer in Las Vegas, Nevada, he was elected President-elect of the AOA, and was installed as President in Boston, Massachusetts in June 2007.

In the academic realm, Dr. Alexander completed almost two decades of service at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. During his time as a full-time and part-time faculty member, he taught courses in disease management and pharmacology at a time when neither was within the scope of practice. He also was an adjunct faculty member while at

“In 1992 I was asked to testify before the Ohio House Health Committee as to the need and qualifications for therapeutic pharmaceuticals for optometrists. . . I was so beat up by the process that on the way home, I told my wife that I would never do anything for the profession again. But the following week, our bill passed out of that committee and I literally cried.”



In 1980 Dr. Alexander was the first optometrist to receive The Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching



Dr. Alexander in Dr. Brian Holden's Corneal Laboratory in Australia.



Dr. Alexander (OD'76, PhD'79) and Dr. Arol Augsburg (OD/MS'71).

TECOT and RVA, attaining the rank of Clinical Professor of Optometry.

In 2000, he was appointed as the Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. In a time of economic challenges, he has expanded the faculty. The addition of residency programs has provided more opportunity for post-graduate education. Major technological advances have included the use of the Optos instrument in the clinics, and an agreement with TLC to bring LASIK capability into the College. A significant fundraising effort is ongoing for a capital campaign. The main project in this \$25 million capital campaign is a new facility for the College.

Three of his more than two dozen publications are particularly worthy of special note. He was the principal author for the Clinical Practice Guideline for the Care of the Patient with Anterior Uveitis for the American Optometric Association in 1994. In 1995, he served as the editor for The Lippincott Manual of Primary Eye Care. Additionally, he wrote the chapter on uveitis for the fourth edition of Clinical Ocular Pharmacology in 2001. He has presented countless lectures nationally and internationally in at least six countries.

It is not unexpected that a career of this magnitude would have substantial awards associated with it. He was an Ezell Fellow while a graduate student at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. Epsilon Psi Epsilon recognized him with the Mote Award for Distinguished Faculty. In 1980, he was the first optometrist to receive The Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching. The Ohio Optometric Association named him the Warren Morris Optometrist of the Year in 1989. He was named a Distinguished Practitioner of the National Academies of Practice in 2000.

Dr. Alexander reports that his goals for the AOA for his year include a continuing and strengthened effort on

federal and state advocacy. Secondly, the AOA will be involved with the American Academy of Optometry, ARBO, ASCO, AOSA, and the NBEO to consider and, if appropriate, develop a board certification process. This process will involve all the stakeholders of the profession and seek input from them, allowing the profession to control its own destiny. The third major goal of his presidency will be to create a National Commission on Vision & Health. This commission will be a high-level, academically credible commission intended to identify and advocate for vision and health problems of citizens. Its composition will be mostly non-optometrists, including people skilled in the public health arena, with a goal of guiding and advising decisions at the highest policy-making level in federal government.

Dr. Alexander is married to **Carol Brown, OD'87**, who now serves as Director of Professional Affairs at Vistakon, a division of Johnson and Johnson Vision Care. He has two children. Nick, age 28, served in the Navy and has completed an Associate of Arts degree at Columbus State Community College, and is pursuing a bachelors degree in criminology at The Ohio State University. Lindsay, age 26, is married to David McKittrick and has 2 children: Kendra, age 5, and Alex, age 2. She is finishing her qualifications for her optician's license and has worked in Dr. Brown's practice.

It is hard to imagine a career that would be more preparatory to lead the profession. The profession has benefited from Dr. Alexander's passion, wisdom, and vision for almost 30 years. While this year in service with the AOA will be the highlight of his career, it is doubtful that he will complete this year of service and simply disappear into the woodwork. The profession will be the beneficiary of his talents in the future wherever he chooses to serve.

Dr. Alexander, thanks for all you do, and congratulations on this significant accomplishment.



Convocation 2007



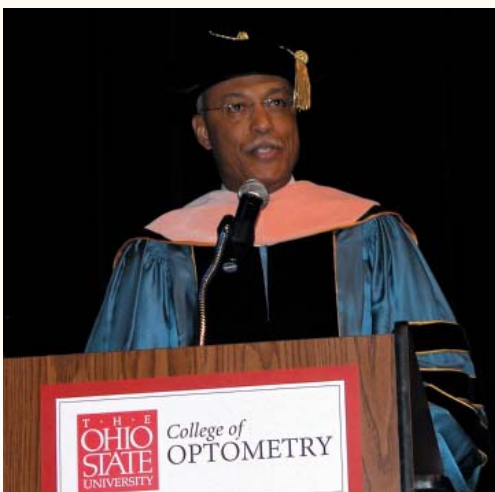
Erica Johnson (OD/MS'07) addressing her class.

The members of the graduating class were welcomed by Dean Melvin Shipp and The Ohio State University's President Karen Holbrook, her third and final Optometry Convocation appearance. Dr. Kevin Alexander, Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry and President-Elect of the American Optometric Association, presented the keynote address on "The Magic Moment" at the 2007 Doctoral Convocation held Saturday, June 9th.

rotations include a Veterans Affairs site; a disease rotation in an optometry or ophthalmology site; and a primary care rotation in multiple sites. The fourth quarter is spent on-campus with intense experience in contact lenses, binocular vision/pediatrics, and low vision.

Associate Dean Joseph Barr, (OD'77, MS'79) reports, "This is the best prepared class to graduate from the college yet. The addition of another quarter of clinical experience only enhances the excellent education these future colleagues are already offered."

The class of 2007 is the first graduating class to have 3 quarters of extern rotations in the fourth year. Those



Dean Mel Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH)



President Karen Holbrook (PhD)



Kevin Alexander (OD'76, PhD'79)



“Tonight, you become Doctors of Optometry—professionals in eye care. And I suggest to you that the true measure of any professional lies not in how much money you make or how much you have improved your life, but in how much you have improved the lives of others.”

Kevin Alexander, OD, PhD

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 Angelina Natalija Andrich Lakewood OH
 Asha Arya Strongsville OH
 † Cesar R. Bartell Ridgecrest CA
 † Matthew Stephen Baumgardner Blaine MN
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* Indicates students completing both Doctor of Optometry and Master of Science in Vision Science programs.

† Indicates four-year members of Beta Sigma Kappa.



(l to r) Gold Key award winners Corrie Ziegler (OD/MS'07), Annie Rudick (OD'07), Alison Palmer (OD'07), Erica Johnson (OD/MS'07), Adrienne Scheppler (OD/MS'07), and Joy Ellerbrock (OD/MS'07) with presenter Greg Nixon (OD'96)

Silhouette sponsors Karen Abbuhl and Janet Mullally with award winner Bradley Shaffer (OD'07)

Awards Banquet 2007



Roanne Flom (OD) presents the William Feinbloom Low Vision Award to Bradley Dougherty (OD/MS'07)



Peter Dormas (OD'07) receives the Interstate Optical Lab Nexus Award from Tom Rishacher.



Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79) presents the GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award to Phillip Jutte (OD'07).

Community Outreach Award

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Erica Johnson*

Marcolin Dispensing Award

William Kress

Silhouette Dispensing Award

Bradley Shaffer

Hoya Dispensing Award

Ross Collins



Jaclyn Buehner (OD'07) and Emily Curry (OD'07) look on as Jaclyn's daughter leads banquet attendees in a round of OH-IO!

Hoya sponsor Dave Denenzio congratulates winner Ross Collins (OD/MS'07).

Adrianne Scheppler (OD/MS'07) thanks Mark Bullimore (MCOptom, PhD) for hosting the night.

Peter Mastores of Volk congratulates winners Christina Danley (OD'07) and Danielle Poole (OD'07).

"We are proud of all of you and now consider you all our valued colleagues."
Mark Bullimore, MCOptom, PhD

Marcolin Dispensing Award
 Ann Rudick

Shamir Insight Dispensing Award
 Brandon Chester

VSP Lab Nexus Award
 Erica Johnson

Optical One Nexus Award
 Matthew Baumgardner

Interstate Optical Lab Nexus Award
 Peter Dormas

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 John Stehulak

Eschenbach Low Vision Student Award
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William Feinbloom Low Vision Award
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GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award
 Phillip Jutte

Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care
 Emily Curry

Ocular Disease Award
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 Christina Danley

Ocular Disease Award
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 Danielle Poole

Alcon Fourth Year Optometry Student 2007 Scholarship Award- Case Study
 Corrie Ziegler

2007 Graduate of the Year
 Sponsored by Optometric Educators Inc.
 Erica Johnson



Erica Johnson is presented with the Graduate of the Year Award from Dean Mel Shipp.

Graduate Teaching Award

The Graduate Organization for Vision Science (GOVS) established a new annual award this year to recognize excellence in teaching graduate students within the College of Optometry Graduate Program in Vision Science. This award is voted on by all of the graduate students.

GOVS is pleased to announce that the recipient of the GOVS Graduate Teaching Award for 2006-2007 is **Donald O. Mutti, OD PhD**.



Don Mutti (OD, PhD) receiving his award from David Berntsen (OD, MS'04)

Dr. Mutti was presented the award in front of the graduate students at Masters Thesis Night on June 5, 2007.

Dean Shipp Visits the Ohio Optometric Association's Zones

Dean Melvin Shipp has visited eleven of the twelve zones of the Ohio Optometric Association (OOA). Traveling from Marietta to Cleveland and all points in between, Dean Shipp has carried the message that The Ohio State University College of Optometry wants to hear what friends and alumni around the state have to say. These "town hall" meetings provided an opportunity to enhance positive and constructive communication—both within and outside of the college, to share information about the extraordinary activities of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni, and to describe ongoing and future activities of the College.

Accompanying Dean Shipp on all 11 trips was Gayle Glanville, Director of Development and Alumni Relations for the College. Linda Fette, Associate Executive Director of OOA, also attended many of the meetings. The discussions were often lively and focused on such topics as deep-seated concern about rising levels of student indebtedness upon graduation; new colleges of optometry across the country; GPAs, OAT scores, and matriculation versus graduation numbers; increased communication with non-OSU graduate ODs in Ohio; the possibility of electronic communication with all Ohio ODs; how to enhance the College's Continuing Education program; and establishing opportunities for alumni to visit the College.

The Dean's Town Hall meetings were generously supported by a grant from Vistakon®, Inc.

Dean Shipp Co-Chairs Major US Initiative on Vision Health

OSU College of Optometry Dean Melvin D. Shipp, and Dean Emeritus Alfred Sommer from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, were co-chairs of a U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) major publication entitled "Improving the Nation's Vision Health – A Coordinated Public Health Approach." This 58-page report, which had over 30 other contributing experts in optometry, ophthalmology, and public health, provides comprehensive and coordinated vision health strategies and activities that have been organized around assessment, application, and action principles to improve vision and prevent vision loss in the United States.

According to this report, by 2030 the number of blind and visually-impaired people in the

Dr. Monty Vickers tells Graduates about the Real World of Optometry

by Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

Dr. Montgomery (Monty) Vickers provided a highly informative and entertaining guest lecture in Dr. Newcomb's Optometry 741 class on May 23.

Every month for the past 17 years, Dr. Vickers, who is a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, has written the very humorous "Chairside" column for Review of Optometry magazine. Based upon many of these articles, he and his wife Renee shared stories from their practice in St. Albans, West

Virginia, for over an hour with the Class of 2007. Dr. Vickers told the students, "...my patients are not allowed to cancel their appointments with me – only I can cancel the appointment with them. They are, however, allowed to postpone their appointments to accommodate busy schedules." And Renee, his wife and office manager, said "...you will become your patient's friend and confidant. You will become a part of their extended family. The trust they place in your knowl-

edge and skills will enrich your lives as long as you practice, and even beyond."

Dr. Vickers closed with an original country song in which many current OSU faculty and students were playfully satirized. In doing so, he became the first person ever to play a guitar in the college's newly-remodeled Lecture Hall (old room 33 – does anyone remember a guitar player being in there before?).



Dr. Vickers and wife Renee

country is now predicted to double. A copy of this report is available at www.cdc.gov

Second Year Optometry Student on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

Adam Blacker, a second-year Optometry student at The Ohio State University College of Optometry, was a contestant on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"; aired April 2007.

Adam was able to take his Optometry finals early in order to fly to New York City with his wife for the taping of Millionaire. He reports that "[his] brain was about to explode" by the time he arrived at the studio as an odd mixture of trivia and complex clinical information were sharing space in his mind, having studied for both the show and his exams simultaneously. He won \$25,000.

Adam is originally from Nampa, ID, where he graduated from Nampa High School in 1998.

Flippers Donated

With the help of Dr. Mark Bullimore at The Ohio State

University College of Optometry and Richard Clompus at Vistakon, the second year class of 72 students each received a donated +/-0.25D and a +/-0.50D lens flipper this spring. As newcomers to the Primary Vision Care Clinic, second years have found these flippers to be handy tools when finalizing the patient's spectacle prescription. They will be a great help in the contact lens clinic in future years as well. Vistakon's generosity is much appreciated by all of the second year students!

2007 State of the College Address

Dean Shipp presented his third State of the College address on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 5:30 PM in the Ross Heart Hospital auditorium. He shared the numerous honors and recognitions earned by the College's faculty and staff members this past year. Additionally, he outlined College goals over the next few years in the context of the administration's biennial dialogue with the Office of Academic Affairs. Copies of this report are available from the Dean's office.

Melissa D. Bailey, OD, PhD



Melissa D. Bailey, (OD/MS'01, PhD'04) began as an assistant professor at the College of Optometry on December 1, 2006. Dr. Bailey has been a clinical attending in the College's Contact Lens Services throughout her graduate and postdoctoral training and will continue as a clinical attending as a faculty member. She is also responsible for teaching Optometry 443, Practical Optometry III, which is the third in a series of courses offered to second-year optometry students as part of their preparation for examining patients in the clinic services. In the fall, she will also teach Optometry 433, Introduction to Contact Lenses, which is the first of three contact lens courses that are offered to third-year optometry students. Dr. Bailey's research interests include studying outcomes of refractive surgery procedures such as LASIK, and she is also working with Don Mutti, OD, PhD, on an evaluation of an equatorial growth restriction model for the development of school-age myopia.

Dr. Bailey grew up in Washington Court House, Ohio. After high school, she received a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience from Muskingum College in 1997. She graduated from the Ohio State University College of Optometry in June of 2001 with a Doctorate of Optometry and Master of Science in Vision Science. Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD was Dr. Bailey's graduate advisor throughout her graduate training. Dr. Bailey graduated from Ohio State University again in June of 2004 with a Doctor of Philosophy in Vision Science. Following the completion of her PhD, she completed a postdoctoral fellowship with Dr. Mutti investigating novel hypotheses for the development of school-age myopia.

Dr. Bailey currently resides in Gahanna, OH with Daniel, her husband, and Luke, their two-year-old son. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, and quilting.



Opt II's showing off their new flippers!

Room 33 Becomes State of the Art

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

For the thousands of alumni who remember spending hours in the Room 33 lecture hall over the last decades, it is now hard to recognize. A total and complete renovation of the room was completed earlier this year.

For the expansion and renovation of the room, the rooms that housed the old audio-visual control room and the video recording studio were removed. The new space of the expanded lecture hall is 24 feet x 76 feet. The orientation of the room was rotated, making a shallow, wide room, and instructors now teach from a podium located midway down the long wall. Three projectors and screens now allow each student to be close to one of the screens. Seating is now theater-style with three levels of seating for 74 students. Each student seat has a power plug and is hard-wired for high-speed internet. Students will be able to do online article reviews, take online quizzes, or review NEI research live during lectures to enhance learning.

The new room layout allows the instructor to be closer to students (proximity is about 18 feet on average, instead of 24 feet with the old design). A projection table, similar to an overhead projector, allows the instructor to highlight, draw arrows, and otherwise enhance text and graphics, which are then projected to the entire room. Other video capabilities include video recording of selected lectures. Soon, students will be able to view lectures that are occurring at other sites across the country.

While Associate Dean **Karla Zadnik (OD, PhD)** oversaw the entire building renovation project, **Gregory Good, (OD'75, MS'79, PhD'81)** was the lead faculty member for the Room 33 renovation. Instructional Media Staff member Karen Stedfeld provided significant input during the process. Mr. Brian Snyder of The Ohio State University Faculty Design & Construction provided excellent design counsel in the process. Interestingly and coincidentally, Mr. Snyder is married to **Nasim Nikoumanesh Snyder ('08)**, who is entering her fourth year of study at the College this summer and is among the first to use the space.

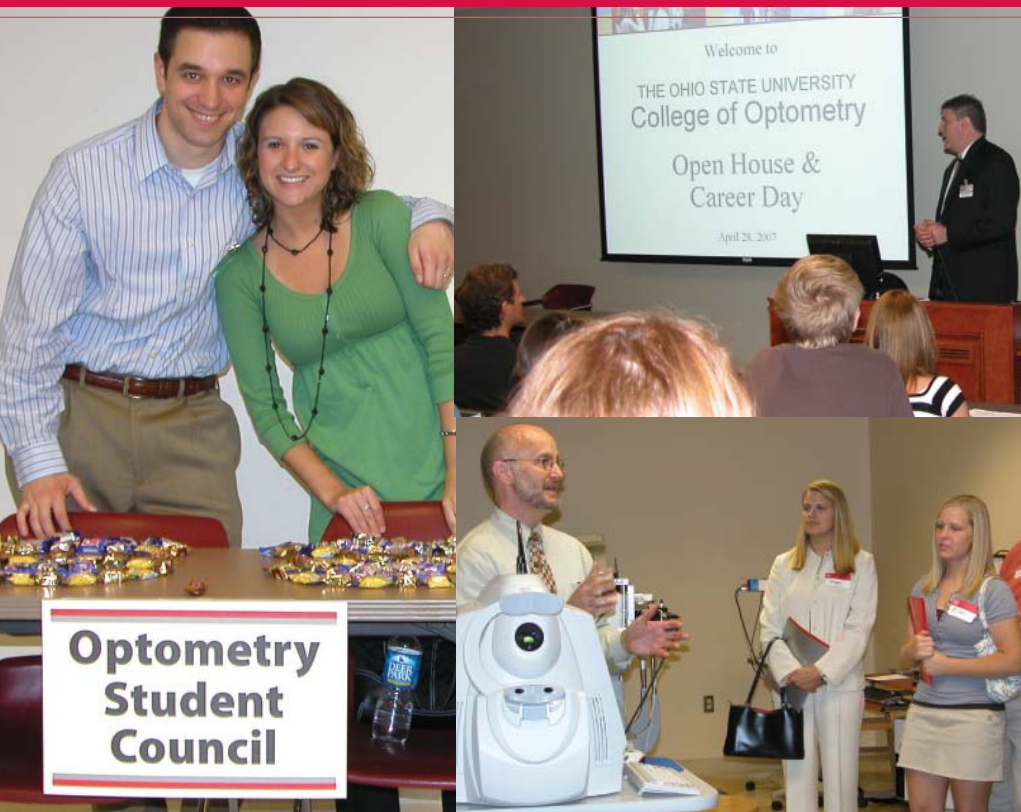
Tremendous thanks also go to the Independent Doctors of Optometry of Ohio, who through the Vision Service Plan Asset Management Committee contributed the funds to make the renovation a reality. Members of the VSP Asset Management Committee include **David Drefner (BS'63, OD'68)**, **James Kuhlman (BS'64, OD'76)**, and **Terry Daniel (OD'70)**. Many thanks to all these folks for their planning and commitment to make the new space the absolute best it can be.



(above and below) Carla Mack (OD'95) gives the first lecture in remodeled Room 33.



(l to r) Carla Mack (OD'95), Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79), and Greg Good (OD'75, PhD'81) in remodeled Room 33.



Open House 2007

by Sally Haltom

On Saturday, April 28th, OSU Optometry faculty, staff, students, and alumni welcomed more than two hundred thirty guests to the annual College Open House and Career Day program.

This year's event featured student-led tours of the College, including the new E. F. Wildermuth Optometric Research Clinic, as well as information sessions on admissions and financial aid, and a student activities fair hosted by representatives from all the optometry student organizations.

A career information panel presentation featuring practicing optometrists was a new addition this year. The panel consisted of **William O. Schuller (OD'65)**, **Sandra Wang-Harris (OD'97)**, **Jennifer Mattson (OD'06)**, and **Associate Dean Joe Barr (OD '77 MS '79)**. We thank them so much for the impressive career overviews and sage wisdom and advice that they



shared with all the future ODs in attendance!

Another new feature for 2008 was the "Ask-a-Student" session, that gave prospective students the opportunity to talk one-on-one with first, second, third and fourth-year students and to gain valuable insights and perspective on a typical day in the life of an optometry student.

Next year's program will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008. We strongly encourage you to plan to attend, and to bring one or more prospective students along with you! Alumni are our best link to the generations of optometrists to come!

Introducing our new Manager of Admissions Information Justin Griest



Justin began in the College of Optometry Student Affairs office in March. His main roles are to help students through the admissions process, recruit prospective students, and spread the word about the benefits of both the profession and The Ohio State University College of Optometry. Justin is also the advisor to The College of Optometry Student Ambassador Program.

Justin comes to our office after three years recruiting Ohio State undergraduate freshmen and transfer students as an admissions counselor and territory manager in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience. Born and raised in Massillon, Ohio, Justin graduated from Perry High School and received his bachelors degree from Capital University in 2004 with an emphasis in Communication and Radio/TV/Film Broadcasting. While at Capital, Justin was a 4-year member and Vice-President of The Chapel Choir, on-air personality for Skyline Columbus Television, peer tutor for the communication department, and a recipient of the Distinguished Senior Leadership Award.

Justin is committed to the College's mission of recruiting the best, brightest, and most diverse students in Ohio and around North America. He looks forward to meeting and partnering with current students and alumni who would be interested in sharing their positive experiences with prospective students. Justin invites your calls and emails and looks forward to meeting you!

Grant Recipients of Community-Based Preschool Vision Screening Model Program

In mid-April 2007, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent out to Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and/or 4-H Educators in each of Ohio's 88 counties announcing three \$2,000 implementation grants funded from a larger Excellence in Engagement Grant to **Paulette P. Schmidt (OD '73, MS '76)**. The grants will support the implementation of a rural, suburban and urban model preschool vision screening program that will have widespread

use in implementing effective preschool vision screening.

Several grant proposals were submitted to the review committee. On May 31st program partners met to review and judge each county grant proposal. The quality of the proposals was high making the competition rigorous. The review committee chose Henry County to represent a rural model, Shelby County to represent a suburban model and Summit County to represent an urban model.

One back-up site (Highland, Portage and Lucas County) was also chosen for each of the three community-based model programs in case the selected county is unable to implement the program.

The implementation of each Model Program is set to start in July 2007.



RFP Review Committee: **Paulette P. Schmidt (OD '73, MS '76)** – College of Optometry, Dr. Jill Eversole Nolan – OSU Extension, Mrs. Betty Head – College of Optometry, Dr. Jeff King – OSU Extension

College Diversity Update, 2006-2007

by Barbara Fink (OD, PhD'87)

The College of Optometry, from the Dean's Office to the student body, is committed to improving diversity and enhancing the comfort of the environment for all people regardless of age, race, color, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, religion, or creed.

In April, the College was awarded a grant from the Association of Schools and College of Optometry (ASCO) for a proposal developed by Dr. Jeff Walline and members of the Diversity Enhancement Committee, entitled "Improving Diversity of Optometric Learners" (IDOL). The objective of the IDOL Program is to introduce talented minority students to the profession of optometry and impress upon them the importance of diversity in health care

professionals. From August 20-24, ten minority undergraduate college students will participate in a week-long curriculum to introduce them to optometry, provide them with experience in an optometry practice, expose them to optometrists practicing in a variety of settings and optometry students, teach them the basics of eyes and vision, and help them understand the importance of diversity among health care professionals.

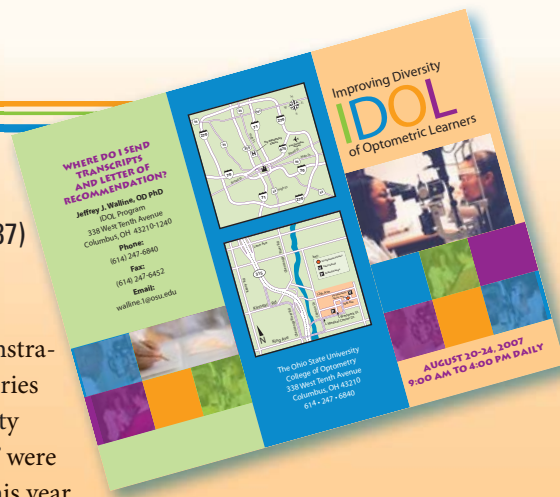
Members of the faculty and staff of the College of Optometry regularly make presentations at historically Black colleges and universities, as well as to central Ohio schools from pre-school through undergraduate. They also participate in a variety of University minority recruitment efforts, with on-site workshops

and demonstrations. A series of "Diversity Dialogues" were initiated this year to provide minority optometry students with opportunities to interact with minority practitioners. The diversity activities at the Annual College of Optometry Open House included "Diversity Dialogues: Student Recruitment Conversations", and Dr. Sandra Wang participated in a panel discussion about the practice of optometry.

The current national president-elect and vice president-elect of the NOSA are OSU students Funmilayo Aranmolate and Khyla Lance. The Ohio State University chapter of NOSA has

participated in a variety of activities this year.

The College of Optometry continues to strive to improve the diversity of the students, staff, and faculty and to provide a welcoming environment for all people.



Class of 2010 Receive Their White Coats



Dr. Saneholtz told the Opt I students to treat every patient equally well.



Dr. Riccio told the students to get involved with their optometric organizations.



Dr. Newcomb had a dream come true: conducting the OSU Men's Glee Club.

Sixty first-year students in Dr. Robert Newcomb's Optometry 402 course, Rights and Responsibilities of Optometrists, received their white clinic coats in a formal ceremony held at the OSU Fawcett Center on June 1. Over 200 proud family members and friends attended the seventh annual event, some of whom traveled several hundred miles to be present.

Cordial and inspirational remarks were given by **Dean Melvin Shipp**, **Roger Saneholtz (OD '74)**, President of the Optometry Alumni and Friends organization, and **Karen Riccio (OD '84)**, President-Elect of the Ohio Optometric Association. The coats were then presented by **Robert Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)** and **Gil Pierce (OD '89, MS '92, PhD '94)**. Dr. Pierce will

teach the Theory and Practice of Optometry series of courses in their second year.

The OSU Men's Glee Club, under the director of Dr. Robert J. Ward from the School of Music, sang America the Beautiful, the Buckeye Battle Cry, and the OSU Alma Mater, Carmen Ohio. The white coats were provided by a generous grant from Vision Ser-

vice Plan; and a dessert reception co-sponsored by the Ohio Optometric Association and the Optometry Alumni and Friends organization followed the one-hour ceremony.



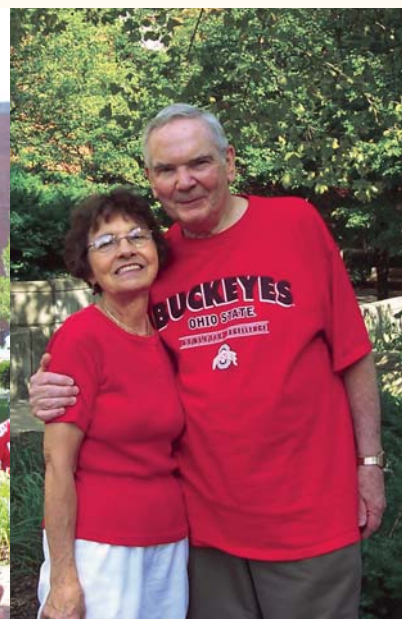
Dean Shipp, Dr. Tim Kime (OD'61), Dean Emeritus Fred Hebbard, and Mrs. Barbara Kime toured the Wildermuth on April 10, 2007.



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Friday evening we are honoring Kevin Alexander (OD'76, PhD'79) with the Ward Ewalt Medal. Join us for the special occasion.

Registration materials are being sent separately.



(l to r) Ryan Subler, Katie Wulff, Ryan Palmer, Karen Kloman, Rheanna Moore, Eric Reinhard, Kathryn Gordon, Hillary Multari, Nicole Abrashoff, and Kara Bisceglia.

Residents Make Scholarly Presentations

by Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

Eleven of the college's twelve residents in OSU-affiliated external optometric residency positions came to campus on May 22 to share new information and present challenging case reports based upon some of their unique experiences during the 2006-2007 academic year. All of these highly-specialized and fully-accredited post-graduate residency programs focus on the care of patients with ocular disease, systemic disease, and/or ophthalmic surgery. Those making presentations were:

Dr. Eric Reinhard,
Dayton VA Medical Center

Dr. Cynthia Roles (OD '06),
Cleveland VA Medical Center

Dr. Ryan Palmer,
Cincinnati Eye Institute

Dr. Nicole Abrashoff (OD '06),
Chillicothe/Columbus VA's

Dr. Kara Bisceglia (OD '06),
Chillicothe/Columbus VA's

Dr. Kathryn Gordon (OD '06),
Cleveland VA Medical Center

Dr. Karen Kloman (OD '06),
Chillicothe/Columbus VA's

Dr. Ryan Subler (OD '06),
The Eye Center of Toledo

Dr. Rheanna Moore (OD '06),
Cleveland VA Medical Center

Dr. Katie Wulff (OD '06),
Chillicothe/Columbus VA's

Dr. Hillary Multari,
Cleveland VA Medical Center

Our twelfth resident, **Dr. Lucy Zgonc (OD '06)**, successfully completed her VA residency program at the Hampton, Virginia, VA Medical Center but was unable to attend the program.

Their topics were both interesting and varied; and included patient cases of multiple sclerosis, pseudotumor cerebri, central retinal vein occlusion, iridocorneal endothelial (ICE) syndrome, congenital aniridia, posterior ischemic optic neuropathy, Anton's syndrome, herpes simplex keratitis, branch retinal artery occlusion, and differential diagnosis of maculopathy.

The 15-minute presentations were followed by a delicious catered Italian dinner, courtesy of Aaron Adams, Alcon Laboratories Associate Medical Sales Representative (Optometric Specialty Group).

According to **Dr. Robert Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)**, Residency Director, the college will have fourteen residents during the 2007-2008 academic year, five of which are 2007 OSU optometry graduates.

Tyson Brunstetter (OD/MS'97, PhD'00)

Research Director for the Navy Refractive Surgery Program

by Sally Haltom

LCDR Tyson Brunstetter, MSC, (OD/MS'97, PhD'00) enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1996. Enlisting was "a considerable leap of faith for me; I am the first member of my family to have served in the U.S. Armed Forces since World War II. However, I realized quickly that it had been one of the best decisions of my life, and I have never looked back."

LCDR Brunstetter's first commissioned tour began in 1999 as a Principal Investigator at the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory (NAMRL) in Pensacola, FL. The following summer, he completed a Ph.D. in Vision Science, and was one of two Navy optometrists to hold both clinical and research doctorates. At NAMRL, he gained important experience

through operationally-relevant projects dealing with night vision goggles, unaided night vision, nontraditional cockpit displays, and aviators' tolerance to +G forces. "I developed a deep enthusiasm toward factors that affect Naval Aviation training, safety, and mission effectiveness."

In 2002, he graduated from the Naval Flight Surgeon Program as the 8th designated Aerospace Optometrist. "I realized early on that my understanding of aviation, my ability to effectively interact with winged personnel, and my credibility were insufficient without the training and experience that came with my 'wings of gold.'"

In 2003, Lcdr Brunstetter transferred to the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) in Patuxent River, MD, to work directly with Department of Defense (DoD) engineers, scientists, aeromedical specialists, and test pilots in the R&D of visual/optical systems for military aviators and aircraft. He functioned as a Subject Matter Expert on several DoD Programs and dealt with advanced laser eye protection (LEP), aircrew masks, and helmet-mounted displays. He was also tasked with designing and procuring LEP spectacles to overcome severe physical



"I realized early on that my understanding of aviation, my ability to effectively interact with winged personnel, and my credibility were insufficient without the training and experience that came with my 'wings of gold.'"

incompatibilities between spectacles and the Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System visor (a top-ten F/A-18 safety deficiency). The end product recently won a USN/USAF fit competition and is now being manufactured for F/A-18, F-16, and F-15 aircrew. During the tour, he also gained the extraordinary opportunity to author and routinely deliver Vision Science briefs at the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School.

Since July 2006, Brunstetter has served as Research Director for the Navy Refractive Surgery Program in San Diego, CA. The program consistently produces world-class biomedical research, has maximized the readiness and capability of thousands of front line personnel, and has greatly enhanced the art-and-science of

civilian and military refractive surgery. "Earning this position has been an aspiration of mine for seven years, and I am ecstatic to be here. We are currently conducting 11 human-use research protocols (including 5 FDA investigations) at 9 USN/USAF/USA medical commands. While my entire naval career has been research-skewed, I have maintained, and continue to maintain, full privileges as a clinical optometrist. Beyond the innate pride that we all share in serving our country, phenomenal opportunities await any sailor willing to step outside of their comfort zone. My personal mission adheres to that belief: tread somewhat off the beaten path, and actively pursue roles that invoke passion."



LCDR Brunstetter inside the Dynamic Environment Simulator at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, where he served as principle investigator in a collaborative Navy-Air Force G-tolerance research study.



Cockpit compatibility testing in a SH-60R helicopter, part of a laser eye protection (LEP) project that investigated the compatibility of LEP within military aircraft cockpits.



Brunstetter testing whether LEP affects external visual acuity from the F/A-18E fighter jet cockpit.



LCDR Brunstetter on a fighter jet training flight.

1961 Bill Bartolovich (BS'61, OD'76) was given the East Liverpool Rotary's annual Professional and Vocational Award recently.

The professional service award is given to local doctors and business people who show outstanding service to the community. In addition to his 45 year private practice, Bill currently serves as a stalwart of the East Liverpool City Hospital Emergency Room to assist with emergency eye care.

Bartolovich makes many generous financial contributions to the community. He and his wife, Sandra, have also made a series of large investments in downtown East Liverpool. In a press release provided by Joe Cain, he writes, "The scale of (Bartolovich's) investment in downtown East Liverpool is unsurpassed."

He said he was surprised and humbled by the award, and loves working and living in the city of East Liverpool. "There is no where else in the world I would rather be," said Bartolovich.

1974 Roger Saneholtz (OD'74) is a grandfather. Greyson Denney was born to Joy and Brent Saneholtz on April 3, 2007. Greyson was 6 lbs 11 oz and 21" long. All are doing well!



Greyson Denney Saneholtz

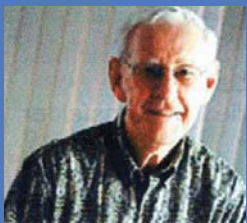
1976 Illinois College of Optometry President, **Arol Augsburger** (OD/MS'71), has appointed **Kent Daum** (OD'76, PhD'79) to the position of Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs of the Illinois College of Optometry.

1997 Mohinder Merchea (OD'97, PhD'00) has been promoted to Director, Clinical Science and Technology at Bausch and Lomb.



Class of 1998 at the National Championship Game in Glendale, AZ on 1/8/07. Left to right: Laura & Lance Lysiuk, Bob Hanak, Kevin McNamara & Amy Grimes, Jeff Woerner, Stacy Pasch Pellingier, Bryan "Big Daddy" Fuller, Lorie Logan, and Rick Zeber.

ABOUT ALUMNI | *Work & Witness*



Paul Gamertsfelder (OD'54) knows well what it means to witness for one's faith through work. After all, he has been on at least 60 mission trips through the years, often using his experience as an optometrist to help others see more clearly.

"Just being on the job site, you're a witness," Gamertsfelder said. "you're there representing Christ. You're showing them how you believe, what you believe."

The 78-year-old Columbus resident, retired from his optometry practice 13 years ago, has been making mission trips for the Church of the Nazarene since 1973. He started the denomination's "Men in Missions" program, which in 1984 became known as "Work and Witness."

Though the years, Gamertsfelder's "Mission of Site" program allowed him to collect used eyeglasses, taking several hundred pairs at a time on his trips for those who needed them.



Doug McCloy (OD'95), an optometrist with offices in Marion and Westerville, took over the Mission of Site collection from Gamertsfelder about two years ago. McCloy is leading an effort to build a medical clinic in Jamaica that will bear Gamertsfelder's name. McCloy once had a practice in Jamaica and has done missionary work there.

Gamertsfelder taught him what Work and Witness is all about, he said. "He's immaculately humble, and he's an excessive servant," McCloy said of Gamertsfelder. "He's abundantly compassionate. And he's a true man of faith who puts his faith into action."

McCloy said the Jamaica clinic not only will help people but also will be an outlet for those who want to do mission work. He said it will be a fitting tribute to the man known as the father of Work and Witness.

"I love to help people. You know, needy people," Gamertsfelder said. "It's just the compassion I have. It's what missionary service is all about."



Ravaughn Williams and Massala Reffell Marry

by Barbara Fink (OD, PhD'87)

On Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007, **Massala Reffell (OD '05)** and **Ravaughn Williams (OD '06, MS '06)** were married on the beautiful island of Trinidad. It was only fitting that the two would return to Ravaughn's home country to be married in the presence of their friends and family. Trinidad and Tobago are the two most southern islands in the Caribbean which, are situated right off the coast of Venezuela.

Ravaughn and Massala currently reside in Houston, TX as they approach the end of their post doctorate studies. Ravaughn is enrolled in a cornea and contact lens fellowship at the Texas Eye Research and Technology Center at University of Houston College of Optometry while Massala is pursuing a disease residency at the Eye Center of Texas.

The two look forward to the next chapter of their lives as they move to Fort Worth, TX where Ravaughn will be employed with Alcon as a Sr. Clinical Research Associate and Massala will enter private practice in an ophthalmological setting.

2002 **Andrea Odle (OD'02)** and husband David celebrated the birth of their daughter, Avelise Odle, on March 4, 2007. Avelise weighed 8lb 10oz and was 20 inches long. Congratulations!

2003 After being re-located by the Air Force from Korea to Hawaii, **Tara Jayne (OD'03)**, gave birth to twins, Bryson Paul and Dakodah Rose in November, 2006.

2004 **Daniel Best (OD'04)** opened a new practice, Vision Plus, in the Haggen Food and Pharmacy in Mount Vernon, Washington.

2005 **Jamie Casper (PhD, OD'05)** is the director of surgical services at Surgical Eye Care in Wilmington, NC. He recently published an article in *New O.D.*, which is a supplement to Optometric Management for optometrists who have recently graduated, entitled "Establishing Your Roots".

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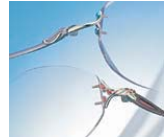
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