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# From the Dean

Welcome to the summer issue of the *BuckEYE Optometry Alumni Magazine*.

The **Class of 2011** welcomed the summer with their long anticipated convocation and graduation. I know I speak on behalf of the College and our alumni as I extend a hearty congratulations to our new professional colleagues. Their graduation marks the beginning of their opportunity to “go narrow and go deep.” I for one can’t wait to read their stories in future issues as they realize *The Power of a Step*. This year’s Convocation speaker, **Jason J. Singh (OD’98)**, former executive director of Engage Mamelodi, challenged these new optometrists to aim for a narrow and deep approach as they begin their professional careers rather than wide and shallow. Judging by their class gift to our South High Clinic, it appears they are well on their way!

So many of our alumni embody Dr. Singh’s advice to the Class of 2011. Representative of this group is **Karen Winters Schwartz (OD’88)** who has written no less than four novels, most recently publishing one in the fall of 2010. Not only does this reflect her creative abilities but also her compassion as she chronicles the life of a fictionalized family, based on true events, who live with a loved one’s diagnosis of bipolar disorder.

Another expression of compassion is that of **William O. Schuller (BS’65, OD, MPH)** who cared for his brother early in life and along with his family, faced his brother’s multiple health issues. The establishment of the John F. Schuller Scholarship by Dr. Schuller is yet another example of “going narrow and deep” in order to make a difference.

Our very own **Greg Good (OD’75, MS’79, PhD’81)** and Shawn Curtner climbed Mount Baden-Powell blind! In an effort to raise money and awareness for Columbus-based Pilot Dog, Dr. Good and Shawn took turns leading one another through rugged, snowy terrain.

Welcome to Lynn Mitchell, friend and colleague, who has transitioned from a senior consulting research statistician at the College since 2000 to the position of assistant professor. We look forward to the new horizons that lay ahead for her and to her continuing contributions to our College, the University and our profession.

With warm, personal regards and the hope that you enjoy what’s left of summer,

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



# From the President

In April, I was honored to attend my second meeting of the Alumni Advisory Council as the College of Optometry representative. This council consists of alumni from each College in the University, representatives from each branch campus, and representatives from various offices within the University. Our theme for the meeting was University advancement and involvement of alumni.

Considerable time was given to involvement of alumni. Members of this council are not shy as far as discussion and most members are very well informed. Numerous members addressed council with some of their successes and many of their frustrations concerning their alumni involvement and how to reach them. Twice during these conversations the speakers made reference to our College by saying "We're not Optometry". They recognize our advantage of being a small College and being very successful in what we do. Needless to say I was quite proud that other alumni groups are aware of what Optometry is doing and we must be doing something right.

Yes, here it is, the HOWEVER.... We can do better. This is a perfect time to reflect on just what Ohio State means to each of us. The Coach Tressel turmoil has really had an impact. Every day patients ask me what is going to happen. My answer catches them by surprise. I support Coach Tressel. He is in a position caused by other persons' mistakes which created his mistake. BUT, it's only football. Ohio State is hugely more than just football. What is most important is the quality of each College's educational program and the successes of the students. Since I now get exposure to more of those success stories with my participation on the Alumni Advisory Council, I feel qualified to say that Dean Shipp and our faculty are doing an outstanding job of leading and preparing our students.

One way that we as alumni can do better to advance our program and preserve our reputation is to build our philanthropy. There are 3,338 alumni but only 18% of us gave back to the College last year. We can argue that we paid for our education and that should be all that's expected. But I look at my educational cost as an investment and when reviewing past returns and future income, then the return on that investment is phenomenal.

I would really like to attend my next Alumni Advisory Council meeting with a much bigger response of "We're not Optometry" as a result of our percentage of alumni making gifts to our College doubling to 36%. It's not hard to get on the OSU College of Optometry website and click Support the College. The amount is not important either (although that also gets attention). The College needs us to increase that 18% number!

As always,

Affirm thy Friendship, O-HI-O!!

**Roger L. Saneholtz (OD'74)**

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends



## Caught in the Act

So, right in the middle of a run-of-the-mill day not long ago, a patient stops me before we start her exam and ‘just wants to say something.’ That is a rather loaded statement, and could go a variety of directions.

She shares that as she parked her car at the local post office some time ago, she was concerned she had upset another driver at the post office by her parking technique. Then she realized that I was the person who she thought she upset when she recognized me as I got out of my car.

She apologized profusely. I did not recall the event. My wife would be the first to report that my patience can be in short supply when driving if I think someone is too slow to find a parking place or to make a decision. So, embarrassing as it might be to admit, it is certainly possible, dare I say likely, that I may have appeared upset in the post office parking lot, over someone’s parking ability. Really kinda silly on my part.

There is a big lesson here. Regardless of where you practice, you are recognizable in your community. Your actions will be noticed, for better or worse. The way you treat servers at a local restaurant, how you discipline your child at the grocery store, the way you act in your car will all be seen and noticed by people in your community, often patients. Even when you think no one is watching, someone is watching. Such is the life of a professional.

Let my experience be the reminder for you. Let your behavior in the community be such that you do not have to have a patient apologize to you for upsetting you, especially when you know that you should be apologizing to them instead.

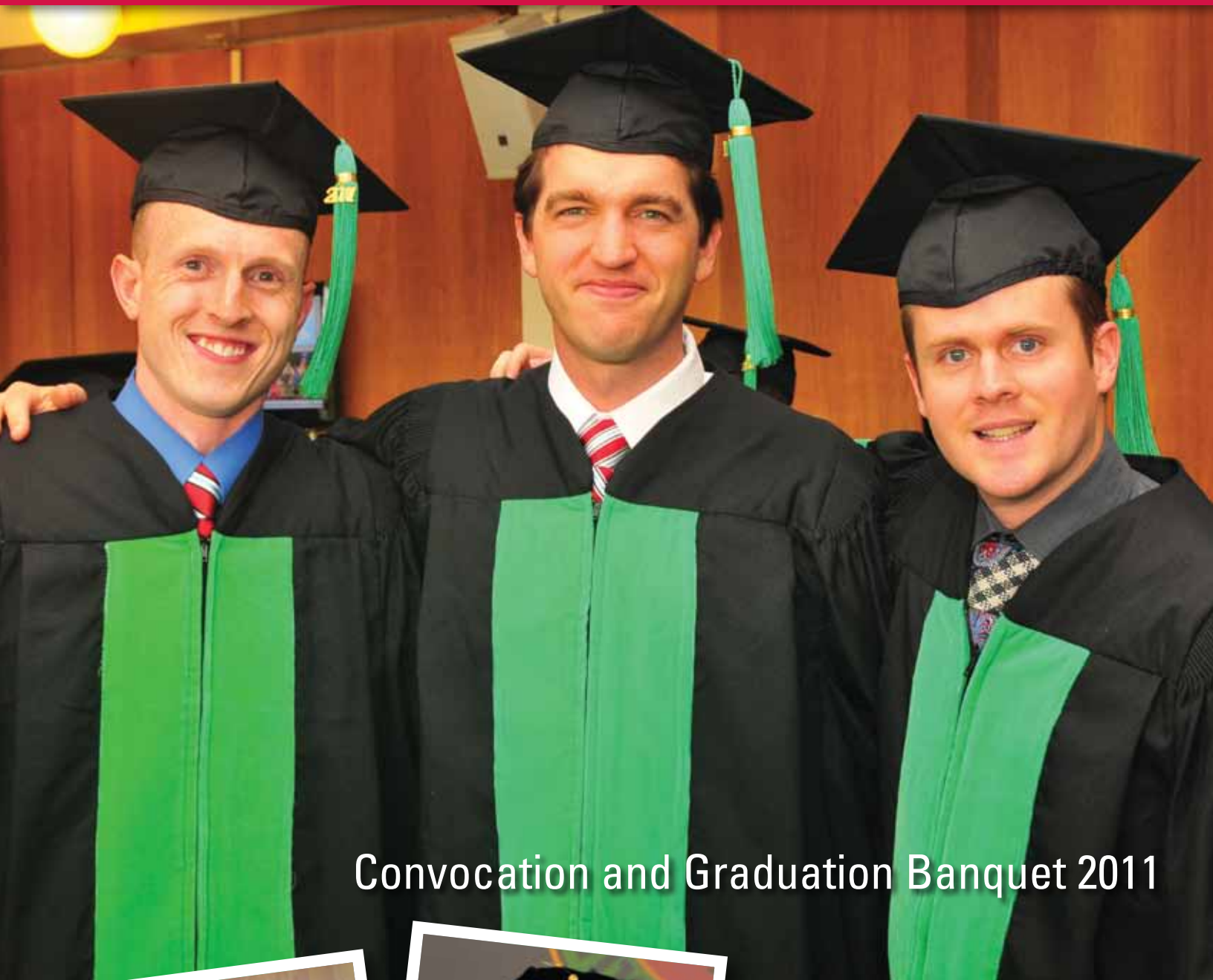
On a lighter note, our granddaughter, Isla, and her father, Scott, are seen below with Brutus Buckeye. Isla is being raised properly, evidenced by the fact that she recognized Brutus without prompting. We are confident that she cannot recognize Purdue Pete, Bucky Badger, Goldy Gopher, or (heaven forbid) Freddie or Frieda Falcon (Bowling Green State University) or Albert E. and Alberta Gator (University of Florida). Go Bucks!

**Jeffrey A. Myers (OD’84)**  
BuckEYE Editor

Dr. Myers’ granddaughter, Isla (center), joins her father, Scott (left) and Brutus Buckeye (right) for the Independence Day activities in Groveport, Ohio







## Convocation and Graduation Banquet 2011



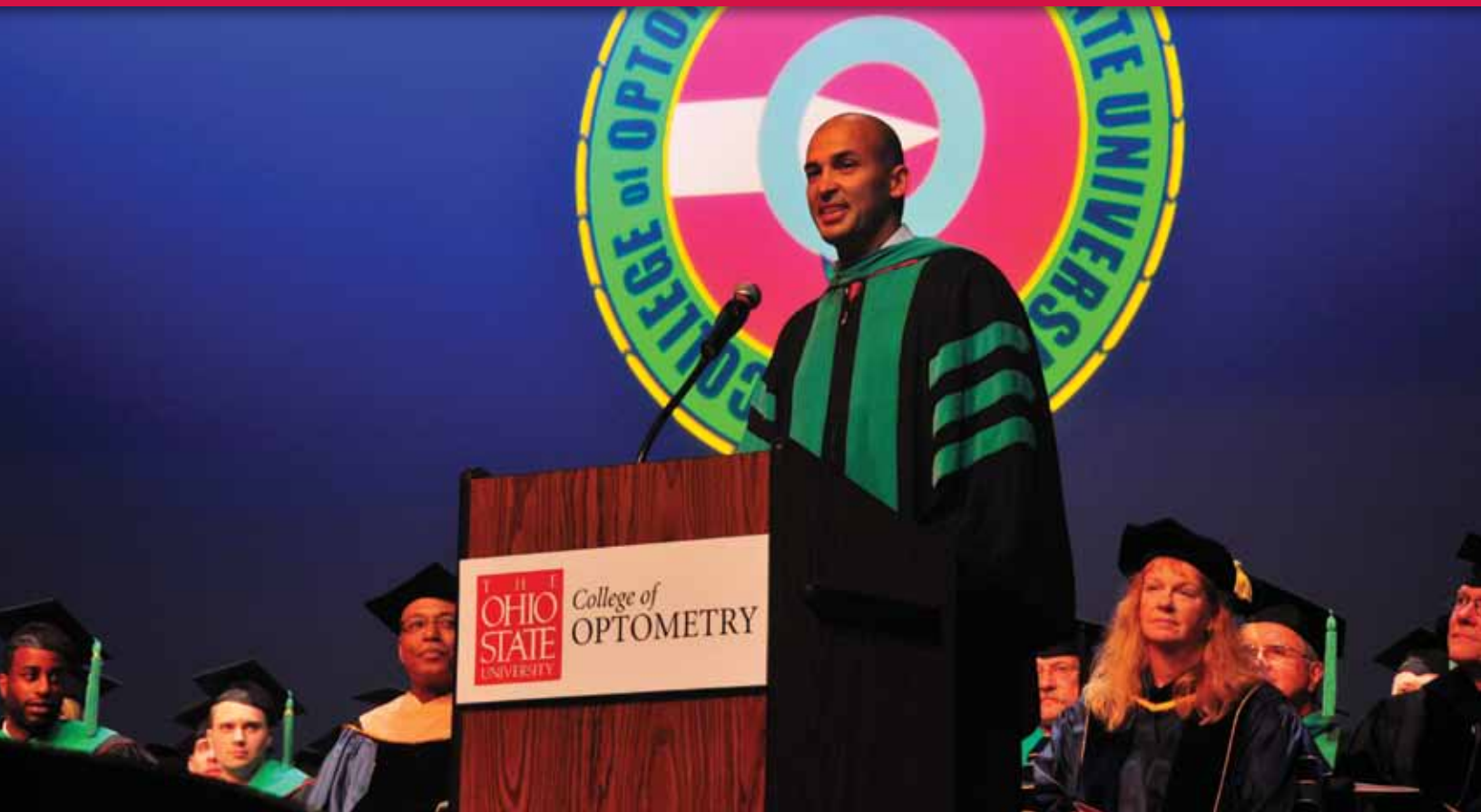
Graduates **Nina Bhat (OD'11)** and **Alana Padamadan (OD'11)**



Dean Melvin Shipp speaking at convocation.

Graduates **Khristopher Ballard (OD'11)**, **Henry Patterson (OD'11)**, and **Ian Whipple (OD'11)** at Convocation 2011.

# Cover Story



**Jason Singh (OD'98)** speaking to the Class of 2011

**M**embers of the Class of 2011, their family, and friends were welcomed by Dean Melvin Shipp to the 44th College of Optometry Convocation on Saturday, June 11th. At the top of the program, Dr. E. Gordon Gee, President of The Ohio State University, congratulated the students and their families on behalf of the University. **Jason J. Singh (OD'98)**, former executive director for Engage Mamelodi, in South Africa, delivered the convocation address, "The Power of a Step".

The Class of 2011 demonstrated an exemplary commitment

to community service at the local, state, national, and even international levels throughout their years at the College. Many students were involved in fundraising activities for Pilot Eye Dogs, an organization in Columbus that trains and donates seeing-eye dogs to the visually impaired, and the Ohio State School for the Blind. Students also helped with local health fairs, glaucoma screenings, and other events.

Several class members participated in Real Eyes, an Ohio Optometric Association program that teaches elementary school children about the importance of regular eye

*photos from left to right:*

University President E. Gordon Gee speaking at the Convocation Ceremony

Class of 2011 President, **Nadine Breslow (OD'11)** Class of 2011 President, speaking to the class and audience.

**Dustin Gardner (OD'11)** receiving the Lyle Gassmann Award from **Mark Bullimore, MCOptom, PhD**





# Class of 2011

## Cover Story

Danielle Lauren Alperin ..... Farmington Hills, MI  
 Melanie Kay Anspaugh ..... Almont, MI  
 \*† Nathan Leo Atterholt ..... Loudonville, OH  
 † Robin Elizabeth Baker ..... Kirtland, OH  
 Christopher Douglas Ballard ..... Germantown, OH  
 † Nina C. Bhat ..... Cape Coral, FL  
 Lauren Elizabeth Bobick ..... Strongsville, OH  
 † Valerie Jo Bornhorst ..... Minster, OH  
 Heather Renee Bowen ..... Quincy, IL  
 Nadine Miranda Breslow ..... Brookville, OH  
 Kani Michael Byrd Brown ..... Hillsborough, NJ  
 Kari Rene' Cardiff ..... Steubenville, OH  
 William Christopher Catt ..... Upper Arlington, OH  
 \* Joseph Samuel Conrad ..... Avon Park, FL  
 Andria Nicole Demosthenous ..... Centerville, OH  
 Andrea Kaye Dietz ..... Coldwater, OH  
 Jessica Dobson ..... West Chester, OH  
 Jeremy Alan Dreslinski ..... Brighton, MI  
 Danielle Marie Erwin ..... Coshocton, OH  
 ‡ Marta Christina Fabrykowski ..... Solon, OH  
 Nikolaus W. Fath ..... Medina, OH  
 Ryan Robert Feichtner ..... New Washington, OH  
 † Rebecca Lynn Gambs ..... Uhrichsville, OH  
 Dustin John Gardner ..... Boardman, OH  
 Thomas Jarome ..... Niles, OH  
 Ross Anthony Jensen ..... Lake Villa, IL  
 †† Stacy Diane Kessler ..... West Bloomfield, MI  
 William Francis Keyes ..... Honesdale, PA  
 Kylee Kay Kleppinger ..... Marion, OH  
 Ben Lawrence ..... Sylvania, OH  
 Rachel R. LeFebvre ..... Little Hocking, OH  
 Beth Erin Lin ..... Worthington, OH  
 \*† Laura Ashley E. Lossing ..... Granville, OH  
 Matthew Mahek ..... Shelby, OH

Patrick Evan Milleson ..... Ironton, OH  
 Amanda Marie Montgomery ..... Mount Vernon, OH  
 † Annie Nickel ..... Newton, IA  
 \* Tamara S. Oechslin ..... Independence, IA  
 Chad Albert Otte ..... Maria Stein, OH  
 Alana Rose Padamadan ..... Columbus, OH  
 Jeffrey Kyle Parnell ..... Ironton, OH  
 \*† Henry Patterson ..... Castro Valley, CA  
 \*† Andrew David Pucker ..... Fon du Lac, WI  
 Scott D. Pycraft ..... Wooster, OH  
 Elizabeth Renee Radtke ..... Springfield, IL  
 Charles Anthony Roseman ..... Amherst, OH  
 Steven Francis Rosinski ..... Rochester, NY  
 Monica Roy ..... Beaver Creek, OH  
 Elizabeth Ann Sall ..... Shadyside, OH  
 Sarah Renee Scalley ..... Toronto, OH  
 Danielle B. Schneider ..... Gahanna, OH  
 Tabinda J. Shah ..... Warren, OH  
 Kathryn M. Sheperd ..... Hudson, OH  
 Daniel Thomas Soderberg ..... Westerville, OH  
 Leah Nicole Steele ..... Strongsville, OH  
 † Jenna Lorraine Stelzer ..... Temperance, MI  
 Sarah Michelle Emswiler Tanner ..... Renton, WA  
 † Lauren Marie Toth ..... Broadview Heights, OH  
 Ian Garrett Whipple ..... Logan, UT  
 Douglas Eric Widmer ..... Montpelier, OH  
 Brian R. Williams ..... Columbus, OH  
 Annika Esther Williamschen ..... Lakeville, MN

\* Indicates students completing both Doctor of Optometry and Master of Science in Vision Science programs.

† Indicates four-year members of Beta Sigma Kappa.

‡ Indicates students completing both Doctor of Optometry and the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Aging programs.



# Cover Story



The Eyewear Gallery Awardees (listed on page 11) with Assistant Clinic Director Jeff Rohlf.

examinations. Some students traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet members of Congress and to lobby for optometry legislation.

Still other class members participated in outreach trips through the SVOSH program, traveling to such places as Ecuador, Peru, and Honduras over the years. This year's group saw over 4,000 patients during four days in Honduras. They were able to provide glasses, hats, sunglasses, and disease care to those in need. One class member spent four months working at a health clinic in South Africa.

The capstone to this class' generosity of spirit came at the awards banquet following Convocation. **Jacqueline Davis**

(OD'81, MPH), South High Optometry Clinic director, was informed that the Class of 2011 made a generous gift to the South High Clinic. According to Dr. Davis, "This gift will have a profound impact on patients who have limited resources and significant needs for many years to come. [This Class'] benevolent act of kindness is a public health initiative that will certainly help to 'Save Some Vision' and establish a legacy in which [they] should take great pride." Dr. Davis likened the class gift to Dr. Singh's Convocation remarks, in which he advised the new graduates to "go narrow and go deep rather than wide and shallow" as they step out to make a difference.



Dean Shipp with Dr. Norman Wallis Award winner: **Charles Roseman (OD'11)**

**Low Vision Awardees: Robin Baker, Kari Cardiff, Annie Nickel, Dr. Roanne Flom, Charles Roseman, and Nate Atterholt.**

Dean Shipp with Graduate of the Year: **L.A. Lossing (OD/MS'11)**





# Awards Banquet

## Patient Care Excellence Award

*Sponsored by Carl Zeiss Vision*  
Danielle B. Schneider, OD

## Community Outreach Award for Clinical Excellence

*Sponsored by Select Optical*  
Danielle Marie Erwin, OD

## Outstanding Ocular Disease Extern Award

*Sponsored by Odyssey Medical and Volk*  
Annika Esther Williamschen, OD  
Stacy Diane Kessler, OD

## Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Clinical Excellence Award

*Sponsored by MiraMed Tech*  
Nathan Leo Atterholt, OD, MS

## Vision Therapy Award

*Sponsored by College of Optometrists in Vision Development and the OSU College of Optometry Faculty*  
Joseph Samuel Conrad, OD, MS

## GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award

*Sponsored by GPLI and the College of Optometry Faculty*  
Beth Erin Lin, OD, MS

## AOF-Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care

Joseph Samuel Conrad, OD, MS

## Essilor DCRP Award

Heather Renee Bowen, OD

## Toledo Optical Dispensing Award

Beth Erin Lin, OD

## Silhouette Optical Dispensing Award

Patrick Evan Milleson, OD

## Luxottica Dispensing Award

Jenna Lorraine Stelzer, OD

## VSP Performance Eyewear Award

Steven Francis Rosinski, OD

## Interstate Optical Nexus Award

Andrea Kaye Dietz, OD

## Rooney Optical Nexus Award

Danielle B. Schneider, OD

## Hoya Nexus Award

Marta Christina Fabrykowski, OD

## Shamir Nexus Award

William Christopher Catt, OD

## Marchon Practice Management Award of Excellence

Leah Nicole Steele, OD

## Low Vision Practice Excellence Award

*Sponsored by grateful patients of the OSU Vision Rehabilitation Service*  
Charles Anthony Roseman, OD  
Annie Nickel, OD

## Optelec and ShopLowVision.com Low Vision Clinical Excellence Award

*Sponsored by LowVision.com*  
Robin Elizabeth Baker, OD

## Eschenbach Award for Excellence in Low Vision

*Sponsored by Eschenbach Optik of America*  
Kari Rene' Cardiff, OD

## William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

*Sponsored by Designs for Vision*  
Nathan Leo Atterholt, OD, MS

## Dr. Norman Wallis Award

Charles Anthony Roseman, OD

## 2011 Graduate of the Year

Laura Ashley E. Lossing, OD, MS



### Alum Publishes First Novel



When your first truly good story is publicly and falsely accused of plagiarism, it can be discouraging. It can be doubly discouraging when you are in the second grade. Such is the background of **Karen Winters Schwartz (OD'88)** and while these experiences delayed her entry into the world of writing for a few decades, her first published novel was released in the fall of 2010.

Her debut novel *Where Are the Cocoa Puffs?: A Family's Journey Through Bipolar Disorder* is her first published novel; one of four she has written. Based on true events, this is a fictionalized story of what a family goes through when a teenage daughter is diagnosed with bipolar disorder. While this novel follows a family through the tragedy of bipolar disorder, it's not tragic. It's funny, sad, and thought provoking—and as real and as raw as mental illness itself.

Her main goal with this novel is to decrease stigma. "I want to reach those who don't know schizophrenia from sauerkraut or bipolar from a baked trout, who'll just say, 'Hey. Cool title. Let's see what it's about.' I want to entertain, and if I sneak a little knowledge and understanding about mental illness in there—well then, I've done my job."

Dr. Winters Schwartz is a board member of the Syracuse chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental illness) and advocate on behalf of people with mental disorders. Since her book's release last fall, while maintaining her solo optometric practice in Syracuse, New York, she's spoken to a wide variety of groups discussing the effects of mental illness on the entire family and the need for education, empathy and advocacy. Serious mental illness affects one in four families, so very few lives are totally unaffected by these illnesses. And yet mental illness remains, for the most part, in the closet. Dr. Winters Schwartz would like to change this.

"It's wonderful to be in the position to be able to practice optometry and write. I have the flexibility of working part time and still have time to pursue my other interests.

Optometry has been very, very good to me. But writing and advocating for those with mental disabilities has become my passion," Dr. Winters Schwartz reports.

"Where Are the Cocoa Puffs?: A Family's Journey Through Bipolar Disorder," Goodman Beck Publishing, is available through all major book sellers and online sources. You can learn more about Dr. Winters Schwartz and her novel at: [www.karenwintersschwartz.com](http://www.karenwintersschwartz.com).



**Karen Winters Schwartz (OD'88)** at a book signing for her new novel.

### Alums Support VOSH-OHIO Peru Effort

**T**his past winter, five alumni from the College of Optometry joined four other optometrists to perform a Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH) mission trip to Iquitos, Peru, a city with a population of 400,000.

The team included Drs. **William Campbell (BS'64)**; **Roy Ebihara (BS'63, OD'77)**; **Phil Paros (OD'83)**; **Mark Pifer (OD'80)**; and **Ed Winbigler (BS'66, OD'67)** as well as four other optometrists. They screened and examined nearly 3000 people during their time there.

This was Dr. Ebihara's first VOSH trip and he notes that 60% of the patients seen had some evidence of pterygium. While many cases were sent for surgical treatment, recurrence is a problem. The best post-operative answer is protective eyewear and liberal use of ocular lubricants, both of which are in short supply.

Thanks to this dedicated team of volunteers working to preserve the vision of those people in need in developing countries.



(l to r) Drs. Larry Hookway, **Mark Pifer (OD'80)**, Phil Huffman, and **Ed Winbigler (BS'66, OD'67)**.



(l to r) Drs. Larry Hookway, **Roy Ebihara (BS'63, OD'77)**, Jerry Ferrell, and **Ed Winbigler (BS'66, OD'67)**.



## A Brother's Influence

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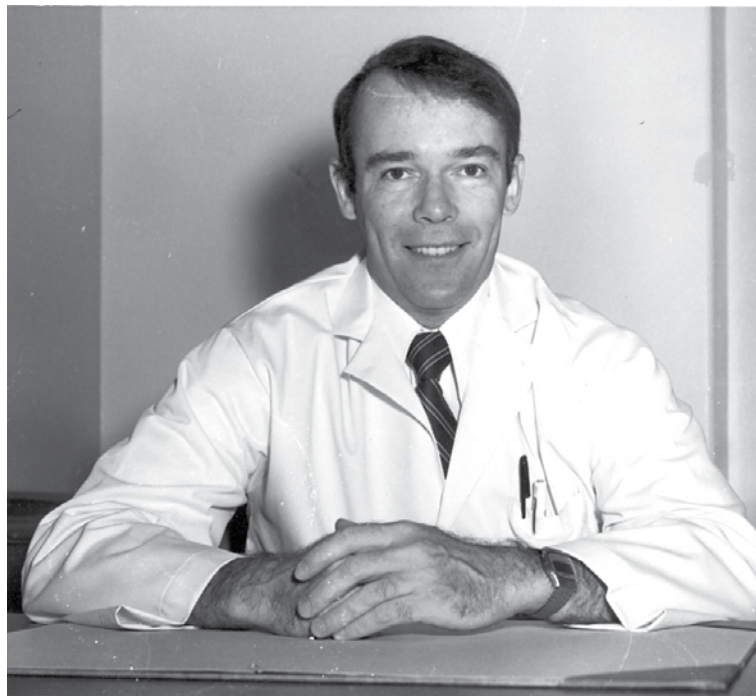
by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

**I**t is not uncommon that a family member's circumstances are the impetus for some of our alumni to choose optometry. For others, a family member's circumstances may be the reason that they are passionate about a cause or devote their time to stop an injustice. For **William O. Schuller (BS'65, OD, MPH)**, both of these statements are true and he has endowed a scholarship at the College of Optometry in his brother's name.

The John F. Schuller Scholarship is now endowed and is expected to recognize its first recipient this fall. John is Dr. Schuller's brother, who was born in the early 1940's to a mother who had Rubella in the first trimester of John's pregnancy. He was born with congenital glaucoma and cataracts in each eye, leaving him blind from birth. Additionally, he had partial hearing loss. Dr. Schuller cared for his brother early in life, while they lived in Youngstown, Ohio, watched as his brother grew up, and saw his mother challenged to care for him while Dr. Schuller's dad served in the military. No agencies were available to help provide care and education for a multiply disabled individual. Even the use of the Ohio School for the Blind was unable to provide an effective education for John.

John was one of the reasons Dr. Schuller chose optometry as a career, a career that saw him spend 3 years in the United States Air Force, 11 years in academia (at The Ohio State University College of Optometry, New England College of Optometry, and University of Alabama, Birmingham School of Optometry), and 21 years practicing in the Department of Veterans Affairs. His last 16 years were at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center where residents and students from the College rotated through the clinic. Along the way, he earned a Masters in Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University.

The scholarship grew out of Dr. Schuller's service with the Ross County OSU Alumni Association and their work in presenting about 10 \$500-1000 scholarships to Ross County residents who are undergraduates at the Ohio State University. After managing that scholarship program for a number of years, he decided to create one at the College to honor his brother. This will be a merit scholarship for second



**William O. Schuller (BS'65, OD, MPH)**

to fourth year optometry students, based in part on academic achievement in clinical courses. An additional criterion is that the recipient should have a level of community service and social conscience.

Dr. Schuller's service with the county alumni association also has helped him to identify potential students who might select optometry as a career. He is intentional about guiding high school students with interest in the health professions, who enjoy working with people, and who have a wide variety of interests, to consider optometry as a career. He has helped a number of students set up visits at the College, helped students to understand the application process, and has guided an above-average number of students to optometry. He is always on the lookout for promising students who could make optometry their career choice.

The College thanks Dr. Bill Schuller for his many contributions to the profession, and especially for his recruiting and development support at the College.



## Recent Grad Sets a New Marketing Standard

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by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

When one of our new alumni is named “Graduate of the Year” as they complete their clinical education, we expect a lot from them. We anticipate they will do pioneering work in some facet of the profession. Perhaps they will provide service to the profession, maybe they will be a little more creative in the work they do, generally they will continue to be a leader in the profession. **Gina Wesley (OD/MS'06)** is one of those people. She is setting a new standard in marketing her cold-start practice.

She has made a social media blitz and it is paying off for her. Her website is creative and inviting, and was operational even prior to her practice opening. Information about products, as well as educational information about eye conditions are part of the site, which is the cornerstone of her electronic presence. Additionally, she maintains a blog on the website sharing thoughts on various topics.

The use of Facebook has been the source of most responses by patients. Dr. Wesley maintains a diligent Facebook posting schedule, working to balance the frequency of the posts to maintain awareness but not being so frequent as to be annoying to recipients of her posts. She recently began Twitter and has been tweeting for about three months. Most of her tweets have centered on promotional efforts for her practice. While she has an extensive electronic presence, she still uses traditional methods, such as direct mail to promote her practice.

What started as a one-time presentation on InfantSee on KARE-11, the NBC affiliate in Minneapolis/St. Paul, has turned into a bi-monthly 5 minute segment on a wide variety of vision care topics. Dr. Wesley has been doing this now for three years, and is able to put the videos on her website and use them as patient educational material. She prepares all her own segments and prepares the interviewer ahead of the live segment, which airs at 11:30 am.



**Gina Wesley (OD/MS'06)**

She has already completed the requirements to be admitted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, an unusual achievement so early in her career. She is also the 2011 Minnesota Optometric Association Young Optometrist of the Year. Congratulations Dr. Wesley on all these achievements! Visit her website at [completeeyecareofmedina.com](http://completeeyecareofmedina.com) or follow her on Facebook or Twitter.

## Dr. Good and Mr. Curtner Climb Blind For Pilot Dogs

by Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

**O**n April 26, Dr. Greg Good and Shawn Curtner climbed the rugged, cold and snowy Mount Baden-Powell - one of the tallest peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains of Southern California - in an effort to raise money to train and place a single Pilot Dog with a deserving blind person. Mount Baden-Powell is named after the founder of the Boy Scouts of America, Lord Baden-Powell. And, as every current and previous Boy Scout knows, it sure pays to "be prepared."

**Dr. Good (OD '75, MS '79, PhD '81)** is a professor of clinical optometry and assistant dean for clinical services at the College. Shawn Curtner is the assistant director for clinical services and has been a full-time staff member since 2000. In March, they both began serious training for this physically- and mentally-exhausting challenge; and even

borrowed snowshoes and crampons from OSU's Adventure Recreation Center (A.R.C.) facility, which they then took with them to California. They took turns wearing blindfolds while they trained in a Columbus metro park and in more hilly (and dangerous!) terrain in Southeastern Ohio.

In his Facebook posting dated April 26, Dr. Good said: "Think not of us with the blindfolds covering our eyes on the mountain, but rather, imagine your world with no sight and the difficulties you would encounter with everything you do! A pilot dog truly illuminates the world for his blind companion..." After they reached the mountain's summit, he wrote: "WE MADE IT! Very slow going under very tough conditions; but Mt. Baden-Powell was no match for our desire to help pilot dogs."

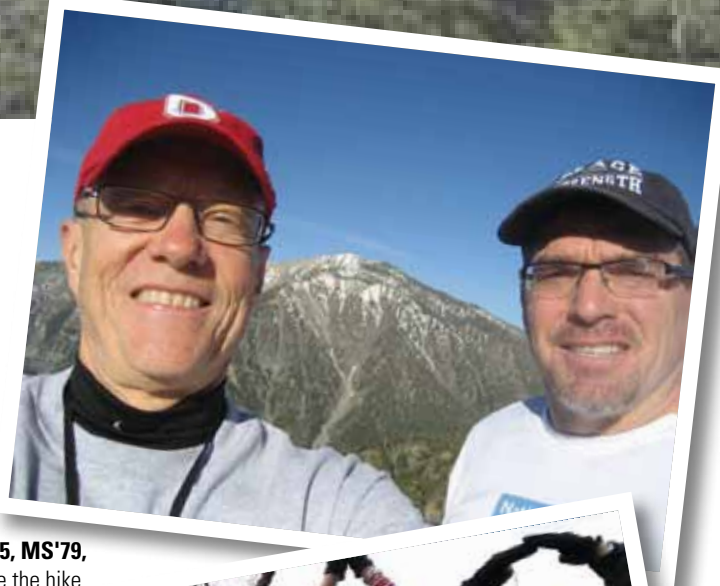


Shawn Curtner leads blindfolded Dr. Good on training hike. OSSB Mobility Instructor Phil Northrop offers suggestions.



They raised enough money from their optometric family (students, staff, and faculty) and friends to pay for six months of pilot dog training (over \$4000!) Thank you, Dr. Good and Shawn, for demonstrating once again that all great deeds do indeed begin with one small step.

To view beautiful pictures and a video of their historic climb and/or make a contribution, please visit:  
[www.greatvision.osu.edu/climb](http://www.greatvision.osu.edu/climb).



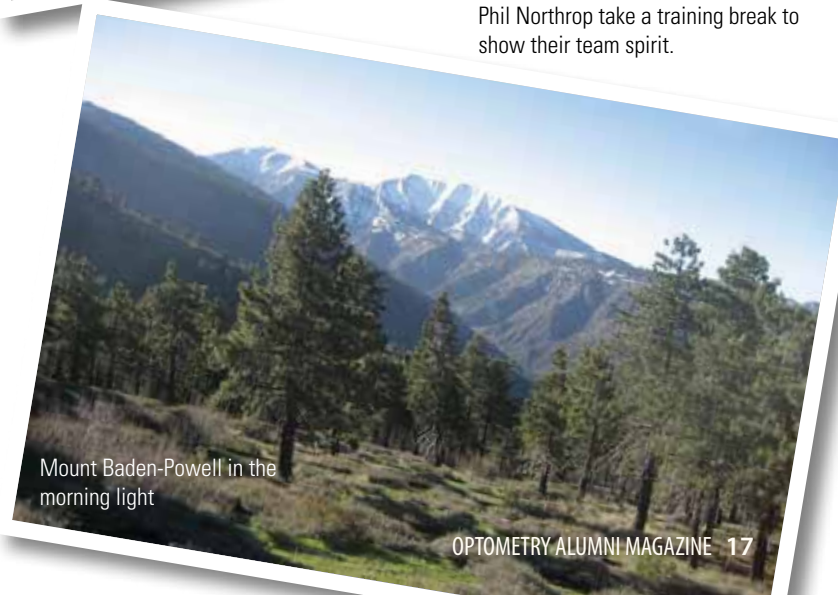
**Greg Good (OD'75, MS'79, PhD'81)** and Shawn Curtner before the hike.



Jenny Curtner, Shawn Curtner, **Greg Good (OD'75, MS'79, PhD'81)**, and Phil Northrop take a training break to show their team spirit.



**Greg Good (OD'75, MS'79, PhD'81)**, up the mountain.



Mount Baden-Powell in the morning light



## Lynn Mitchell Joins the Faculty

by Barbara Fink (OD, MS'85, PhD'87)

**G.** Lynn Mitchell is the newest member of the regular tenure track faculty at the College of Optometry. On May 1, 2011, she accepted the position of assistant professor; however, Lynn is not new to the College. She has worked as a Senior Consulting Research Statistician at the College since 2000 and in the Biometrics Laboratory at the College of Public Health, which has shared the Starling-Loving building with Optometry, since 1996. From 1988 to 1996, she worked as a programmer/analyst in the Biometrics Laboratory in Preventive Medicine.

Lynn has 113 publications and hundreds of abstracts to her credit, sharing authorship with most of the members of the research faculty at the College at some point. She served as the director of the Data Coordinating Center for the Convergence Insufficiency Treatment Trial (CITT), which was developed to investigate the best treatment for convergence insufficiency (CI). It was conducted at several clinic sites across the United States and was supported by a grant from the National Eye Institute. The study compared treatments for CI in children ages nine to 17 years old. Dr. Mitchell Scheiman, Director of Pediatric and Binocular Vision Programs at Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Salus University, and 2010 Myers Lecturer, served as principal investigator for the study, while **Marjean Taylor Kulp (OD'91, MS'93)** was principal investigator for The Ohio State University clinical site. The study determined that office based vision therapy is more effective at reducing symptoms and improving signs of CI than home based or placebo therapy. Lynn was proud to be part of the CITT study because it was one of the first NEI-funded studies to look at the effectiveness of vision therapy.

Lynn also worked on the Berkeley Infant Biometry Study (BIBS) with Dr. Donald Mutti. This NEI-funded investigation looked into the ocular component development and emmetropization in infancy. The study's goal is to examine the timeline for the development of the optical and physical anatomy of the infant eye. Lynn is a statistician for the Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Ethnicity and Refractive Error (CLEERE) Study, an NEI-funded study of normal eye growth and risk factors for myopic



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refractive error. Drs. Karla Zadnik and Donald Mutti are co-investigators on this study. Lynn also worked with Dr. Mark Bullimore on the Study of Progression of Adult Nearsightedness (SPAN) study. She is currently working on a multi-center study looking at the risk of events which interrupt contact lens wear for patients who range in age from nine to 33 years old. They are finding that children are at no higher risk for these events than older adults, ages 25 to 33.

Lynn earned her B.S. in Computer Science from West Virginia Institute of Technology and her Master of Applied Statistics from The Ohio State University. Her husband Curtis is a patient care associate at the Dublin Voice and Swallow Clinic, associated with the Richard J. Solove and Arthur G. James Cancer Research Institute of The Ohio State University. Their daughter Chelsea is a sophomore at OSU, studying history. Curt, their son, is a freshman in high school and is very involved in sports—football, basketball, and track. Lynn is active in the Westerville South Athletic Boosters. Their dog, Josea, is an Australian cattle dog, and she was excellent at rounding up the children when they were younger. Lynn has season tickets to the OSU football games but has to compete with Curtis and Curt to attend.



### Class of 2014 Receive Their White Coats

The Class of 2014 on the stairs in the Ohio Union.

**S**ixty-three first-year students in **Robert Newcomb's (OD'71, MPH)** Optometry 402 course, Rights and Responsibilities of Optometrists, received their white clinic coats in a formal ceremony held at the OSU Student Union on June 10, 2011. Over 350 proud family members and friends attended the 10th annual event, some of whom traveled more than 1500 miles to be there.

Cordial and inspirational remarks were given by **Dean Melvin Shipp (OD, MPH, DrPH)**, **Roger Saneholtz (OD '74)**, President of the Optometry Alumni and Friends organization, and Donald Faimon, OD, President-Elect of the Ohio Optometric Association. The coats were then presented by Drs. Newcomb and Assistant Dean for Clinical Services, **Greg Good (OD '75, MS '79, PhD '81)**. An official OSU golf ball and golf towel were given to the speakers as thank-you

gifts by the Class Vice-President, Ms. Milda Bandza, who is from Rocky River, OH.

The Real Deal, an a cappella quartet of women who sing in the barbershop harmony style, sang The National Anthem, America the Beautiful, the Buckeye Battle Cry, and the OSU Alma Mater, Carmen Ohio. **Amy Keller (OD '00)** sang the lead in this talented group of musicians.

The white coats were provided by a generous grant from Vision Service Plan. A reception at the Student Union, co-sponsored by the Ohio Optometric Association and the Optometry Alumni and Friends organization, followed the ceremony.





**Residents:** First row (l to r) Drs. Huynh, Reddy, **Riemer (OD'10)**, **Goff (OD'10)**, and Schmidt; Second row: Drs. **Tucker (OD'10)**, **Parolini (OD'10)**, McKinnis, **Culp (OD'10)**, **Lawrence (OD'10)**, and Collison; Third row: Drs. **Knapke (OD'10)**, Baruffi, **Hinel (OD/MS'10)**, **Barnhart (OD'10)**, and **Peterson (OD'10)**.

## Residents Make Scholarly Presentations

Sixteen residents in the College's seven affiliated optometric residency programs came to campus on June 22 to share new information and present challenging case reports based upon some of their most unique clinical experiences during the 2010-2011 academic year. All of these highly-specialized and fully-accredited one-year post-graduate residency programs focus on the care of patients with ocular disease, systemic disease, and ophthalmic surgery. Those making presentations were:

**Nicholas Lawrence (OD'10)**, Sapna Reddy, **Barbara Riemer (OD'10)**, and Brian Schmidt (from the Cleveland VAMC), **David Barnhart (OD'10)**, **Jonathan Culp (OD'10)**, **Adam Goff (OD'10)**, **Michael Parolini (OD'10)**, and Jessica Huynh (from the Chillicothe/Columbus VAs), **Tia Tucker (OD'10)** (from The Eye Center of Toledo), **Erich Hinel (OD/MS'10)** (from the Cincinnati Eye Institute), **Amy Knapke (OD'10)** and **Lisa Marie Peterson (OD'10)** (from the Dayton VAMC),

Ryan McKinnis (from the Ohio Eye Alliance), and Dan Baruffi and Fred Collison (from the Cincinnati VAMC) all presented fascinating cases in the annual rapid-fire format.

Their 12-minute presentations in room 33 were scheduled from 3:00-5:00 and again from 6:00-8:00PM. From 5:00-6:00PM, Dr. Todd Zelczak, a private practitioner from Cincinnati, spoke on the topic of "Lastacraft: A New Treatment for Allergic Eye Disease," while the attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Mr. Mark Risher and Ms. Amy Gordon from Allergan.

Residency Director **Robert D. Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)**, said "We are very proud of all our residents. They all look so young, but they are now experienced clinicians; and I expect them all to do great things in their careers."



## Kim Oyer Joins the Business Office

**K**im Oyer joined the College staff as the new Human Resources Associate in December, 2011. She grew up in Grove City, OH, where she still lives today with her high school sweetheart, Frank Oyer, to whom she's been married for 32 years. They have two children. Son Franklin develops websites for a company in Dublin, OH, and races go-karts at Circleville Raceway, where, during the summer, they spend every other weekend at the race track. Kim and her husband were blessed with a special needs child, daughter Jacquelyn, who was a very lively, teasing, loving, artistic person who everyone enjoyed being around. They enjoyed 26 wonderful years with her until her passing 3.5 years ago. Kim and her family are reminded of Jacquelyn daily with the many wonderful pieces of art work that grace the walls of their home. They also have two very large black labs named Stan and Ollie who think life revolves around them. Kim says, "Walking them has become a challenge, and I've grown accustomed to my neighbors snickering as the dogs pull me down the street."

She and Frank enjoy traveling. A favorite trip to date is their trip to Europe when they visited Germany, Austria, and France. More recently, they went on a 2500-mile road trip through the southeastern United States, making many interesting stops along the way. A highlight of that trip was the night they spent aboard the Delta Queen steam boat, which is now a hotel docked in Chattanooga, Tennessee. In her spare time, Kim enjoys sewing, gardening, and Sudoku puzzles.

Kim's career at The Ohio State University began in 1999 when she went to work for the continuing education department at the College of Dentistry. She then moved to the Nisonger Center as Assistant Administrator/HRP (Human Resource Professional) where she worked for 9.5 years until coming to the College of Optometry. Kim is looking forward to working with everyone here for many years.



Kim's two dogs Stan and Ollie.



Human Resources Associate Kim Oyer



Kim with her family Franklin, Frank, and Jacquelyn.

## Reichert Donates Tono-Pen to South High Clinic

Generously responding to a request from Opt IV students in the Class of 2011, Reichert Technologies donated a Tono-Pen Avia Applanation Tonometer on June 2 for use at the College's South High Clinic. The Opt IV students examine underserved and culturally-diverse patients there whose ages range from 6 months to 90 years. While rotating through this clinic, which is near German Village in Columbus, the students are supervised by Drs. **Jacqueline Davis (OD '81, MPH)** and **Robert Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)**. Peggy Buckman is the office manager, who keeps the clinic running on time and within budget.

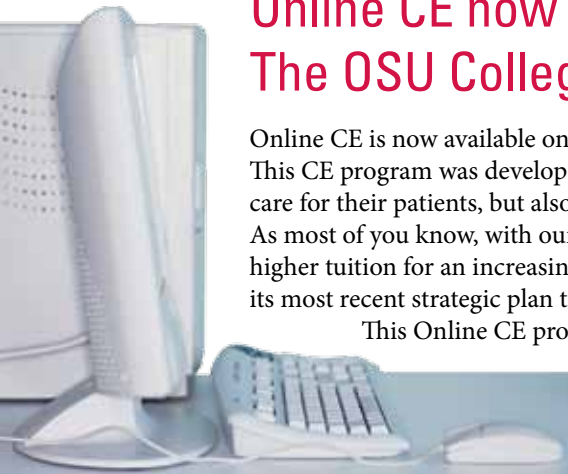
In the photograph to the right, Dr. Davis, Chief of the South High Clinic, thanks Mr. Jerry Looker, Sales Manager from Reichert Technologies.



## Online CE now available via The OSU College of Optometry Website!

Online CE is now available on The OSU College of Optometry Website at <http://optometry.osu.edu/CE/courses/>. This CE program was developed not only to provide practicing optometrists with up-to-date information to better care for their patients, but also to generate an endowment for optometry student scholarships here at the College. As most of you know, with our challenging state budget, our optometry students are being asked to pay through higher tuition for an increasing percentage of their education costs. The College has made a commitment within its most recent strategic plan to double the available scholarship dollars over the next five years for our students.

This Online CE program is just one small step in this effort. Every dollar received as Online CE tuition will go toward this effort. Three courses are currently available and more will follow in the near future. We look forward to your participation!



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**1996** **Pat Lenane (OD'96)**, of Fort Dodge, was recently inducted as President of the Iowa Optometric Association at their 113th Annual Congress at the Embassy Suites downtown Des Moines.

Dr. Lenane was sworn in by the American Optometric Association Board Trustee, Dr. Steven Loomis, at the Iowa Optometric Association 113th Annual Congress House of Delegates meeting on Friday April 1st, 2011.

This will be Dr. Lenane's sixth term on the Iowa Optometric Association Board.



**Pat Lenane (OD'96)**

**1997** **David Dawson (OD'97)** and **Michelle Plahuta Dawson (OD'06)** announce the birth of their daughter, Lexie Michelle, born March 22, 2011.

**2010** **Greg Hopkins (OD'10)** and wife Katya announce the birth of Adelaide Lea (Addie), born May 5, 2011. She weighed 6 lbs, 12 oz. and was 19.75 inches long.

**2010** **Jay Meents (OD'10)** and wife Cassandra announce the birth of Grace Anne Meents, who was born March 11, 2011.

## Today's Clinical Trials, Tomorrow's Clinical Practice *Current Opportunities for Pediatric and Binocular Vision Patients*

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

Research Project	Question	Who's Eligible?	Benefits
<b>Amblyopia Treatment Study (ATS15)</b>	This study is being done to see if <b>increasing prescribed patching treatment from 2 to 6 hours daily</b> will improve the weak eye more than just continuing with 2 hrs/day patching for a longer time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children 3 to &lt; 8 years</li> <li>• 20/50 to 20/400 amblyopic eye</li> <li>• 20/32 or better in good eye</li> <li>• Currently undergoing no amblyopia therapy or 2hrs/patching a day</li> <li>• ≤ 6wks of any amblyopia treatment (other than glasses or 2hrs/day patching)</li> <li>• No simultaneous patching &amp; atropine</li> <li>• Maximum of 2hrs/day patching OR atropine qd in last 6 mo.</li> </ul>	Treatment visits and patches (glasses also can be provided through another study if this is a first time Rx or significant change)
<b>Amblyopia Treatment Study (ATS16)</b>	This study is being done to see if removing the correction from the glasses for the good eye will improve the weak eye more than just continuing the atropine drops for a longer time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children 3 to &lt; 8 years</li> <li>• 20/50 to 20/400 amblyopic eye</li> <li>• 20/32 or better in good eye</li> <li>• Currently undergoing no amblyopia therapy or atropine</li> <li>• ≤ 6wks of any amblyopia treatment other than glasses or atropine)</li> <li>• No simultaneous patching &amp; atropine</li> <li>• Maximum of 2hrs/day patching OR atropine qd in last 6 mo.</li> </ul>	Treatment visits and atropine (glasses also can be provided through another study if this is a first time Rx or significant change)
<b>Intermittent Exotropia Study 2 (IXT2)</b>	The goal of this study is to study the natural history of IXT and determine effectiveness of occlusion for treatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children 12 months - &lt;11 years</li> <li>• Intermittent exotropia with no previous treatment other than refractive correction</li> <li>• Random dot stereopsis of 400" or better at near</li> <li>• No hyperopia &gt; +3.50 D; no myopia &gt; -6.00D in either eye; no amblyopia</li> <li>• Willingness to be in observation group for 3 years</li> </ul>	Vision exams provided at no cost. Patches are provided for those in the occlusion group.
<b>Study of the Effects of Accommodative Insufficiency (SEA IT)</b>	This study will investigate the effect of weekly office based accommodative therapy on the signs and symptoms of accommodative insufficiency and ciliary muscle thickness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients ages 9 to ≤ 30 years with symptomatic accommodative insufficiency</li> <li>• No history of amblyopia or strabismus</li> <li>• No previous AI therapy 4 weeks or more</li> <li>• Willing to discontinue any plus lens additions for duration of the study</li> </ul>	8 weekly office therapy visits and follow-up visits at no cost.

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