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*on the cover:*

Dean Mel Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH congratulates **Victoria Piamonte (OD'13)** during Convocation.

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Dear Optometry Alumni and Friends:

Here we are at the end of summer sending out the Summer issue of the *BuckEYE Optometry Alumni Magazine*.

We wait so long for summer, and it always comes and goes so quickly! I'm sure our most recent class of graduates felt that same way about Convocation and all the long-awaited celebrating. Before they knew it, their degrees had been earned, hoods installed, and congratulations offered. Now, it's time to roll up their sleeves . . .

The **Class of 2013** heard inspiring words from **Robert Wright (BS'60)** in his Convocation address entitled *Which is Better, One or Two?* "The answer," he told them, "is one *and* two. One being the things we do inside the exam room and two being the things we do outside the exam room." He encouraged the new graduates to not only make a difference in the world of vision care, but also in the communities where they find themselves.

Dr. Wright has certainly followed his own advice, as you will read in the story highlighting his many accomplishments. His life journey has been interesting and is one that is still being written.

Accomplishments and creativity are really no strangers to any of our graduates; and **Alfred Hutt (BS'56), OD, MD**, is a great example. He is just as comfortable behind the lens of a camera as he is with a patient. He has traveled all across the world and photographed many different cultures engaged in many different activities. His work inspires wanderlust and creativity.

Congratulations to our fine residents who gave impressive case presentations on interesting patients they have seen, and also to our second year students who received their white coats. Both groups are well on their way to great accomplishments!

We've had many new arrivals in faculty and staff. We welcomed Tina Gossard, our new procurement manager in the business office; Dr. Vince Billock, research associate professor; Dr. Stacey Choi, associate professor; and Dr. Nathan Doble, associate professor. We also extend a hearty congratulations to **Mike Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)**, professor of clinical optometry and assistant dean for clinical services here at the College, on receiving the 2013 annual American Optometric Association (AOA) Educator of the Year Award. We are fortunate to count them all as members of our optometry family!

With warm personal regards and the hope that you enjoy what remains of summer 2013,

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



## Summer 2013

I hope your summer has been a good one. Less than fifty days until the first football game for the Buckeyes. This indicates that fall is not that far away and Optometry Alumni & Friends (OAF) activities get going as well.

You've had plenty of information concerning Alumni Weekend October 18-19, but one more reminder can't hurt. **James Sheedy (OD'74, PhD'77)** will be recognized as this year's Distinguished Alumni Award winner. Jim is a classmate of mine, and he is very deserving of this recognition for all that he has done for our College and profession. Game day for OAF includes our tailgate and then a challenging game with the Iowa Hawkeyes. It is really nice to have a Big Ten game for our event this year. Additionally, **Gina Wesley (OD/MS'06)** will be recognized as the inaugural Early Professional Achievement Award Winner, recognizing alumni within 15 years of their graduation.

In order for you to be eligible to obtain Iowa game tickets, you must be a paid up member of Optometry Alumni & Friends, and you have to be a sustaining member of the Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA). All alumni are now general members of OSUAA. However, the sustaining classification of membership is achieved by a member donating \$75 to the Ohio State University Foundation, also known as the Development Fund. This donation can be made to any Foundation account through the Optometry website or the OSU website. If you are not a sustaining member of OSUAA, OAF cannot provide you with game tickets.

Other OAF events coming up are the presentation to the second year class of the "Clinical Pearls" book. The students are very appreciative of this gift from our alumni. Also, after the first day of class, OAF sponsors a welcome dinner for the first year students. This is a very entertaining meet-and-greet evening for the students.

A very special note of congratulations goes to **Joe Barr (OD'77, MS'79)**. Joe has been recognized as a Ralph Davenport Merston award winner from The Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA) for 2013. This is a very special recognition for Joe's service to OSU. Only two alumni of the over 500,000 members are selected for this award each year. More information concerning the OSUAA awards is available on the OSUAA website. Please visit the website to find out the true significance of these awards: [www.ohiostatealumni.org/awards/pages/default.aspx](http://www.ohiostatealumni.org/awards/pages/default.aspx).

Another of our great friends within OSUAA is leaving our parent organization. Kathy Bickel, who wore several hats within OSUAA, has taken over the head alumni job at Oregon State University. Kathy always had great energy and vitality at every event which I attended. I am going to miss her personally, but OSUAA will really miss her. Our best wishes go to her success out west.

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

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

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends



## What Did You Expect?



Expectations are a part of our life every day. We expect more than we would like to admit on a daily basis. Here are a few things we expect:

- electricity in every indoor facility; hot and cold water available at a touch
- homes and offices to be about 72 degrees year round
- our staff & patients to be on time
- the grocery to have food & the gas station to have gasoline
- the neighbor's dog to not yap all night
- the restaurant to prepare our food in a timely way & cooked to our delight
- a romantic partner to be faithful
- our planes, trains, and buses to be on time
- all other drivers to know that our plan is the most important plan on the road
- the golf course to have our perfect tee time when we call one hour ahead of that time.

When expectations are met, we are happy and satisfied. We may even feel that we deserve to have our expectations met. But when our expectations are not met, what happens?

Maybe you approach unmet expectations like a puzzle solver with a new challenge, as in, "I could take my shower with only cold water today." It might be harder if the air conditioning in your office fails on a 95-degree day. What if your plane is delayed on your vacation, and the next flight to your destination is tomorrow? What if your local restaurant brings your food in 20 minutes instead of the usual 8 minutes? How do you really respond—maybe with disappointment, anger, and frustration?

What about your patients? Might they have expectations about your ability to see patients in a timely fashion? About your interest in getting to know their visual needs? About the cost of services & materials? About what you can do for them?

We can manage patient expectations. I would argue that we **have** to manage patient expectations, every day. We expect that a postoperative cataract patient (barring the use of a multifocal implant) will need eyewear, if for nothing more than reading, but if we or the surgeon don't tell the patient our expectations, the expectation about postop eyewear will be set by the patient's friend, who hasn't used eyewear since surgery. The patient will be quite disappointed and even upset. The same story could play out with the LASIK patients in their late 30s or older and expect to never wear glasses again. Their expectations must be modified to your expectations so that they will not be frustrated or angry.

When we recommend a change in eyewear, it is vital to share with the patient what they can expect if they update their eyewear. If vision can be improved, set that expectation. If the prescription is essentially unchanged, but eyewear should be updated for other reasons (like the left lens and temple are missing, and the right lens looks like it has been cleaned with a steel wool pad), then set the appropriate expectation. Those negative emotions can be averted.

Once expectations are set and the other party (the patient) agrees, an implied agreement is in place. You have set the stage for all parties to know what is expected to happen and are less likely to create a situation where someone is disappointed.

**Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)**

BuckEYE Editor



# GRADUATION



## Convocation 2013

**Robert Wright (BS'60)** speaking at Convocation.

The members of the graduating class of 2013, their families, and friends were welcomed by Dean Melvin Shipp to the 46th College of Optometry Convocation on Saturday, May 4th. Dr. E. Gordon Gee, congratulated the students on behalf of the University. Dr. Robert Wright, an alumnus and long-standing supporter of the College, provided the keynote address, "Which is Better, One or Two?" He encouraged graduates to see their lives as requiring both one AND two. One is what they do as doctors of optometry in the exam room. Two is what they do as doctors of optometry and fellow human beings outside the exam room. He challenged them to not only address the world's vision problems but also the many other problems that exist in our communities.

The fifty-six students comprising the Class of 2013 participated in a wide range of activities and shared many life-changing experiences while pursuing their degree(s). Many of them traveled across the globe with SVOSH (Student Volunteers for Optometric Service to Humanity) to such locations as Nicaragua and Bolivia. Some students only went on one SVOSH trip, while

others went on several. In total, they corrected countless cases of refractive error with prescription glasses, sunglasses, and reading glasses, treating thousands of patients, many of whom traveled for days to be seen. Volunteering at free vision screenings for the underserved here in Columbus is also among the items on their list of accomplishments. The 29th annual EYE 5K Fun Run & Walk provided an opportunity for members of the optometric fraternity to raise support for Pilot Dogs, an organization that trains and donates seeing-eye dogs to the visually impaired.

A number of graduates represented the interests of their fellow classmates in student governing roles, both locally and nationally. They participated in national conferences and competitions, accumulating an impressive collection of honors. The majority of graduates will enter into either a residency program or partnership with another OD. Others will go into practice in a wide variety of settings.

# GRADUATION

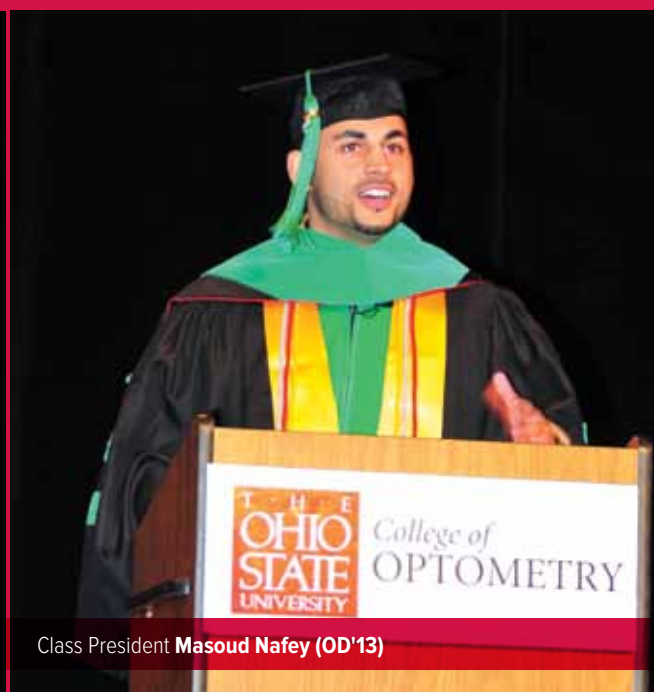
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† Diana Beatrice Johns .....Massillon, OH	Dennis M. Tustan.....Cleveland, OH
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Betsy Kaminski.....Wheeling, WV	†† Kyle Douglas Wilson .....Provo, UT
Matthew Cody Kidd.....Wellington, OH	Caitlin Ashley Wise.....Wadsworth, OH
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Brittany Lemke .....Medford, WI	† Indicates Student Fellows, American Academy of Optometry.



Courtney Andersen (OD/MS'13)



Dennis Tustan (OD'13)



Class President Masoud Nafey (OD'13)





## Optometry Roots Serve Well

*by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)*

**Robert Wright (BS'60)** with his wife June at the Wildermuth reception in February 2007.

Each year, the College of Optometry selects a speaker for Convocation, commonly known as the hooding ceremony, who will inspire our graduating class. Most often, it is an alumnus, or an optometrist in a significant national leadership position. Rarely, an individual is asked to come to speak twice. When that occurs, one should take note, as the speaker is likely someone very special. Such is the case for the 2013 College Convocation speaker, **Robert L. Wright, Jr. (BS'60)**.



# Which is better? 1 or 2

Dr. Wright grew up in the segregated South in the 1940s and 1950s. Segregation was common in doctors' waiting rooms and at water fountains, restrooms, and baseball stadiums. Ku Klux Klan crosses were burned in his neighbor's yard. His parents earned less than others doing the same work. His choice to come to The Ohio State University was based, in part, on the fact that he had difficulty as an African American in being admitted to colleges in the South. The Ohio State University admitted him in 1955. A few weeks before his graduation in 1960, his counselor reported that based on his entering test scores in 1955, he should have failed the first year. Of course, test scores do not measure motivation, perseverance, hard work, or sometimes, even academic ability, and graduate he did, the second African American to graduate from The Ohio State University School of Optometry.

Dr. Wright returned to his home of Columbus, Georgia to begin practice, but challenges persisted. His application for a US Army commission as an optometrist was denied. His attempt to get a position as an optometrist at Ft. Benning Georgia ended, as the job was no longer available when he arrived for an interview. He returned to Columbus, Ohio to practice, expecting to eventually retire from the independent practice of optometry. Within a year, his mother visited and shared the early experiences of the civil rights movement that was brewing in the South. He made the decision to return home to Columbus, Georgia to practice, with the hope of making a difference in the visual welfare and the lives of the people of his hometown.

His message to our graduates was that we spend a great portion of our professional lives asking patients,

“Which is better, one or two?” Our lives are about helping people from the exam room, but Dr. Wright made the point that we did not achieve our success alone and that we have a moral obligation to do what we can to help solve problems in our communities and the world. Life is not about one or two; it is about one (caring for patients from the exam room) and two (caring for our communities and world). He stepped out of the exam room to lend his service to his community, nation, and world.

He became active in the civil rights movement, marching with Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. He ran for and was elected to City Council three times in Columbus, Georgia, beginning in 1970, the first African American to do so, and he did it as a Republican. He developed legislation related to housing, recreation, employment, industrial development, and road improvements. He was a Consultant to the Republican National Committee. After 20 years in optometric practice, he really expected to retire from practice, but an opportunity came that would change the direction of his life. He was quite happy in professional practice, but the opportunity was substantial and he stepped out on faith.

The opportunity was to be appointed Associate Administrator for Minority Small Business Development for the Small Business Administration under President Ronald Reagan. He managed a program that focused on developing and growing minority-owned businesses, including gaining government contracts and obtaining financing. He traveled and spoke throughout the country regarding this program. He frequently interfaced with Congress and The White House in formulating policies and procedures during this time.

In 1983, he created his second consulting firm. The first had been created in the mid-1970s and was involved in race relations, research, minority affairs, and policy. That company developed a computerized polling system and designed computerized fundraising activities. The second consulting firm became Dimensions International, Inc. (DI) in 1985 and began with three employees, doing management consulting for government agencies. DI's first contract was to operate the computer facility at the Department of Agriculture. Soon, they were doing work for the Federal Aviation Administration, supporting air traffic control. The software, Flight Explorer, which pioneered flight tracking via the web, was developed. In time, a wide array of engineering services was being offered by DI.

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“In business, having the right people on the bus, in the right seat, and going the right direction is the formula for success.”

**Robert Wright (BS'60)**

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Eventually, DI grew to be a multimillion dollar defense contractor, with more than 100 offices in 10 countries with 1500 employees in 16 time zones. It provided technology solutions to government and the private sector in the fields of logistics support, systems engineering and integration, information management and technology, airspace management, security engineering and operations. Dr. Wright served as Chairman and CEO until 2003, and then Chairman Emeritus and Senior Advisor until 2007 when the company was sold to Honeywell. He purchased Flight Explorer (FE) from DI prior to the sale to Honeywell, and later sold Flight Explorer to Sabre Technologies. Currently, he serves as Chairman and CEO of FE Holdings, with interests in motorsports, gaming, entertainment, real estate, and lighting.

Wright credits his success in business to two things. First, he cites his optometric roots. He points out that our clinical skills are really problem-solving skills. We gather data, we analyze the data, we draw conclusions, and we make a decision and write a prescription or recommend a treatment plan. Those steps are much the same in business. Second, he greatly values hiring the right people. As he puts it, “In business, having the right people on the bus, in the right seat, and going the right direction is the formula for success.” He acknowledges that he has been very fortunate to meet this goal most of the time in business.

His volunteer efforts and other business involvements have been local in Columbus and Atlanta, Georgia, as well as national in scope. A few selected involvements





**Robert Wright (BS'60)** presenting a check to the College in 2007.



Dr. Wright delivering his convocation speech.

include Member, Aflac Board of Directors; Chairman of the Presidential Commission for the National Museum of African American History and Culture; Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Morehouse School of Medicine; National Leadership Cabinet for the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation; and member of the Board of Directors of the Black College Alumni Hall of Fame.

Dr. Wright's accolades and recognitions include Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Technology Services, Thurgood Marshall College Fund Community Leadership Award, the National Federation of Black Women Business Owners' Man of the Year, the Horatio Alger Award for Distinguished Americans, and being named one of the 50 Most Influential Minorities in Business. A few years ago, Columbus (Georgia) Technical College opened the Dr. Robert L. Wright, Jr. Health Sciences Center, a 78,000 square foot facility, honoring Dr. Wright's involvement and commitment to the College.

He credits his parents with making sacrifices for him to attend college. His father, Robert L. Wright, Sr. was a brick mason who achieved a sixth grade education but strongly believed in education for his son and supported him in his dreams of higher education. His mother,

Pauline Talley Wright, worked as a nurse for many years. They saw to it that his education at The Ohio State University was paid for, as he received no scholarships. Even uncles and aunts were supportive, because from the family's viewpoint, "Failure was not an option."

Dr. Wright was married to the former June Russell for 50 years prior to her passing in 2011. She was also a nurse, working in the Columbus, Georgia Health Department for 34 of her 40 years in nursing. Their two children are Kimberly Wright Lavender, a psychiatrist, who has two daughters Sydney and Lauren, 14 and 10 years old, respectively; and Russell T. Wright, who works in business with his dad.

Dr. Wright's wish for a legacy is to have made a difference. It seems he has accomplished this, in his community, in his country and in the lives of the people he has met. He reminds us, "Success is not really success until we have helped someone else be successful." It seems he has truly lived the words he set out for our graduates - to make a difference for patients in the exam room and to make a difference in the community - aiming to achieve one and two.





## Awards Banquet 2013



Jeff Rohlf (center) with this year's Eyewear Gallery awardees at the Awards Banquet: **Paul Bingham (OD'13)**, **Dennis Tustan (OD'13)**, **Craig O'Dell (OD'13)**, **Holly Moose (PhD, OD'13)**, **Kelsey Shiley (OD'13)**, **Tyler Speelman (OD'13)**, **Phil Dickey (OD'13)**, and **Caitlyn Wise (OD'13)**.



**Dawn Goedde (OD'04)** and **Katherine Bickle (OD/MS'13)**.



**Jackie Davis (OD'81, MPH)** and **Matthew Cody Kidd (OD'13)**.



**Greg Nixon (OD'96)** and **Masoud Nafey (OD'13)**.



**Cayti McDaniel (OD/MS'08)** and **Kimberly Browne (OD'13)**.



# GRADUATION

## Patient Care Excellence Award

*Sponsored by Safilo & HOYA*

**Masoud Nafey, OD**

## Advanced Ocular Care Award

*Sponsored by Odyssey Medical and Volk Optical Inc.*

**Pete Thomas Liette, OD**

**Katherine M. Bickle, OD, MS**

## Community Outreach Award for Clinical Excellence

*Sponsored by Select Optical*

**Matthew Cody Kidd, OD**

## Vision Therapy Award

*Sponsored by the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and the OSU College of Optometry Faculty*

**Kimberly Browne, OD**

## Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Clinical Excellence Award

*Sponsored by Canela Software and the OSU College of Optometry Faculty*

**Brittany Lemke, OD**

## GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award

*Sponsored by GPLI and the OSU College of Optometry Faculty*

**Matthew Howell, OD**

## Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care Award

*Sponsored by Vistakon and the American Optometric Foundation*

**Justin Manning, OD**

## Hoya Vision Care Nexus Award

**Kelsey Ann Shiley, OD**

## Interstate Optical Nexus Award

**Philip Dickey, OD**

## Rooney Optical Nexus Award

**Caitlin Ashley Wise, OD**

## Shamir Insight Dispensing Award

**Holly Moose, PhD, OD**

## VSPOne Columbus Dispensing Award

**Tyler Speelman, OD**

## Silhouette Dispensing Award

**Dennis M. Tustan, OD**

## Toledo Optical Dispensing Award

**Greg Ferrell, OD**

## Luxottica Dispensing Award

**Paul L. Bingham, OD**

## Dispensing and Practice Management Award of Excellence

**Craig O'Dell, OD**

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

*Sponsored by Optelec and ShopLowVision.com*

**Nicole Klein, OD**

## Eschenbach Award for Excellence in Low Vision

*Sponsored by Eschenbach Optik of America*

**Nicholas M. Taflan II, OD**

## OSU Low Vision Practice Excellence Awards

*Sponsored by a grateful OSU patient*

**Diana Beatrice Johns, OD**

**Nick Donaghey, OD**

## William Feinbloom and OSU Low Vision Award

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**Jesse J. Kahnk, OD**

## 2013 Graduate of the Year

**Justin Manning, OD**



Masoud Nafey (OD'13), Nick Donaghey (OD'13), Courtney Andersen (OD'13), Greg Nixon (OD'96), Kyle Wilson (OD'13), Amila Uppal (OD'13), and Kelsey Shiley (OD'13).



Cayti McDaniel (OD/MS'08) and Brittany Lemke (OD'13).



Nicky Lai (OD/MS'03) and Matthew Howell (OD'13).



Roanne Flom, OD, PhD and Jesse Kahnk (OD'13).



Melvin Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH and Justin Manning (OD'13).





## A Creative Eye

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

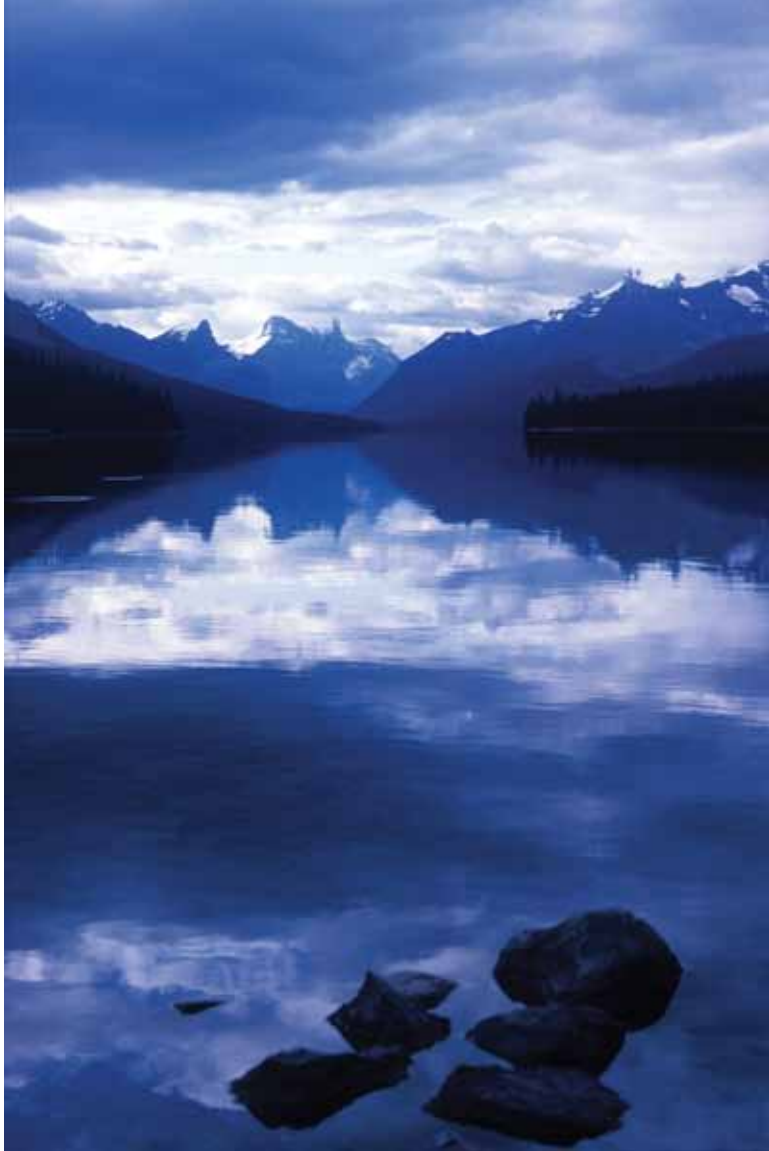
The Taj Mahal as photographed by Dr. Hutt.

For some, comic books are a great hobby. For **Alfred Hutt (BS'56) OD, MD**, it was answering an advertisement for a camera in a Red Ryder comic book at the age of 12 that began a life-long relationship with photography. The hobby has taken him all over the world to photograph things of interest to him.

The Army draft in 1957 took him to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, where he became a part of the Medical Service Corps, and was transferred to Germany. His roommate during this time was a photographer for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. When his roommate took the opportunity to buy a Leica camera while in Germany, Hutt followed suit and bought his first Single Lens Reflex (SLR) camera, a Leica Exakta and added a Zeiss lens to the Leica body. While stationed in Europe, Hutt managed to find time to travel to Italy, France, Israel, Spain and East Berlin on photographic expeditions.

His photographic equipment has included a few other Leica bodies, including cameras from the M and R series over the years. Currently, he is shooting Canon bodies, owning one of the first edition Canon EOS 5D cameras. He is considering a move to one of the new Leica digital cameras.

His interest in creative art began as a child when he visited museums to view and study the art. He has trained for his creative art of photography by self-learning, first by trial and error, and later, through study of photographic magazines. He has supplemented that knowledge by attending the Leica Lecture Series, which brings visiting professional photographers on tour to discuss their philosophy of photography. Several times, he has participated in courses at Palm Beach Photographic Centre in West Palm Beach, Florida to hone his skills. Attending photographic courses at local schools in recent years



has helped him to learn about digital photography and Photoshop.

His motivation to photograph is to share images to evoke similar thoughts or emotions in other people. His subjects have included almost anything that he finds interesting. This can include landscapes where he finds something eye-catching, some nature photography, and people doing interesting things. Really, he is looking for something that catches his artistic eye. He finds that things that are interesting to him are usually interesting to others.

When he had the opportunity to travel to India, Tibet, and China, he focused more on photographing people. This was because he found that he could photograph others because he looked so different, and the people were looking and as attentive to him as he was to them. While in India, he attended a dance and was very impressed by the different emotions and expressions of the different dancers. Dr. Hutt has been kind enough to share some of his favorite photos with us.



Dr. Hutt graduated from The Ohio State University School of Optometry in 1956 and practiced for a period of time in Manhattan and Queens, New York. While there, **Lewis Gordonson (BS'54), MD** encouraged him to consider a medical degree, which he pursued and received from the State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn in 1966. He completed his internship at Queens Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii, and his residency at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. He completed a Fellowship at the University of Witwatersrand Medical School in Johannesburg, South Africa, and before completing his Fellowship, he was privileged to perform one of the first keratoprosthesis procedures on the African continent.

He settled in western Massachusetts, in part for the skiing, opening practice in Holyoke in 1971. His practice is a general ophthalmology practice, focused on cataract, glaucoma, and oculoplastic surgery. He has a special interest in orthokeratology, and his schoolmate and fraternity brother, **Stuart Grant (BS'57)**, helped to develop reverse geometry gas permeable contact lenses. Grant is known as one of the pioneers in the field of orthokeratology.





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upper right: Kohima Recorder

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upper left: Cuzco Icon

upper right: Amie

lower left: Little Brother

lower right: Friendly Ferns







He has been married to his wife, Lee, for many years, and she is just as creatively talented as he, though her medium is sculpture. While she is trained and has worked in psychology, her award-winning sculpture has been recognized by a variety of groups, and she has been elected a Fellow of and serves on the Council for the National Sculpture Society.

As you review Dr. Hutt's images, we hope they evoke similar thoughts and emotions to what he had in mind when he created them.

*above:*  
Looking West

*page 19*  
top: Orissa Beach  
lower left: Mirrored Great White  
lower right: New GrandPa

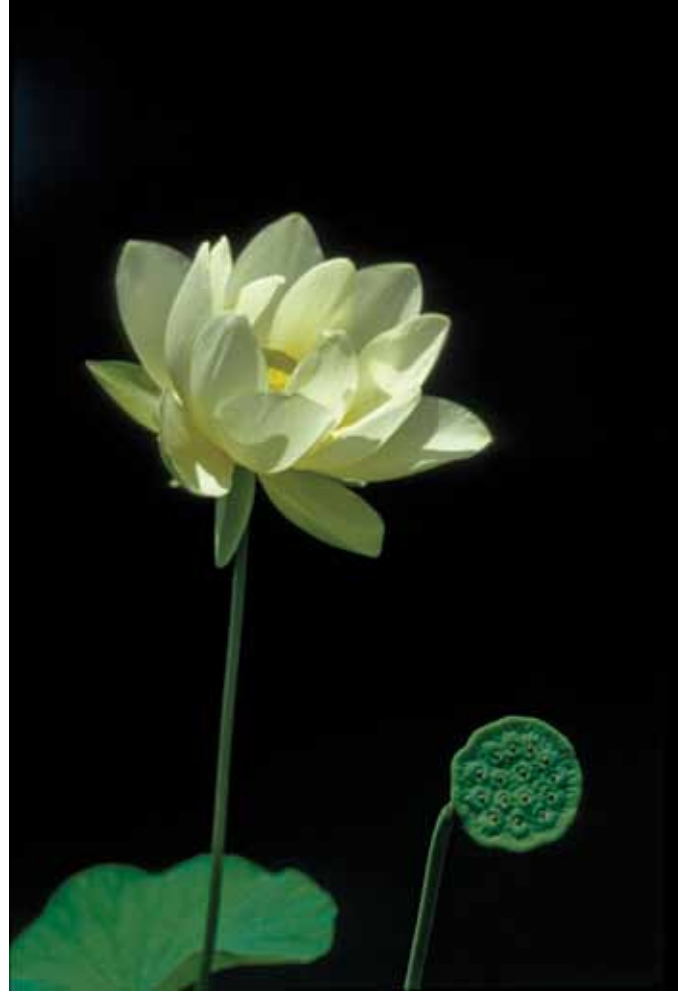
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top left: Chain Embrace  
top right: Lotus Alone  
bottom: Got Milk

“I make images of things I find interesting in the hope that the image will evoke the same emotion in others.”

Alfred Hutt (BS'56), OD, MD











## White Coat Ceremony 2013

The Class of 2016 in their white coats.

The Class of 2016 proudly received their white coats at the Twelfth Annual White Coat Ceremony this spring in the Great Hall at the Ohio Union. The ceremony was both serious and fun, thanks to the advance planning and hard work by long-time College staff member, Sandy Workmaster.

Karla Zadnik, OD PhD, Associate Dean and Mistress of Ceremonies, got things started by escorting the class of 2016 to their seats at the front of the hall. She gave opening remarks and then invited "Buck That!", an energetic, all-male *a capella* group to the stage. They wowed the audience with their rendition of "It's Gonna Be Me" (originally by 'N Sync) and traditional OSU favorites. Speakers included Dean Melvin Shipp OD, MPH, DrPH; **Roger Saneholtz (OD'74)**, President of Optometry Alumni and Friends; and **Todd Clark (OD'98)**, President-Elect of the Ohio Optometric Association. Their remarks touched on the positive impact optometrists have on the health and well being of their patients, the significance of the white coat, and heartfelt congratulations.

First-year optometry students were invited to the stage to receive their white coats from EF Wildermuth Professor Donald Mutti, OD, PhD and Assistant Professor Heather Chandler, PhD, both instructors in the first-year curriculum. Dr. Mutti's research interests revolve around the development of myopia in children and infant emmetropization. Dr. Chandler has a PhD in Veterinary

Bioscience. Her research focuses on mechanisms by which cataracts and secondary cataracts form and on protein regulation in the cornea.

Each student received his or her jacket and went to the microphone, identifying their name, hometown, and state. Dr. Zadnik added a special touch by offering personal tidbits each student supplied, like who was the "undisputed" Scrabble champion in the class. Almost every student had her express heartfelt thanks to family and friends for their undying support. Shane Mulvihill, first-year President of the Class of 2016, helped conclude this portion of the ceremony by providing insight into the experiences of his classmates during 2012-13.

Dr. Zadnik gave closing remarks and invited Buck That! to return to the stage where they closed the ceremony by singing "Carmen, Ohio".

The Great Hall was filled with 400 people, as family and friends celebrated their students' accomplishments. Many guests came from out of state, with one special guest traveling all the way from Taiwan. Everyone stayed, visited, snapped photographs, and tweeted, while enjoying light refreshments afterwards.

Many thanks go out to the White Coat Ceremony sponsors for their continued support: Optometry Alumni and Friends, the Ohio Optometric Association, and Vision Service Plan.

## New Staff Member: Tina Gossard

Tina Gossard was born in Lima, Ohio, and raised in Harrod, Ohio, where “everyone knows everyone.” The Northwest Ohio town of Harrod, home to 500 residents, is known for the annual Pork Rind Festival. Tina was a graduate of Allen East High School. She has two sisters and many nieces and nephews. Both her parents come from large families, making family reunions lively.

Tina left Harrod to pursue a degree in Business Administration at Ohio State. Her reasons for choosing Ohio State were 1. its large size; 2. it was farther south in Ohio than Harrod and therefore offered the possibility of warmer temperatures; 3. and her brother-in-law attended OSU and bragged about his great experience. She graduated in 1982.

While in college, Tina was employed by Gold Circle, a retail department store. After graduation, she was promoted to management within Gold Circle. She was later offered an opportunity to work for Meijer and open three new stores in 1986. While Tina enjoyed her 18 years as Customer Service Manager and Cash Office Manager, there were some negatives to retail life. She didn’t particularly like working holidays, nights, and weekends. She fondly recalls the accomplishment she felt when successfully opening the Brice, Sawmill, and Georgesville Road locations in Columbus.

Tina says, “The keys to great success in retail are having a great crew, treating all of your employees fair and equally, and remembering the customer is almost always right!”

She started exploring other opportunities outside of retail and had a friend at OSU who said she was missing out on regular hours, a chair (in retail she did a lot of standing), a door, and nice people to work with. She was hired at OSU in 2004 in the Department of Food Science and Technology as an accountant. She stayed until November 2012, when she started in the College of Optometry as Procurement Manager.

In her spare time, she loves to undertake do-it-yourself projects on her 1925 home located in the Westgate neighborhood of Columbus. She reads lots of books and loves to spend time with her large mutt Maisy, who was acquired at a local “Mingle with the Mutts” event. Her favorite restaurant is China Dynasty, but she admits to being frugal and not eating out much. She loves riding roller coasters, but she has a difficult time finding friends to ride with her. Tina is looking forward to visiting Kings Island this summer with her college friends.



Tina Gossard

## Virtual Open Houses for Prospective Students

There is no doubt that the College Admissions and Recruitment team has traveled much of the United States meeting with prospective students at colleges and universities, as well as at recruitment events and fairs. While these efforts have yielded countless students enrolling into the program, it’s nearly impossible to reach all who are interested in our College within a given year.

Thinking through the difficulties of reaching so many students, our Admissions team, with the technical assistance of our Information Technology department, set up a virtual option for students anywhere to participate in a live admissions overview and discussion about the College.

In March, the College hosted its first Virtual Open House. The online event allowed students to visit the College from the comfort of their own home. This first session lasted for one hour and included a full photo tour and discussion about Ohio State, the College, and Columbus. Additionally, our Admissions team discussed the application process and financial aid availability. A current student was also on hand, as prospective students were able to type in questions throughout the one-hour presentation.

Students logged in from across Ohio and 13 other states. The event was so successful that we look to substitute many of our in-person visits this autumn with the virtual online option.

These events will be available to pre-optometry clubs and interested students across the country who want a detailed view of the College and its admissions process without traveling to Columbus. Click on our website for several future Virtual Open House events!



## Earley Named AOA Educator of the Year

**Michael Earley, (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)** Professor of Clinical Optometry and Assistant Dean for Clinical Services at The Ohio State University College of Optometry, received this year's annual American Optometric Association (AOA) Educator of the Year award. Dr. Earley has been a favorite instructor of optometry students, who devote Facebook pages to his witty quips and quotes. He has received numerous other awards, including The Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education, and he has been inducted into Ohio State's Academy of Teaching.

Dr. Earley works primarily with special needs children and patients who have suffered traumatic brain injury. He has authored more than 80 abstracts, book reviews, and publications. He is president of Optometric Educators, Inc., and serves on the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry's clinic directors' special interest group. Dr. Earley is also a member of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology and the American Academy of Optometry.

## An EYE Opening Experience

For many decades our Ohio State chapter of Epsilon Psi Epsilon has flourished as current student members participate in a variety of professional, social, and philanthropic events throughout the year. While it has long served our current students well, few know that the housing quarters of Epsilon Psi Epsilon include a guest room which is available for prospective student interview candidates to stay overnight before their interview day. Recent renovations and updates to the housing facility have made the possibilities of our prospective student visits plentiful.

Last winter, a student from Connecticut, Nicholas Green, came to interview at the College. Nicholas had little familiarity with Ohio State or Columbus. Like many of our interview candidates, Nicholas came to campus for the first time the day before his interview. Before arriving,



**Mike Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)** receiving his award from AOA President Ronald L. Hopping, OD, MPH

Nicholas was in contact with current student and former EYE President, **Ann Morrison ('14)**, who arranged for him to stay in the EYE House guest room for his interview day. Nicholas had a tremendous experience at the EYE House, engaging with many students, asking questions, and hearing about the day-to-day happenings in optometry school. His experience at the EYE House was so extraordinary and pivotal in making his final decision that Nicholas posted an article online at [optometrystudents.com](http://optometrystudents.com), a website devoted to informing students about the possibilities of optometry school and the profession.

Nicholas will be attending The Ohio State University College of Optometry this Autumn. We hope to host many more "Nicholas Greens" at the EYE House next year and hope that their meaningful interactions with current students will continue to help them see why our College community truly is a family environment.

## CORRECTION FROM LAST ISSUE:

We were remiss in not adding Dr. Aaron Zimmerman's name to the list of faculty who were promoted at the beginning of the year:

**Aaron Zimmerman (OD'06, MS'08)** promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Optometry, effective January 2013.

## FCO's First Annual Medical Mission Trip to Jamaica

by Marcella Pipitone ('15)



Front view of the Gamertsfelder Medical Center.



Front Row: **Sarah Munther ('15)**, **Laura Hydeman ('15)**, **Laurie Rahardjanoto ('15)**, **Marcella Pipitone ('15)**, **Abigail Graeff ('15)**, **Kelsea Naylor ('16)**, **Megan Heffelfinger ('15)**  
Back Row: **Nate Neufeld**, **Ty Clase ('15)**, **Ryan Corte (OD '12)**, **Doug McCloy (OD '95)**

This past March, the Fellowship of Christian Optometrists took a team of eight students to spend their spring break serving the community of Frome, Jamaica. The trip was led by our FCO co-President Ty Clase. Ty worked closely with **Doug McCloy (OD'95)** to organize the trip. Dr. McCloy has been called to minister and practice optometry in Jamaica; he has spent up to six months of every year, for the past 10 years, setting up three optometric centers throughout Jamaica. His latest endeavor was the Gamertsfelder Medical Center named after **Paul Gamertsfelder (BS'54)**. Seven Opt IIs, one Opt I, and two doctors, Dr. McCloy and **Ryan Corte (OD'12)**, spent the trip working in the Gamertsfelder Medical Center.

The first two days were spent screening cataract patients and prioritizing them by type and grade for cataract surgery. Over fifty patients were seen the first day. Their cataracts ranged from early onset cataracts to dense nuclear cataracts with poor visual acuity. Walking into our first day at the Gamertsfelder Center, the students of our group were so new, that combined, we had only seen a total of fourteen patients in our clinical career. I can confidently speak for all of us when I say that the first day treating patients in Jamaica was a day that challenged, encouraged, and brought our studies to life. Although we were prepared to see cataracts, we encountered a variety of pathologies including a tractional retinal detachment, an optic nerve coloboma, neovascular glaucoma, a complete PVD, asteroid hyalosis, and severe diabetic retinopathy. Despite my exhaustion as I walked back from the clinic the first day, I was overwhelmed with pride that these would be my future col-

leagues. Each one of us, still so fresh in our optometric careers, were able to work together along with Dr. Corte and Dr. McCloy to diagnose, treat, and educate over 50 patients who needed eye care.

We began our second day filled with a sense of confidence and excitement. **Sarah Munther ('15)** led us in a traditional Jamaican song of praise, which ended with the entire waiting room singing along and worshiping God. Word spread quickly throughout the town, and before we knew it, our waiting room was full with over 60 expectant patients. We soon established a steady flow of treatment, which ended with the opportunity for patients to receive prayer in an unoccupied dental exam room, deemed the prayer room. I recall one patient encounter in particular, an elderly woman who had moderate cataracts encroaching the visual axis. As I was examining her, I told her she would probably need surgery within the next year. Her eyes welled up with tears. I asked her what was wrong and she explained to me how she lived alone and had lost most of her family. She knew she simply would not be able to survive without her sight. We were able to explain to her what the surgery entailed, and debunk some of the old cataract surgery horror stories that she had heard. I offered to pray with her, and, as I finished my prayer, she began praying for our entire FCO team. It is truly a blessing that my optometric knowledge has served as a bridge for me to also share the tender love of Christ.

On the third day, we shifted our focus to young children who came to receive their first eye examinations. The Gamertsfelder Center was transformed into a playground! At one point in the day, I remember peek-





Marcella Pipitone ('15) with kids.

ing outside my exam room and seeing current FCO co-President **Megan Heffelfinger ('15)** with a smiley face sticker on her nose doing near cover test to a row of eager kids, followed by **Abigail Graeff ('15)** instilling cyclopentolate. Each of the kids was amazed at the "tricks and games" they were able to play with us. As the children waited to dilate, Sarah Munther and **Laurie Rahardjanoto ('15)** took advantage of the opportunity to teach new songs to the children as well as learn some new tunes from them.

I was so impressed by the Christ-like passion of my peers, especially **Kelsey Naylor ('16)**, the only Opt I to come on the trip. She amazed us as she displayed such proficiency and eagerness to learn a variety of optometric skills. Likewise, watching **Laura Hydeman ('15)** work with her patients by showing them sincere compassion and care, encouraged us to take what we learned from our week in Jamaica home to OSU.

As we wrapped up our last day at the Gamertsfelder Medical Center, it was clear we would go back to Ohio State changed clinicians. Although our skills are still developing, we gained a sincere passion to serve others through our amazing profession and through our faith. I am so blessed to have been part of a transformative adventure that grew us all as clinicians following Christ.



Abigail Graeff ('15) with kids.

## Communications Survey Update

In March, the College of Optometry offered alumni who have a registered email address on our database the opportunity to rate the communications practices of our College. The survey was sent electronically to over 1,800 alumni with a 16% response rate. This valuable exercise offered our alumni a chance to share their opinions and preferences on how the College of Optometry communicates with them and should do so in the future.

Alumni ranked our current events and engagement opportunities. Our OEI, BVP Forum and continuing education programs are most important and valued by our optometric community. Therefore some initial changes can easily happen. For example, Dean Shipp, when available, plans to attend the local continuing education events to welcome alumni and answer questions about the College while sharing the priorities with attendees. We also intend to have more students on hand serving as ambassadors during continuing education seminars to share their experiences and interact with alumni during registration.

Annual engagement has changed for the College already with two alumni receptions last year in Chicago and Phoenix and the AOA Buckeye Reception in San Diego this past June. Of course we will still have a presence at EastWest and host alumni weekend here on campus in October with our reunion reception, distinguished alumni award dinner and tailgate.

Our communications team will be developing a quarterly e-newsletter to showcase the stories you want to hear more about such as professional accomplishments and recognitions, community involvement, milestones, campus events, college highlights including updates from the Dean and his staff, research innovation stories and student profiles.

We hope you'll enjoy these new ways to stay connected, and thank you very much for taking time to participate in our survey.

## Residents' Scholarship Day

The annual Residents' Scholarship Day took place at the College of Optometry on Wednesday, June 19.

**Dawn Goedde (OD'04)**, Residency Director, welcomed participants, including the 21 residents, coordinators of the residency programs, and faculty from the residency sites. Each resident provided a 15-minute case presentation on an interesting patient they had seen during the past year.

*First row:* Dixita Patel, Anju Kanikunnel, **Renee Rambeau (OD'12)**, **Andrea Crabb (OD'12)**

*Second row:* Cecelia Koetting, Emily Ufken, **Sarah Talbott (OD'12)**, **Amanda Huston (OD/MS'12)**

*Third row:* **David Luther (OD'12)**, Natalie McKee, Margaret Albertson, Sarah Cho

*Fourth row:* David Felger, **Jocelyn LaRoche (OD'12)**, **Danielle Wilhelm (OD'12)**, **Chelsea Schmidt (OD'12)**

*Fifth row:* Mark McKenzie, **Kevin Skidmore (OD'12)**, **David Johnson (OD'12)**, Brad Genereux



Resident	Residency Location	Case Title
Sarah Talbott, O.D.	Chillicothe/Columbus VS	Wallenberg's Syndrome
Emily Ufken, O.D.	Erdey Searcy Eye Group	Corneal Graft Rejection in a patient with Neurotropic Keratopathy
Renee Rambeau, O.D.	Dayton VAMC	Maternally-Inherited Diabetes and Deafness
Anju Kanikunnel, O.D.	Cleveland VA	Infectious Optic Disc Edema
Sarah Cho, O.D.	Cincinnati VAMC	Clinical Findings and Management of Bilateral Progressive Peripheral Retinal Vasculitis
Brad Genereux, O.D.	Cincinnati Eye Institute	Management of the Post Operative Glaucoma Patient: What Every OD Must Know
Margaret Albertson, O.D.	Dayton VAMC	Acute Hemorrhagic Conjunctivitis
Kevin Skidmore, O.D.	Chillicothe/Columbus VA	Ophthalmoplegic Migraines
Amanda Huston, O.D., M.S.	Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	Things that Go Bump in the Eye: Treatment of the Pediatric Patient with Traumatic Hyphema
Chelsea Schmidt, O.D.	Ohio Eye Alliance	Micro Invasive Glaucoma Surgery and iStent
Jocelyn LaRoche, O.D.	Cleveland VAMC	Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy: Arteritic vs. Non-Arteritic
Andrea Crabb, O.D.	The Eye Center of Toledo	Post Operative Endophthalmitis
Natalie McKee, O.D.	Cleveland VAMC	Adult Primary Maculopathy: Beyond ARMD
Dr. Greg Moore	Sponsored by Allergan	Lastacaft
David Luther, O.D.	Chillicothe/Columbus VA	Central Retinal Vein Occlusion
Mark McKenzie, O.D.	Cleveland VAMC	Diabetic Retinopathy
David Johnson, O.D.	Dayton VAMC	Spider Macular Dystrophy and other Ocular Manifestations of Myotonic Dystrophy
Dixita Patel, O.D.	Cleveland VAMC	Optic Neuritis...a Complicated Etiology
David Felger, O.D.	Chillicothe/Columbus VA	Peripapillary Subretinal Hemorrhage: Case Report
Danielle Wilhelm, O.D.	Chillicothe/Columbus VA	Just Another Red Eye?
Cecelia Koetting, O.D.	Cincinnati VAMC	Management of Recurrent Episcleritis Related to Relapsing Polychondritis: a Case Report





# reunion weekend

# October 18 - 20 2013

## reunion banquet

Optometry Alumni and Friends (OAF), the alumni society of The Ohio State University College of Optometry, is pleased to announce the 2013 OAF Award recipients who will be recognized in Columbus on October 18, 2013.



The Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient is James Sheedy, OD/MS'74, PhD'77.

OAF is instituting a new award called the Early Professional Achievement Award, with similar criteria to the DAA, but limited to 15 years from receipt of the OD degree. The inaugural recipient is Gina Wesley, OD/MS'06.

### 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award Winner

James Sheedy, OD/MS'74, PhD'77

### 2013 Early Professional Achievement Award

Gina Wesley, OD/MS'06



## ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY:

If you do not have online access, please arrange ahead of time for an online-savvy friend or relative to help you register as well as to make sure your OAF and OSUAA memberships are active. Please go to:

<https://osuoaf.clubexpress.com>

### Friday

Class Reunion Reception \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday

Tour/Continuing Education (1hr) \_\_\_\_\_ complimentary \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tailgate-only \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(kids 12 and under are free)

### Football Tailgate Package

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$119 (includes tailgate and football ticket) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Start Date – August 15, 2013**



## A Message From Our Board

Optometry Alumni & Friends (OAF) wants to provide an annual event that allows alumni to return to campus and gather again with classmates. Fall semester with the excitement that football generates is the most logical time to provide this weekend. OAF expects that participants feel that same way and they would like to enjoy the weekend.

The OSU Alumni Association has allocated 120 football tickets to OAF to enhance your Reunion Weekend experience and we have included them in the overall weekend package. The guidelines for obtaining football tickets have changed.

- (1) The ticket holder must be a member of the OAF.
- (2) The ticket holder must be a sustaining\* member of the OSUAA.
- (3) The ticket holder must not have access to tickets through any other means (i.e. Presidents Club, Buckeye Club, OSUAA general lottery for Iowa, Varsity O or other season ticket holders).
- (4) Tickets are limited to two per household, regardless of number of alumni or memberships in said household. OSUAA cross-checks all lists to ascertain eligibility.

*\*\*Tickets are first-come, first-served so get your online registration in as soon as possible starting August 15, 2013 on the website listed below! \*\**  
[www.osuoaf.clubexpress.com](http://www.osuoaf.clubexpress.com)

*\* To qualify as a sustaining member of the OSU Alumni Association, a \$75 gift can be made via the online "make a gift" icon at the College website: [optometry.osu.edu/alumni](http://optometry.osu.edu/alumni).*

## College of Optometry Philanthropy: Dr. Hazael Welton

*by Rachel Childress, College Development Director*

In May, we witnessed 56 new graduates proudly wearing their caps and gowns, receiving their diplomas and joining the optometric community as Ohio State alumni. Six months from that proud moment, many of these alumni will receive information about their first school loan payment. Over the course of optometry school the average student borrows \$140,000. Add that to what they may have accrued during undergraduate education and they're looking at monthly loan payments between \$1,000 and \$1,700.

Our financial aid office works hard to help students make smart decisions about their loans, and they do their best to make sure many of our deserving students receive scholarship dollars to help offset a portion of the tuition cost. Unfortunately, at this time we have only about \$100,000 in scholarship awards through both current use and endowed funds. That doesn't go very far when you consider the number of students who are in need.



You can see why scholarships are one of the highest priorities in the university's "But for Ohio State" campaign. In fact, here at the college we plan for \$2 million of our \$10 million goal to come from scholarship gifts alone.

While we continue to strive to raise more scholarship dollars, there are those alumni who had the forethought to create a scholarship years ago that will continue to support our students today and in the future. In the spring edition of the magazine, I indicated that we will begin highlighting alumni who have made a significant difference at the college through their philanthropic support, and Dr. Hazael Welton, class of 1938, is the first person to have this honor.

The Hazael Edward Welton Endowment Fund is one of our earliest endowed scholarships and is responsible for nearly 10% of scholarship awards each year. He worked in Cleveland for most of his life and held education in the highest esteem, stressing the value of learning and doing your best. More than 50 years after graduating, Dr. Welton contributed \$80,000 to create a scholarship fund providing for African-American and Hispanic students enrolled at the College of Optometry. Today that scholarship fund tops \$100,000 and provides a portion of tuition for three of our current students this year.

Dr. Welton is often considered by African-American optometrists as the "father" of the profession, having been the first African American to graduate from the then School of Optometry. As a father does, he set an example, for those who came after him, about the importance of philanthropy.

On this 75th anniversary of Dr. Welton's graduation you now have the opportunity to follow his example by considering your own gift to the College during the campaign.

Of course there are many areas deserving of your support, but I hope you'll take a few minutes to think about what a scholarship gift would mean for our students. In addition, if you happen to be one of the 40 recipients of the Welton Scholarship while you were in school, giving back to his fund would be a fine way to honor Dr. Welton and his legacy to support our growing group of diverse students in the future.



Dr. Welton at a visit to the college during Dean Richard M. Hill's tenure.

I encourage you to take a look at the full list of our scholarships to discover one that matches the award criteria that's important to you. Go to [www.osu.edu/giving](http://www.osu.edu/giving), click on areas to support and then academic areas, and you will find funds specific to the College of Optometry. If none of our current scholarships fits your passions then maybe you would like to consider setting up one of your own. If that's something you would like to learn more about, reach out to the development office by calling 614-292-2100.

Twenty-five years ago Dr. Welton understood that he was making a commitment that would impact students for years to come and influence others to make a gift of their own. We have said that this campaign is about changing the culture of giving at the College of Optometry, and we hope that Dr. Welton will once again serve as an inspiration and help us to continue as we strive to move forward with this change.

# Pelotonia Riders Spotlight



Dr. Don Mutti

Lauren Haverly

Dr. Karla Zadnik





Lauren with fellow Optometry Buckeyes at Pelotonia.



Lauren riding with her team the Rolling Eyes during last year's Pelotonia.

## Lauren Haverly

**Year in school:** 4th Year

**Hometown:** Burnsville, Minnesota

**Team name:** Rolling Eyes

**Why or when did you begin to ride:** My parents are big cyclists. I got the fever from them when they proudly proclaimed they were "Active Seniors". It's what we do together when I am home.

**Reason to ride:** I ride for Deb Larsen, a friend's mom, who is one of the bravest women I know.

**First Pelotonia ride experience story:** I will never forget seeing cancer survivors on their lawn clapping their hands and thanking us! There was no better inspiration to keep moving than that.

**How do you get in shape:** My classmates raised enough money for two other riders to participate. I was a beneficiary of their hard work and found out I could ride three days prior to the big day. In other words, I didn't!

**Did you own a bike or how did you select a bike:** I rode a Fuji Absolute 30 hybrid bicycle. It's about half the cost of a road bike and still accomplishes the same thing (albeit at a slower pace).

**Any riding mishap stories:** Because I did not train, I was so nervous the night before I only slept about two hours.

**Most interesting or unusual Pelotonia ride details:** I saw cyclists complete the ride with giant monster wheels, recumbent bikes, and even tutus.

### Favorites:

**Ice cream:** Mint Oreo

**Drink:** Northstar's Ginger Ale

**Restaurant:** Betty's in the Short North

**Book:** *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein

**Movie:** The Avengers

**Childhood memory:** One winter blizzard in Minnesota, the roads were completely covered with ice. Instead of walking places, my family and I skated from door to door.

**Daily inspiration:** My parents - I could not have asked for better role models.

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## Dr. Don Mutti

**Hometown:** Lafayette, CA (San Francisco East Bay Area). Now Worthington.

**Why ride:** Karla Zadnik talked us into spinning for exercise. We all biked on vacation, and then Karla wondered why not do this to work. She does. I don't.

**Keeping our sights focused:** The Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV) was our first long ride, 100 miles from Columbus to Portsmouth and 100 miles back, and the finish felt great! Tricked us into doing it again.





Drs. Mutti and Zadnik in front of the TOSRV bike mural in Portsmouth, OH.

**Riding for a reason:** My brother David passed away from lung cancer in April 2006, and I kept thinking this biking is just the type of crazy thing David would have done.

**First Pelotonia ride:** I rode with Karla and have ridden every Pelotonia except one.

**Get in shape:** I ride to Sunbury (and have a huge breakfast) and back and spin to get in shape, but I am never where I want to be as far as preparation. I really love the breakfast.

**Bike:** Bought my first good bike in Ohio before my first TOSRV (Specialized Sequoia).

**Mishaps:** I have sprocket scars on my ankle and currently have a nice bruise on my right hip.

**Would you do dorm life again:** Being back in the dorms said to me that I never want to go back to college: the beds, lighting and noise are for the “young”.

## Mutti Favorites:

**Ice cream:** Graeter’s Black Raspberry Chip

**Drink:** Mocha no whip

**Restaurant:** Worthington Inn

**Book:** *Lucky Jim*

**Movie:** The Producers

**Childhood memory:** Family camping in the State Parks of California

**Inspiration:** Role models like Mert Flom, Ian Bailey and Tony Adams; those who taught me at UC Berkeley.

**Led to the optometry profession:** Crossed eyes. I wanted to be a high school English teacher and even pursued the training but ran the other way when faced with teenagers. It’s worked out great.





# Dr. Karla Zadnik

**Hometown:** Worthington, Ohio

**Why or when did you begin to ride for Pelotonia:** This will be my third Pelotonia riding, my fourth raising the money. I rode the first whole Pelotonia, then was on vacation a year, then was told I couldn't ride because of a concussion riding the Pan Mass Challenge (PMC, Pelotonia's inspiration that benefits the Dana Farber Cancer Institute) the next year. Last year, I rode both days to Gambier and back.

**Riding for a reason:** I had ridden the PMC beginning in 2005, so when Mike Caligiuri, CEO of the James Cancer Hospital and executive director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center, started Pelotonia, I knew I had to do that too. I used to ride for the support of the community. I like the community spirit Pelotonia brings to OSU and Columbus. Now I ride as a breast cancer survivor for the first time.

**How do you get in shape:** I commute back and forth to work and do some 30-mile weekend rides.

**Did you own a bike or how did you select a bike:** I started commuting in 2004 on a hybrid bike. I got my road bike in 2009, just before the first Pelotonia, when my hybrid flew off my car's bike rack driving through Pennsylvania. I ride a four year old ladies' Trek 1.5 that has 6,000 miles on it.

**Would you do dorm life again:** Maybe not for me. I never lived in the dorms in college, so my OU and Kenyon dorm nights are my one and only experience.

## Zadnik Favorites

**Ice cream:** Mint chocolate chip

**Drink:** Hmmm. Espresso. Diet Coke.

**Restaurant:** Worthington Inn

**Book:** *We Need to Talk about Kevin* by Lionel Shriver

**Movie:** Body Heat

## about Pelotonia

Founded in Columbus, Ohio in 2008, Pelotonia is a grassroots bike tour, with one goal: end cancer.

Pelotonia is a three-day experience that includes a weekend of cycling, entertainment and volunteerism. Pelotonia raises millions of dollars each year for cancer research. Pelotonia's operating expenses are covered by funding partners so that 100% of every rider raised dollar goes directly to fund research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

<http://pelotonia.org/about/>



**1986 Heidi Wagner (OD'86)** was inducted into the prestigious National Academies of Practice (NAP) on April 6, 2013, at the organization's annual meeting held this year in Alexandria, Virginia.

Following her graduation in 1986, she entered private practice in Mansfield, served as a part-time clinical instructor at OSU, and worked as a staff optometrist in a multidisciplinary practice setting. In 1993, she joined the faculty at the NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry, where she currently holds the rank of Professor. In addition to her OD degree, Dr. Wagner earned a Masters in Public Health degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2004.

She is a Diplomate in the Cornea, Contact Lenses, and Refractive Technologies Section of the American Academy of Optometry, a member of the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators, and a member of the Association for Research and Vision in Ophthalmology.

The NAP was founded in 1981 and represents ten interdisciplinary healthcare professions, including Optometry. The organization is dedicated to affordable, accessible, coordinated quality healthcare for all. Each separate discipline is limited to just 150 members (Fellows) who are either Distinguished Practitioners or Distinguished Scholars. Fellows inducted into this organization can use the letters "FNAP" in their professional titles.



**1986 David L. King (OD'86)** received the 2013 John D. Robinson Clinical Excellence Award from the North Carolina State Optometric Society.

Dr. King was President of his graduating class - and was also named the College's Outstanding Graduate - in 1986. After receiving his OD degree, he completed a one-year residency at the Chillicothe and Columbus VAs, and then began his private practice in China Grove, NC.

He has served as a clinical examiner for the NC state board for the past 15 years, and has also served as a member of the NBEO's Clinical Skills Committee. He is currently on the Board of Directors for Novant Health Rowan Medical Center and previously was a board member of the Rowan Bank and the Rowan County Health Board. In his spare time, he competes in Ironman competitions, plays guitar and sings in his church, and volunteers in overseas mission trips to Central and South America.

## **1998 Scott Sedlacek (OD'98)**

was recently recognized as a 2013 Healthcare Hero by Crain's Cleveland Business which salutes the dedication, leadership and innovation of Northeast Ohio's health care community with the annual awards ceremony. Dr. Sedlacek is thankful to be recognized for something he not only enjoys, but feels is actually a civic duty. Dr. Sedlacek said, "To put the award in perspective, the real heroes are our current and fallen military, not me. However, I am very happy to make a positive impact in the community in which I live."

Dr. Sedlacek is a Strongsville optometrist at The Eye Place. Recently, he provided vision screenings to more than 820 students from Olmsted Falls over two months. More than 200 of those students, or one in four, had an undiagnosed condition like amblyopia, reduced stereopsis, or color blindness. He offers free comprehensive eye exams at his office to kindergarten students at Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center. Dr. Sedlacek hopes to see his classmates at their 15-year reunion this fall as he leads the way. See updates on the OSU College of Optometry Class of 1998 Facebook page.



## **2003 Major Tara Jayne (OD'03)**

Air Force Maj. Tara Jayne, an Austintown, Ohio native, recently received the 2012 Armed Forces Optometric Society Junior Officer of the Year, awarded to those who promote optometry and public health.

Maj. Tara Jayne, began her career as an optometrist at Vandenberg AFB, California. While stationed there, she started a program called "Opening Eyes" for special needs children participating in the Special Olympics.

"'Opening Eyes' was a new program that was just starting in the U.S. at the time," Jayne said. "I took that to Santa Maria, Calif., and got together with a local lab. They donated all of their lenses, and I got a frame company to donate their safety specs. We did eye exams in a tent for all the participants in Santa Barbara County. We did eye exams on every kid who was competing and actually made their glasses as they waited."

Her next assignment was at Osan AB, South Korea. There she worked with the local orphanage by providing eye screenings and participating in several other programs with the orphanage.

Hickam AFB, Hawaii, followed. There she worked with the Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command whose members traveled throughout the world to recover missing Americans from past wars through remains and artifacts recovered from the sites of conflict.

Jayne is currently stationed at the 65th Air Force Base, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal.

## **2005 Brooke Bader (OD'05)**

was recently inducted into the Elyria Sports Hall of Fame for the second straight year as a star volleyball player. Last May, the 1996 Elyria volleyball team was inducted for its state runner-up finish. Carol Russo, Dr. Bader's former volleyball coach, reports that Brooke was always as "very focused" and an incredible student who always knew she wanted to pursue a career as an optometrist. Bader was also a four-year letter winner at Bucknell and achieved the State Final Four twice. Bader is married to her high school sweetheart, Jeff Sittinger, and has two daughters, Bexley and Brynn. They reside in Avon, Ohio.



**2010** **Greg Hopkins, II (OD '10)** and Katya Harfmann welcomed Matilda Mae into the world on May 7, 2013. She joins big sister Adelaide.

Baby arrived at 8:00 a.m.; Dad arrived at 11:00 p.m. Greg was actually presenting his first poster at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology meeting at the time, but he and Katya were in constant contact. Mother and daughter survived Dad's absence--and celebrated his arrival home--with style and grace.



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