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on the cover:

Members of the class of 2014 at their hooding ceremony (L to R): **Milda Bandza (OD'14)**, **Joe Blake (OD'14)**, and **Kaitlynn Bock (OD'14)** (leaning back)



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DEAN'S LETTER

Dear Optometry Alumni and Friends:

"As you enter positions of trust and power, dream a little before you think." —Toni Morrison

I am honored and humbled to have been chosen by then-provost Joe Alutto and then-president Gordon Gee as the fifth dean of The Ohio State University College of Optometry. I stand on the shoulders of Emeritus Deans Fred Hebbard, Dick Hill, John Schoessler, and Mel Shipp, and it feels a little wobbly up here. I feel their steadying influences and trust they will be available for wise counsel in the months and years to come.

In the months leading up to June 1, I had time to think about taking your alma mater to even greater heights. A continuing issue related to patient care but also to our professional and research programs is visibility. Given our expertise, one would think visibility would be easy to achieve on the Ohio State campus. Yet I repeatedly hear, "Oh, I didn't know there was an optometry clinic (or College of Optometry or vision research or expertise in ocular imaging) at Ohio State. Where is your building again?" So, on June 6, 2014, the college community watched as a 15-foot by 40-foot mock acuity chart spelling out optometry@osu.edu went up on the east side of the EF Wildermuth Optometric Research Center, topped by our new "cool Brutus" image. Now the College of Optometry is identifiable from the corner of Tenth and Neil Avenues, and our clinic staff have an easier time describing the building to our patients. Unexpectedly, thanks to "I'm not taking no for an answer" staff member, Sandy Workmaster, I got to go up in the cherry picker that orangebarrels.com workers used to apply the signs—120 feet in the air—to adjust Brutus's glasses. After he harnessed me in, the man who accompanied me asked if I was afraid of heights, to which I responded, "I guess we're going to find out."

I hope to take the college to new heights in other ways, too. I have found myself "dreaming" often. There are some things I know. I know that I want to refurbish, renovate, and restore our prime real estate holding in the heart of Ohio State's Health Sciences District in Fry and Starling-Loving Halls. I know that I want prospective students to realize that their best option for their optometric education, including an interprofessional health sciences perspective, is at Ohio State. I know that I want to enhance and expand our scholarship portfolio to help those students keep their debt commensurate with our profession's income potential. I know that I want to re-invest in the Graduate Program in Vision Science and to ensure that faculty have the resources they need to generate and disseminate the new knowledge that will have a real effect on the care optometrists deliver to individual patients.

Those are the directions that are obvious to me. Now, read the Toni Morrison quote up above again. I need you to help me dream a little more in the next few months. Call (at 614-292-6603, which is Glenn Fry's old telephone number) or email me at zadnik.4@osu.edu, and let me know what you think is important at The Ohio State University College of Optometry as it enters its second century later this year. I look forward to hearing from you soon and often.

Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD

Dean

Glenn A. Fry Professor in Optometry and Physiological Optics



Dean Zadnik ready for her trip to the top of the building!



Dean Zadnik waving from the cherry picker

June 2014

Signs tell us a lot, and this one definitely lets us know the dean transition is complete. As president of Optometry Alumni and Friends (OAF), I am very excited to welcome our new Dean, Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD. Dr. Zadnik has been a very good friend to our society, and she actually paid dues over the years. She knows us well, and I look forward to her sage advice as OAF continues to provide support for our great College of Optometry. Some words of advice: Don't park in the Dean's parking spot. Dean Shipp has shown Dean Zadnik how to deal with that situation (and it's a funny story).

Dean Zadnik's appointment was somewhat different from most dean searches at Ohio State. The usual Dean Search Committee was not organized, nor was there a line of applicants to interview. I was somewhat surprised and was expecting OAF to have a chance to be involved as we have in the past by getting to meet and greet some of the applicants.

Just after the announcement that Dean Zadnik was the choice to replace Dean Shipp, I attended an Alumni Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting. These meetings are a pretty big deal, and we get some high powered-presenters to keep us up to date about Ohio State. The last presenter at the end of the second day was Provost Joe Steinmetz, PhD. The Provost's office is in charge of the dean appointments. At the end of Dr. Steinmetz's presentation, I took the opportunity in front of our Council to thank him for appointing Dr. Zadnik and not having to go through the interim dean appointment process. When I mentioned Dr. Zadnik's name, Dr. Steinmetz's face lit up, and he could hardly contain his enthusiasm about her appointment. He spoke for at least five minutes about why should time be wasted going out to look for the best when we had the best right here already, and then Ellen Rudy, PhD, RN, the not-shy College of Nursing AAC rep and mother of **William Rudy (OD'91)**, strongly supported the appointment. Needless to say, AAC had a most appropriate introduction to our new dean.

The other really exciting OAF news is the well-deserved recognition of **Jeffrey Myers (OD'84)** by The Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA). Dr. Myers has been selected to receive the Ralph Davenport Mershon award for outstanding service to Ohio State. He and his nominations committee do the leg work to get our ODs and optometry recognized within the University. He knows what it takes to win these awards, and it's no easy task when one sees the level of competition. Thanks to Alyssa Grovemiller from the OSUAA for not letting Dr. Myers know that we had put his nomination forward. I'm even more thankful that we were successful in his selection. Dr. Myers was caught completely off guard in getting his acceptance letter, when he thought that letter was going to be information about the nominations that he had made for others. I wish we had a video as I know the moment was priceless! Congratulations Dr. Myers!

Please consider being a part of our very special Centennial Celebration Dinner in September and our usual Alumni Weekend in October.

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

Roger L. Saneholtz (OD'74)

President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends



All By Myself...?

For some of the folks who are in the same age range as I am, those words bring to mind Eric Carmen's mid-1970s song of broken heartedness. Well, that is not the topic of this editorial. Rather, it is a reminder that true achievement and success in business and life are not attained on our own.

On a recent trip home from New York City, I paid attention to all the folks, seen and unseen, who somehow contributed to my trip. Maybe you have thought about these things in the past, maybe not. Consider these that I saw.

The hotel clerk who printed my receipt, doorman who hailed my taxi; taxi driver; toll booth worker; police and emergency squad who attended to some accident victims on the side of the road; agent who directed me to my gate at the airport; TSA agents who checked my ID and bag; gate agent; people selling breakfast at the airport; people running food to the various kiosks; people sweeping and cleaning the airport; the pilots and flight attendants (Yvonne, Patrick, and Christy); jetway operator; restaurant employees; shuttle driver who took me back to my vehicle in the parking lot; and the clerk as I left the parking lot.

And just as importantly, these that I did not see.

The writers, printers, and deliverers of the newspaper I read; elevator cleaning and maintenance people; hotel maid; city trash collectors; road and building maintenance people; the utility folks; airplane cleaning crew; Gate Gourmet crew that stocked the plane; the folks working on the production line and delivering the soft drinks, pretzels, cups, and (my favorite) Biscoff cookies; folks who designed and built the airport; crew that replaced a faulty seat; baggage handlers; crew that checked the tires; ground crew guiding the plane; air traffic controllers; runway maintenance crew; folks that wrote articles, sold ads, bought ads, printed and delivered the inflight and Skymall magazine; and emergency card writers and designers.

To me, this is a pretty impressive list of folks that touched my life in a small or large way on one trip on one day. The thought that I made the trip from New York City to my home entirely on my own is just a foolish thought. Further, to think that you have built a successful practice all by yourself is to think more highly of yourself than is justified. You have relied on frame manufacturers, spectacle and contact lens manufacturers, utility workers, mail and parcel delivery workers, bankers, attorneys, accountants, landlords or builders, employees, family, and patients for your success. If any of these elements is missing, your opportunity for success is reduced.

Each of us lives each day interdependent on a wide variety of people, seen and unseen, just to live our lives. Anyone who has achieved any measure of success in life has relied on others for support and help to achieve that success. While the person who provides leadership is often recognized for the work of the group, it is vital to remember that if there are no willing followers, there is no leader, and there will be no success.

Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

BuckEYE Editor



A lapful of grandchildren celebrating the Fourth of July. From left, granddaughter Isla, **Jeffrey Myers (OD'84)**, and grandson Sladen.



A Passion for the Game

...and Practice

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

Drs. Matt and Tom Ritter playing together on Father's Day 2014

It was the influence of a dad and grandfather that gave him a love of the game. His love of optometry has influenced others to pursue the profession.



Family vacation Summer 2013 on Burt Lake in Michigan

Front row: Dr. Tom, Ellie, Karen, Lainey, Garrett, Reece, Ted, Katie, Ben Second row: Twins Lexie, Chace Back Row: Kristen, Sara, Dr. Matt, Joe

Thomas Ritter (OD'75) of Loveland, Ohio learned to play baseball in the back yard in Parma, Ohio catching fly balls his dad and grandfather hit. They would hit them to Dr. Ritter and his older brother, only stopping when their arms got too sore to throw the ball back. He still plays baseball (not softball, baseball) at the age of 63. His 39 years in practice and love of the profession has created a legacy in his family and practice to the point that they can almost field their own baseball team with optometrists.

Dr. Ritter played baseball as a child until he was 17 when he was cut from the high school team, by his own account, because he was short, skinny, and not very good. For the next 30 years, he played competitive softball, both slow-pitch and fast-pitch, loving it all. In fact, while at the college and after he grew a bit, he was a member of the self-proclaimed World's Tallest Infield (average height-6'3") when he played for the White Haines softball team with **Arol Augsburger (OD/MS'71)**, **Jim Sheedy (OD/MS'74, PhD'77)**, and **Mark Archibald (OD'75)**. His return to hardball baseball came at the age

of 47, when a buddy invited him to be on his team for the Wooden Bat Classic Tournament in Ft. Myers, Florida in 1998. His second time at the plate in the first game, he banged a double off the wall. He vowed he would never play softball again.

His hometown play is in the Anderson Men's Senior Baseball League, a ten-team league exclusively for men 35 years of age and older, in the suburbs of Cincinnati. Originally, he played shortstop, then second base, then first base, and then made an unexpected move to catcher, where he has played for the last seven years. In fact, he used a first baseman's glove the first two years he caught but now has the appropriate catcher's mitt. He plays in about 40 games a year, catching in most of them, except double-headers when he plays first or second base in the second game.

Since his move to catcher, his team has won the Wooden Bat Classic Tournament four of the last six years and was runner-up the other two years. He really enjoys calling the game and is thankful for pitchers who can still put the ball where it is needed. Dr. Ritter has

also frequently been voted by his teammates to the league all-star team and was the starting catcher in last year's game.

Missing out on that high school team also took away the opportunity for formal instruction in the game. So he is mostly self-taught, though he generously credits his dad and grandfather for their teaching and influence. At 6'3" and being the senior member of the league, he is not a stereotypical catcher.

He bats in the third, fourth or fifth position, living for the opportunity to bat runs in. He reports he is pretty consistent about putting the ball in play and is batting about .464 halfway through this season. He is the oldest person in the league to ever hit a home run, doing so just last year. Since it was his first home run ever, he may just be the oldest person in the history of the sport to hit his first homer! He really enjoys the camaraderie and friendships of baseball and reports there is no trash talk in the league, though he admits there may be some gamesmanship talk when opposing batters come to the plate. Age is not really an issue as long as you can play. One thing he does not appreciate though: when the game is over and players of the opposing team shake hands and say "Nice game, sir."

He has played other sports. He played basketball until he was 58 when he couldn't compete with the younger guys. To him, the best feeling in sports is hitting a line drive up the middle or a ball in the gap. He does admit though, that the hole-in-one he shot playing golf when he was 17 was pretty amazing. He takes one game at a time but hopes to still be playing when he is 70. Dr. Ritter finds it very satisfying to get together with a bunch of friends and work toward a common team goal.

It has been even more satisfying when his son **Matthew Ritter (OD'02)** joins him on the ball diamond. Dr. Matt plays shortstop, third base, and center field most of the time and plays as he is needed. He also hit his first career home run in the league two years ago.

Ohio State Optometry runs deep in the family. Dr. Tom's wife Karen has two sisters, who both married OSU optometrists, **Mark Hagee (OD'81)** and **Matthew Rudinsky (OD'75)**. Dr. Hagee's son, Danny, is in his third year in the college. Dr. Tom's sister's son, Brennen Yaquinto, will be at the college in the fall. Dr. Tom has been in practice with his brother-in-law, Dr. Hagee, for more than 30 years, and Dr. Matt joined the practice in 2002. Dr. Rudinsky lives just north of Cincinnati and practices in Dayton. Other doctors in the Ritter-Hagee Optometry practice include **Linda Fender (OD'93)**, Don



Dr. Ritter in his usual position, catching behind home plate

FEATURE STORY

Faimon, OD (Indiana University School of Optometry), and Natalie McKee, OD (Illinois College of Optometry). Ritter-Hagee Optometry has two locations, in Blue Ash and Maineville, Ohio. Soon, there will be nine optometrists between the family and the practice, enough to field their own baseball team.

His wife, Karen, was the first girl he met at Ohio State, though they did not begin dating immediately. She earned an education degree while at Ohio State. They have three children; Dr. Matt and his wife Sara, Katie and her husband Ted, and Kristen and her husband Joe. Eight grandchildren are frequently a part of their lives, looking for frogs or fishing at the backyard pond, doing archery, or just roasting marshmallows over a backyard fire. The grandchildren are aged 10 years to six months and are Ellie, Garrett, Lainey, twins Lexie and Chase, Reece, Ben, and Macy.

We hope for many more years of baseball and practice.



Thomas Ritter (OD'75), Mark Hagee (OD'81), and Matthew Ritter (OD'02)



Tom Ritter (OD'75) behind home plate



The championship team of the 2010 Wooden Bat Classic Tournament. Dr. Tom Ritter is in the back row, second from the right.



by Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD

All five deans: Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, Emeritus Dean Frederick Hebbard, OD, PhD, Emeritus Dean Richard Hill, OD, PhD, Emeritus Dean **John Schoessler (BS'65, OD'66, MS'68, PhD'71)**, and Emeritus Dean Melvin Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH

Dean Melvin D. Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH was honored in June at a retirement party at the Longaberger House on campus. One hundred three attendees applauded and reflected on Dean Shipp's decade of accomplishments at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. The room overflowed with affection for the Emeritus Dean, and it was great to see alumnus **Bob Wright (BS'60)**, Ohio State University Alumni Association President Archie Griffin, and Dean Shipp's sister and brother-in-law, Drs. Patricia and Gordon May, in attendance.

The event was historic as well. The Ohio State University College of Optometry has only had five deans since 1968 when the Applied Optics program turned School of Optometry became a College, and all of them attended Dean Shipp's soiree!

A variety of speakers lauded his achievements. Executive Vice President and Provost Joseph Steinmetz, PhD, presented an engraved clock on behalf of the university, observing, "We need more Mel Shipp's at Ohio State." Illinois College of Optometry president, **Arol Augsburg (OD/MS'71)**, a former colleague at University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry and long-time friend of Dean Shipp's, noted three important characteristics that the retiring dean possesses that led to his success at Ohio State and beyond: loyalty, ambition, and a sense of humor. **Jackie Davis (OD'81, MPH)** represented the faculty and spoke about Dean Shipp as the consummate gentleman, even "roasting" him a little with a story about his gentlemanly behavior toward an errant driver

who occupied his designated parking spot. College of Nursing Emeritus Dean Betty Lenz, PhD, who chaired the 2003 Search Committee that brought Dean Shipp to Ohio State, praised his leadership style by recalling how frequently she sought his advice. Associate Dean of Academic Affairs **Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)** surprised an uncharacteristically speechless Dean Shipp with the eleventh H. Ward Ewalt Medal for dedicated service to the profession of optometry.

The highlight of the evening was Dean Karla Zadnik's announcement of the Melvin D. Shipp Scholarship for optometry students with exceptional current achievement and/or future potential. She had "scholar-Shipp" fund contributors stand until most of the people in the audience were on their feet. Lead gifts came from Dr. Bob Wright; Optometric Educators, Inc.; Optometry Alumni & Friends; the Ohio Optometric Foundation; and the Ohio Optometric Association. Dean Shipp was overwhelmed by the surprise announcement. He expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the donors by saying, "It's not so much that this recognizes me. I'm deeply touched because it will help young people at Ohio State far into the future."

If you would like to contribute to the Melvin D. Shipp Scholarship Fund, contact College Development Officer Rachel Childress at childress.35@osu.edu or (614) 292-2100 for more information.

ZADNIK BECOMES FIFTH DEAN

by Jeffrey Myers (OD'84)

June 1, 2014 was a pivotal day in the history of the college as **Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD** became the fifth dean in the college's history.

In 1996, **Dean John Schoessler (BS'65, OD'66, MS'68, PhD'71)** recruited her to come to Ohio State as an assistant professor. In the following 18 years, she became a professor and was named the Glenn A. Fry Professor in Optometry and Physiological Optics. She served the college as interim dean between Dr. Schoessler's retirement and the arrival of Dean Melvin Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH. For the last decade, she served the college as associate dean.

One of Dean Zadnik's passions outside the college has been the American Academy of Optometry, where she is a Fellow, a Diplomate of the Cornea, Contact Lens and Refractive Technologies Section, and served as president in 2010-2012. She has also chaired the American Optometric Association's (AOA) Council on Research since 2000 and is especially proud of the Summer Research Institute, co-sponsored by the AOA and the Academy. Every other summer since 1988, "Summer Camp" has hosted faculty from across North America, educating them about patient-oriented research and grant writing. To date, summer campers lay claim to \$78 million in funded research—a pretty good return on the profession's investment!

Her prodigious research has been associated with grants from the National Eye Institute totaling tens of millions of dollars, including being the Principal Investigator and Study Chairman for the Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Keratoconus (CLEK) Study, the first federally-funded multi-center study based in optometry. She also chaired the 20-year Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Ethnicity and Refractive Error (CLEERE) Study of 5,000 schoolchildren aimed at determining predictive factors for juvenile onset myopia. That study published the first paper noting the role of children's outdoor activity in preventing myopia.

At Ohio State, Dean Zadnik led the largest building project for the college with the Raise the Roof Campaign that added four floors to Fry Hall and was completed in 2007. For the university, she has chaired the Biomedical



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"We as a college are focused on excellence—your excellence."

Dean Zadnik, from a message to students, June 2014

Sciences Institutional Review Board for a decade. Every human subject research proposal from health science disciplines on campus is reviewed by this committee that is chaired by an optometrist.

As she begins her term as dean, her attention will be focused in three areas. First, she seeks to admit and graduate the 64 best optometry students available. These are not necessarily the applicants with the highest grade point average or admission test scores. Rather, she is looking for the people who will lead the profession in practice, academia, and their communities. Not surprisingly, many will have to come from outside Ohio. Expanding the college's scholarship portfolio will be essential to attracting these students to the college.

Two other areas will have Dean Zadnik's early attention. There will be an emphasis on expanding and enriching the student's clinical experience, both on-campus and in the extern program. Her final area of emphasis will be to continue and strengthen Ohio State's dominance in the areas of patient-oriented research and in basic research that will translate to improvements in clinical care.

She is also an avid bicyclist and has participated in multi-day cycling events including Pelotonia, the Pan Mass Challenge, and the Tour of the Scioto River Valley. Although she began the "fight cancer" charity rides many years ago, she has found particular significance in them since her own breast cancer diagnosis in 2012. She is now cancer-free, thanks to first-rate care at Ohio State's James Cancer Hospital and Spielman Centers. She finds great relaxation in quilting, presenting quilts to many friends to remember special moments in their lives.

Welcome to Dean Zadnik as she takes the reins of leadership at the college.

POWELL PRIORITIES:

Family, Education & Service

By: Kerry Gastineau and Sally Haltom, MA

Kim (OD'76) and **Lynette Powell (OD'80)** are the proud parents of **Blake Powell (OD'14)**, a 2014 graduate who joined them in the family's practice in Oregon, Ohio, but the Powell story doesn't start there.

Dr. Kim Powell, born in Cleveland, Ohio, spent his formative years in Lancaster, Ohio and then graduated from Mentor High School. He completed his undergraduate degree at Hiram College in 1972, majoring in math and science. His interest in athletics kept leading him towards a career in coaching, but he also started conversations with his own optometrist **Richard Talcott (BS'53)**, which led him to a new and different career path - optometry. Even the best plans can be turned upside down by world events, as the Vietnam War loomed, but with Dr. Kim's eyes now focused on optometry school, he was able to defer being drafted. His acceptance to Ohio State for optometry ultimately became a life changer.

Dr. Lynette Powell grew up in Oregon, Ohio. After a tough decision to leave her small town, she pursued her undergraduate degree at the University of Arizona, playing softball and studying criminology. She also explored dentistry, medicine, and optometry after talking with her own optometrist, Dr. Bill McMann. She also sought advice from **Warren (BS'49)** and **Ruth (BS'43) Morris**, who explained the need for more women in

the profession. With only two years of college under her belt, she applied to several optometry programs and was admitted to Ohio State. Classmate **Andrea Moorehead (OD'80)** was an immediate connection, sharing a love of the outdoors and sports like flag football and basketball. Soon, Dr. Lynette made time for other activities like Epsilon Psi Epsilon (EΨE) and Fellowship of Christian Optometrists (FCO) group bible study, led by **John Schoessler (BS'65, OD'66, MS'68, PhD'71)**. The FCO bible study was a very important component in her life and was also where Drs. Lynette and Kim connected for the very first time. At the nudging of her EΨE brothers, she asked Dr. Kim to the EyeBall. They married at the end of her second year in 1978.

Dr. Kim's mentors were **Arol Augsburger (OD/MS'71)**, Emeritus Dean Richard Hill, OD, PhD and Jack King, PhD. Dr. Lynette cites **Michael Polasky (OD'69)**, **Joseph Barr (OD'77, MS'79)** and Dr. Schoessler as mentors. Dr. Polasky had the greatest impact on their clinical learning and offered valuable practical teachings they still use every day. Dr. Lynette says that his clinical courses greatly prepared both of them for the "nuts and bolts" of optometry.

As graduation approached, the Powells' future plans were beginning to take shape as they looked all over Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana for a practice. That wide

search led back to only one place - Dr. Lynette's roots in Oregon Ohio, the small farming town on the east side of Toledo.

Even the best planning for post-degree life and work doesn't always prepare budding practitioners for the realities of starting their own business. The Powells eventually found a property that seemed an ideal location for starting their practice from scratch. The bank initially did not want to lend them money to purchase the house or convert the garage to an office building, and it took over a year to make their practice a reality. Another hurdle was that their education did not focus much on building a good solid business knowledge base, like **Mark Wright (OD'80)** offers current optometry students. **Mark Pifer's (OD'80)** father, Al Pifer from Sandusky, Ohio helped the Powells get a bank package assembled, their loan was approved, and they practiced at that location for over 20 years. A developer eventually offered to purchase the property, and they moved to a new location where they have now been for 11 years.

Both doctors are very grateful for their Ohio State education and how it has given them a chance to serve others. Dr. Kim attributes success in professional practice to being a servant to the patient. He states, "It is not about me; it is about the patient. Take care of your patients and the rest will take care of itself. Our practice has never spent a penny on advertising. Our success has been by word of mouth that the Powells care."



Alyssa and **Blake Powell (OD'14)**

Their cherished optometry careers have provided a great life for the Powells, one that afforded Lynette the opportunity to work part time and home school each of their children for a few years before transitioning them to the local Christian school. Their longtime motto is "Family always comes first."

The Powells have five children. Ashleigh (29) has an education degree from the University of Akron and is the mother of their first and only grandchild, Declan. Alison (27), a 2009 graduate of Ohio State in exercise science, also has a MS degree in Physician Assistant Studies from George Washington University and works in the D.C. area. Dr. Blake (25) is a 2014 Ohio State Optometry graduate and recently married Grand Rapids, Michigan native Anna Tiesenga. Alyssa (22), a 2013 Ohio State grad in exercise science will start her masters-level Physician Assistant Studies at DeSales University just north of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania this fall. Their son Brandon is deceased.

The fact that Dr. Blake has now joined their practice brings immense satisfaction to his parents, knowing he will carry on the tradition of serving the community and continue the Powell legacy in optometric care in Oregon. They recall when he visited Kent State during his high school years to look at the architecture program as a possible career pathway. His dad saw that Dr. Blake was not thrilled with the visit and said to him right away, "Have you thought about optometry?" His positive reply and ultimate choice of the same career path for his own future endeavors absolutely thrilled his parents. Dr. Blake says that an optometric career was an easy choice for him, as he had grown up seeing first-hand how it allowed his own parents to help people. It also afforded them opportunities to do other things with their lives via schedule flexibility, an ability to achieve an excellent balance of home and career life, and make plenty of time for their family while always keeping service a priority.

Dr. Blake spent his first year of college at DePauw University in Indiana, running track, but ultimately transferred to Ohio State to complete his pre-optometry studies. While at the college, again following in his parents' footsteps, he joined both EΨE and FCO. When he arrived on campus, he immediately found a strong core group of friends, including **Jeff Cole (OD'14)**, **David Jancaro (OD'14)**, and **Jon Andrews (OD'14)**. He attributes his success in the program to how he and his friends connected early on and committed to studying in the Health Sciences Library. He is grateful for his peers' support both in and out of the classroom.

Dr. Blake's mentors include **David Bejot (OD'93)** at The Eye Center of Toledo, who taught him best practices for



Alyssa, **Lynette Powell (OD'80)**, Anna Tiesenga, and **Kim Powell (OD'76)**

managing his own office, and **Joan Nerderman (RN, OD'86)** at Faith Mission in Columbus, whose service orientation and commitment to making a difference in patients' lives naturally appealed to him.

Even while raising their big family, Drs. Kim and Lynette have always found time for service through the Gideons International*. Dr. Kim travels overseas with Gideons and has been to a number of countries, multiple weeks at a time, for service missions. He has served on the Outreach Committee, which oversees the Gideon ministry in 181 countries. Dr. Kim is currently a member of the Gideons International cabinet and helps make policy decisions for the membership. Last year, Dr. Kim went to China on a mission trip and has many memories of Nigeria and Sri Lanka as special places to visit. Drs. Blake and Kim made an evangelical basketball trip together to Haiti in 2005.

The Powells will forever be huge Buckeye fans. They enjoy season tickets to the football games and are also avid followers of men's basketball. They will continue to maintain a strong connection, as Ohio State will always have a very special place in their heart!



Blake Powell (OD'14) with wife Anna Tiesenga, at their wedding reception



Fellow optometry students and graduates at the Powell-Tiesenga wedding reception

**The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through sharing personally and by providing Bibles and New Testaments.*



2014 GRADUATION

The graduating Class of 2014

On May 3, 2014, Dean Melvin Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH presided at the 47th College of Optometry Doctoral Convocation, his final one as dean of the college. He began by introducing special guest Emeritus Dean Frederick Hebbard, OD, PhD, founding dean of the college who served in that capacity from 1968 to 1988. Emeritus Dean Richard Hill, who followed Dr. Hebbard as the College's second dean, was the keynote speaker. In his address, "Sources of Confidence," he encouraged the graduates to look back with pride and appreciation at the outstanding educational experiences they just completed and to look forward to their professional futures with confidence as they begin to build on those experiences.

At the conclusion of Dr. Hill's remarks, 2014 Class President **Jonathan Andrews (OD'14)** thanked Dean Shipp for his years of service and presented him with a class gift. Dr. Andrews then delivered remarks on behalf of his classmates, thanking faculty, staff, families and friends for their steadfast support and encouragement, and acknowledging how special it was to be the Centennial Year graduating class.

For the first time in the College's history, both parents of a graduate participated in the Doctoral Convocation when **Kim (OD'76)** and **Lynette (OD'80) Powell** hooded their son, **Blake Powell (OD'14)**. Other proud parents participating in the ceremony included **Lamar Zigler (OD/MS'81)**, hooding his son **David Zigler (OD/MS'14)**, and Wolfram Andrews, OD (Pennsylvania College of Optometry), who hooded his son **Jonathan Andrews (OD'14)**.



Emeritus Dean Richard Hill, OD, PhD speaking to the class of 2014

Five graduates, **Nevin El-Nimri (OD/MS'14)**, **Kacie Kreifels (OD/MS'14)**, **Tracy Pham Prosak (OD/MS'14)**, **Philip Yuhass (OD/MS'14)**, and **David Zigler (OD/MS'14)**, received Bing and Ellerbrock awards in acknowledgment of their completion of the OD/MS program, simultaneously earning both Masters in Vision Science and Doctor of Optometry degrees. This year's Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal winner was **Philip Yuhass (OD/MS'14)**. **Michael-Vu Do (OD'14)** received the 2014 Dr. Lyle Gassman Memorial Award.



Associate Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD presents **Mike Do (OD'14)** the Dr. Lyle Gassman Memorial Award



Jennifer Annon (OD'14), Milda Bandza (OD'14), Joe Blake (OD'14), and Kaitlynn Bock (OD'14) singing *Carmen Ohio*

	Jonathan D. Andrews.....	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
	Jennifer M. Annon.....	Reynoldsburg, Ohio
	Milda Marija Bandza.....	Rocky River, Ohio
	Joseph James Blake.....	Nashport, Ohio
	Kaitlynn Taylor Bock.....	Columbus, Ohio
	Christopher M. Brendel.....	New Franklin, Ohio
	Whitney Renae Brown.....	Denton, Nebraska
†‡	Ellen Emily Clines.....	Maumee, Ohio
	Brianne Rene´ Clymer.....	Greenville, Ohio
	Jeffrey Douglas Cole.....	Cincinnati, Ohio
	Andrew J. Crist.....	Zanesville, Ohio
†	Michael-Vu Tran Do.....	Royal Palm Beach, Florida
	Lisa Draper.....	Poughkeepsie, New York
*†	Nevin Wadie El-Nimri.....	Berkeley, California
	Jessica Leigh Giesey.....	Wheeling, West Virginia
†	Daniel William Grangaard.....	Newark, Ohio
†	Laura Eva Gudenkauf.....	Tucson, Arizona
	Abraham Hanono.....	San Diego, California
	Lauren Kelsey Haverly.....	Burnsville, Minnesota
†	David Stephen Jancaro.....	Vandergrift, Pennsylvania
	Jenna Marie Jeffries.....	Louisville, Ohio
	Nathan Scott Kaufman.....	Sugarcreek, Ohio
	Vida Kazempour.....	Kirkland, Washington
	Nicholas King-Smith.....	Wooster, Ohio
	Alanna Kimberly Kirk.....	Sardinia, Ohio
	Thomas D. Kozlowski.....	Westlake, Ohio
*	Kacie Marie Kreifels.....	Sioux Falls, South Dakota
	Danielle Nicole Lanzer.....	Homerville, Ohio
	Jay Lytle.....	Worthington, Ohio
	Timothy Daniel Mack.....	Columbus, Ohio
	John Austin Manard.....	Columbus, Ohio
	Brandon J. McFadden.....	Greeley, Colorado

	Barbara Renee Mihalik.....	Lynchburg, Ohio
	Michael L. Miller.....	Minford, Ohio
	Chrisoula Maria Morris.....	Granville, Ohio
†	Ann Marie Morrison.....	Atlanta, Georgia
	Troy Joseph Mysliwicz.....	Moundsville, West Virginia
	Greyson Yoshiwo Nakano.....	Gardena, California
	Lindsey A. Neilan.....	Sidney, Ohio
	Kimberly Nguyen.....	Columbus, Ohio
†	Justine Jacqueline O'Dell.....	Toledo, Ohio
	Joseph Edward Pasquinelli Jr.....	Toledo, Ohio
	Stephanie Lynn Pisano.....	Toledo, Ohio
	Jamz Porzio.....	Buffalo, New York
	Blake Gordon Powell.....	Oregon, Ohio
*†	Trang (Tracy) Pham Prosak.....	Hanoi, Vietnam
	Whitney Purtzer.....	South Bend, Indiana
	Michelle Quinn.....	Oswego, New York
	Joseph Razzano.....	Niles, Ohio
	Andrew Joseph Rothstein.....	Tipp City, Ohio
	Rachel Lee Rothstein.....	Ada, Ohio
	Matthew Paul Shirley.....	Saltsburg, Pennsylvania
†	Stephanie Michelle Sims.....	Dublin, Ohio
†	Amber Noelle Slezak.....	Akron, Ohio
†	Molly Jacqueline Smith.....	Kettering, Ohio
	Joshua James Werling.....	Burkettsville, Ohio
	Robert M. Wilkins.....	Boise, Idaho
	David J. Williams.....	Sunbury, Ohio
*††	Phillip Thomas Yuhas.....	Solon, Ohio
*	David Michael Zigler.....	Upper Arlington, Ohio
†	Adam William Zurkey.....	Avon Lake, Ohio
* Indicates students completing both Doctor of Optometry and Master of Science in Vision Science programs.		
† Indicates four-year members of Beta Sigma Kappa.		
‡ Indicates Student Fellows, American Academy of Optometry.		



Jamz Porzio (OD'14) leading the class in singing *Carmen Ohio*



Dr. Karla Zadnik hooding **Ann Morrison (OD'14)**



Erin Rueff (OD'12, MS'14) receiving her Master's hood from advisor **Melissa Bailey (OD/MS'01, PhD'04)**



Dean Melvin Shipp and **Phil Yuh** (OD/MS'14)

David Zigler (OD'14) and J.P. Maszczak (OD'05)

Dave Williams (OD'14) and Greg Nixon (OD'96)

Joan Nerdeman (RN, OD'86) and Blake Powell (OD'14)

Awards of the Evening

Patient Care Excellence Award

Sponsored by Safilo & Canela Software

David J. Williams (OD'14)

Advanced Ocular Care Award

Sponsored by Beaver-Visitec International and Volk Optical Inc.

David Michael Zigler (OD'14)

Daniel William Grangaard (OD'14)

Community Outreach Award for Clinical Excellence

Sponsored by Select Optical

Blake Gordon Powell (OD'14)

Vision Therapy Award

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

Ann Morrison (OD'14)

Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Clinical Excellence Award

The Good-Lite Co. and the OSU College of Optometry Faculty

Lisa Draper (OD'14)

GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award

Sponsored by GPLI and the OSU College of Optometry Faculty

Laura Gudenkauf (OD'14)

Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care

Sponsored by Vistakon and the American Optometric Foundation

Stephanie Pisano (OD'14)

Hoya Vision Care Nexus Award

Adam William Zurkey (OD'14)

Interstate Optical Nexus Award

Alanna Kimberly Kirk (OD'14)

Rooney Optical Nexus Award

Troy Joseph Mysliwicz (OD'14)

Shamir Insight Dispensing Award

Danielle Nicole Lanzer (OD'14)

VSP Labs Dispensing Award

Brianne Rene' Clymer (OD'14)

Ziess Dispensing Award

Andrew Joseph Rothstein (OD'14)

Toledo Optical Dispensing Award

Lauren Kelsey Haverly (OD'14)

Luxottica Dispensing Award

Nevin Wadie El-Nimri (OD/MS'14)

Dispensing and Practice Management Award of Excellence

Michelle Quinn (OD'14)

Optelec and ShopLowVision.com Low Vision Clinical Excellence Award

Sponsored by Optelec and ShopLowVision.com

Timothy Daniel Mack (OD'14)

Kaitlynn Taylor Bock (OD'14)

Eschenbach Award for Excellence in Low Vision

Sponsored by Eschenbach Optik of America

Stephanie Michelle Sims (OD'14)

OSU Low Vision Practice Excellence Awards

Sponsored by a grateful OSU patient

Rachel Lee Rothstein (OD'14)

Danielle Nicole Lanzer (OD'14)

William Feinbloom and OSU Low Vision Award

Sponsored by Designs for Vision and a grateful OSU patient

Jay Lytle (OD'14)

2014 Graduate of the Year

Phillip Thomas Yuhas (OD/MS'14)



Members of Gold Key International Optometric Honor Society (L to R): **Adam Zurkey (OD'14)**, **Stephanie Sims (OD'14)**, **Dave Jancaro (OD'14)**, **Ellen Clines (OD'14)**, **Phil Yuhas (OD/MS'14)**, **Greg Nixon (OD'96)**, **Justine O'Dell (OD'14)**, **Laura Gudenkauf (OD'14)**, **Molly Smith (OD'14)**, **Ann Morrison (OD'14)**, and **Dan Grangaard (OD'14)**



Eyewear Gallery Award Winners (L to R): **Nevin El-Nimri (OD/MS'14)**, **Adam Zurkey (OD'14)**, **Troy Mysliwiec (OD'14)**, **Brianne Clymer (OD'14)**, **Michelle Quinn (OD'14)**, **Andrew Rothstein (OD'14)**, **Jeff Rohlf**, **Lauren Haverly (OD'14)**, **Alanna Kirk (OD'14)**, and **Danielle Lanzer (OD'14)**



Andrew Emch (OD/MS'08) and **Laura Gudenkauf (OD'14)**



Lisa Draper (OD'14), **Cayti McDaniels (OD/MS'08)** and **Ann Morrison (OD'14)**



Roanne Flom, OD, **Jay Lytle (OD'14)**, and **Greg Hopkins (OD'10, MS'14)**



Danielle Lanzer (OD'14) and **Kaitlynn Bock (OD'14)**

Dr. Melissa Bailey receives Big Idea Award

by Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center's "Big IDEAs 4 Health" competition attracted over 90 applications for a chance to win a \$10,000 cash prize. After weeks of intense competition, the judges selected **Melissa D. Bailey (OD/MS'01, PhD'04)** for her concept of using current iPad software to perform an inexpensive and portable eye exam for patients with limited access to basic quality eye care, primarily in third world settings. She told the judges that her idea came after she realized the current iPad technology contained all of the basics needed for an eye-alignment exam: a camera, a computer, and a light source.

After she was chosen for the award, Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD said:

"Finalists from four previous rounds of competition presented new healthcare product, service, or company ideas on a variety of topics, including MRI, solid tumor surgery, and children's safety. Dr. Bailey spent innumerable hours to invent a software application for use on a mobile device that will allow healthcare practitioners to make many different measurements of the eye, including a refraction estimate and a new, automated measurement of eye alignment. Part of her



Melissa with the Big IDEAS for Health judges panel.

presentation foretold a future where the 163 million people worldwide who are visually impaired for want of a refraction and pair of spectacles would benefit greatly from her invention.

In the final round of competition, she was poised, enthusiastic, and just downright smart and clearly impressed the panel of judges."

Dr. Bailey is currently an associate professor at the college; her research interests include evaluating the role of the ciliary muscle in the development of myopia, ciliary muscle contraction in accommodative function in children, and developing new technologies for improving eye care. In 2012, she received the Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award from the American Academy of Optometry, which recognizes an outstanding young researcher who has shown exceptional promise to conduct independent research.

Congratulations Dr. Bailey!

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Open House & Career Day

Saturday, October 25 1:00 - 4:30pm

College Tours – 1:00 - 3:50 p.m.

Current optometry students will give tours of the clinics and academic areas of the college starting at 1:00 p.m. The last tour will begin at 3:50 p.m.

Admission, Financial Aid, and Career
Information Sessions – 1:10 & 2:45 p.m.

Find out about admission requirements, application process, and career paths.

Student Organization Exhibits

Learn about student life in the college and opportunities for leadership and professional development.



Major National Eye Institute (NEI) GRANTS AWARDED

by Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)

Recently, the National Eye Institute (NEI) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded two grants to faculty at The Ohio State University College of Optometry.

The Bifocal Lenses In Nearsighted Kids Study (BLINK)

The purpose of this investigation is to determine whether commercially available soft bifocal contact lenses slow the progression of nearsightedness in children. Nearly 300 children between the ages of 7 and 11 years will be enrolled and randomly assigned to wear soft contact lenses with no reading power, soft contact lenses with medium reading power, or soft contact lenses with strong reading power.

This is a five-year study funded for approximately \$7.5 million dollars. **Jeffrey Walline (OD, MS'98, PhD'02)** is the study chair, Donald Mutti, OD, PhD is the Ohio State clinic principal investigator, **David Berntsen (OD, MS'04, PhD'09)** is the University of Houston clinic principal investigator and Lisa Jones-Jordon, PhD is the principal investigator of the study data coordinating center which is located at the college. The investigators plan to begin enrollment this summer and complete recruitment in the next year.

For more information, contact Dr. Walline at walline.1@osu.edu.



BLINK Study Personnel:

Jill Myers, Clinic Coordinator; Kimberly Shaw, Study Coordinator; **Jeffrey Walline (OD, PhD'02)**, Study Chair; **Gilbert Pierce (OD'89, PhD'94)**, Unmasked Examiner; and Donald Mutti OD, PhD, Clinic Principal Investigator

Convergence Insufficiency Treatment Trial – Attention and Reading Trial (CITT – ART)

The Convergence Insufficiency Treatment Trial - Attention and Reading Trial (CITT-ART) is a multicenter, placebo-controlled, five-year clinical trial designed to evaluate the effects of treatment for symptomatic convergence insufficiency (CI) on measures of reading performance and attention in children. The college is one of eight participating optometric or ophthalmologic centers. In this trial, 324 children aged 9 to 13 years with symptomatic CI will be randomly assigned to 16 weeks of: 1) office-based vergence/ accommodative therapy with home-reinforcement or 2) office-based placebo therapy. After 16 weeks of treatment, the

primary outcome measures of reading comprehension and attention will be assessed by examiners masked to treatment group. This five-year study is funded for \$8 million dollars. **Marjean Kulp (OD'91, MS'93)** is the Ohio State clinical principal investigator. In addition, faculty member Lynn Mitchell, MAS will serve as the principal investigator of the Data Coordinating Center which is located at the college. The full Ohio State team is pictured below. Enrollment for the study will begin in August 2014 and will continue for three years. For more information, contact Dr. Kulp at kulp.6@osu.edu.



CITT-ART Study Personnel:

Nancy Stevens - Coordinator; **Julie Preston (OD'85, MS'93, PhD'98, MEd)** - Masked Examiner for Attention and Reading Testing; **Andrew Toole (OD'97, MS'00, PhD'08)** - Vision Therapist; **Marjean Kulp (OD'91, MS'93)** - principal investigator; **Tamara Oechslein, (OD/MS'11)** - Vision Therapist; **Cayti McDaniel (OD/MS'08)** - Masked Examiner; **Michelle Buckland (OD'06, MS'08)** - Masked Examiner; and **Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)** - Masked Examiner

Pelotonia 14

by Kerry Gastineau



(L to R): Shane Mulvihill ('16), Amanda Eilerman ('16), and Ryan Lange ('16)

Pelotonia is a multi-day fundraising bike ride to support cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center- James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. Over the last several years, Pelotonia has raised over \$67 million. In 2014, more than 6700 riders have helped to raise \$6.1 million. Students at the college have created a team to ride in Pelotonia 2014, and we highlight two of them here.

Melissa Eckes

Year in school: 1st year

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Team name: The Rolling Eyes

When did you begin to ride: I started riding/training about four months before Pelotonia 2013. I hadn't biked very much before that.

Reason to ride: I signed up for Pelotonia because it was one way I knew I could help with the fight against cancer. I'm healthy and young and really have no excuse not to. When I originally registered I hadn't personally been affected by cancer. Two months before the ride, my grandpa was diagnosed with mouth cancer, and then a month later my grandma was diagnosed with lung cancer. At that point I knew Pelotonia was something I wanted to continuously be involved with. I am riding this year in memory of my grandma and in honor of my grandpa who is still fighting.

First Pelotonia ride experience story: It was an amazing experience. Countless volunteers help and people cheer you the entire way. About two hours into



the ride, there were a lot of hills and I was getting pretty tired. I remember praying that I was getting close to a rest stop when an older man biked past me with a shirt that said "Survivor". I thought, if this man survived cancer and is now able to ride Pelotonia with a smile on his face, then so can I. He gave me the inspiration I needed to keep going.

How do you get in shape: I'm currently training for a half marathon, but I also like to swim and bike.

How did you select a bike: I borrowed a friend's bike last year. This year a family friend is loaning me her brand new top-of-the-line bike!

Unusual Pelotonia ride details: Some of the rest stops actually had gummy bears, which are my absolute favorite food!

Favorites:

Ice cream: Blue Moo Cookie Dough

Drink: Coffee for school, but tea when I actually get enough sleep

Restaurant: Red Lobster

Book: Anything by Dan Brown

Movie: Titanic

Daily Inspiration: Whenever I get stressed or overloaded I just take a deep breath and remember to take things one step at a time.

Shane Mulvihill

Year in school: 3rd year

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Team name: The Rolling Eyes

When did you begin to ride: I began riding seriously last year to train for my first Pelotonia ride.

Reason to ride: After working in cancer research the year before optometry school, I saw the vital need for funding. Many labs have dynamite ideas but no way to carry out the research. I have seen how the money is used and I know that every dollar raised will make a difference. The research being done right here at Ohio State has the power to save lives.

First Pelotonia ride experience story: I will never forget riding down High Street, lined shoulder to shoulder with people cheering and encouraging all of the riders. I have never felt the love and support from complete strangers in such a way before. The goodness in people is what I carry with me from that day.

How do you get in shape: Ride a lot! Start small and keep going. Try going to a spin class.

How did you select a bike: I went to a bike store and found a new bike in an old model year that was on sale.



Many people find used bikes at the bike stores or even online.

Any riding mishap stories: One of the people riding with us blew a tire about a mile after the halfway point. We waited for quite some time to be "rescued" by the safety team. Once they arrived we were back on the road in no time.

Unusual Pelotonia ride details: The most interesting thing is how much you can eat mid-ride. They have all the food laying out at each rest stop, and you just want to eat it all!

Favorites:

Ice cream: Butter Pecan

Drink: Coca Cola

Restaurant: Fricano's Pizza in Grand Haven, Michigan

Book: To Kill a Mockingbird

Movie: Star Wars

Childhood Memory: Family trip to the Kennedy Space Center.

Daily Inspiration: My family and friends



BAILEY MEDALS PRESENTED

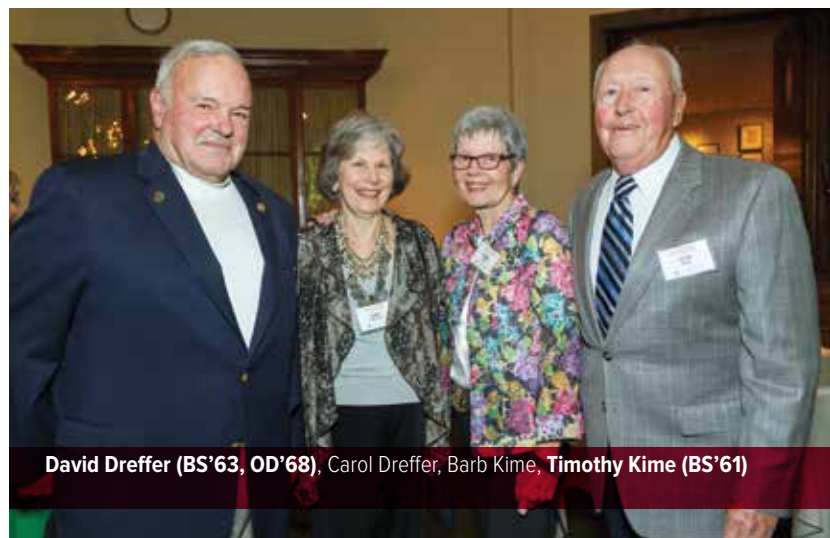
Jeffrey Myers (OD'84), Janet Barr, Joseph Barr (OD'77, MS'79) and Richard Weslbarth (OD'80)

by Rachel Childress

In May, the College of Optometry held the first Neal Bailey Medalist Dinner, celebrating 10 new inductees into the prestigious group of exceptional philanthropists. The dinner was held at The Ohio State University Faculty Club, where Dean-elect Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD and Jeffrey Myers (OD'84), College Capital Campaign Chair presented the medal, recognizing individuals who have personally given a cumulative amount of \$50,000 and corporate or foundation supporters who have given \$250,000 to the college. The culture of giving here at the college continues to grow and Neal Bailey (BS'47, PhD'54) would be proud.



Emeritus Dean Richard Hill, OD, PhD, Lee Hill, Vylee Garstick, **James Garstick (BS'51)**



David Dreffer (BS'63, OD'68), Carol Dreffer, Barb Kime, **Timothy Kime (BS'61)**

These are the celebrated alumni and friends inducted that evening.



Alcon – Alcon has been supporting the college for nearly 25 years with many different areas of interest. Most recently, their "Partners in Education" gift provides for our preceptor conference, student support, and faculty development. **Rick Weisbarth (OD'80)** attended the event and accepted the award on Alcon's behalf. The medal was re-presented to David Sattler of Alcon at Optometry's Meeting in June.



Forrest (BS'51) & Shirley Baillie – Dr. Baillie began making gifts to the college in 1958 and has given nearly every year since. His giving is particularly unique because he has made many gifts to a number of optometry funds throughout the years, never choosing just one to support. Dr. Baillie is the third alumnus from the class of 1951 to be recognized with a Bailey Medal. The others are **Jim Garstick (BS'51)** and **Ralph Miller (BS'51)**. We'd like to know what took place in that class to inspire such a wonderful philanthropic spirit!



John (OD'75) & Cheryl (OD'84) Archer – The Archers were able to make an impact in two important areas of the college, scholarship and facility. They created a new endowed scholarship providing one need-based scholarship for an incoming student from the state of Ohio. The first scholarship will be awarded in the coming year. They also have named the student lounge in the newly renovated Pre-clinic, where many of our students study and relax.



Joseph (OD'77, MS'79) & Janet Barr – Dr. Barr taught for many years at the college and then moved on to Bausch + Lomb. He will return to the college this fall. In the past couple of years, Dr. Barr has been awarded both the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Optometry Alumni & Friends and The Ohio State University Alumni Association's Ralph Davenport Mershon Award for exceptional leadership and service to Ohio State. In 2013 he partnered with **Mary Jo Stiegemeier (OD'83)** to create The Dr. Joe Barr and Dr. Mary Jo Stiegemeier Endowed Fund for the Advancement of Cornea and Contact Lens Education in the College of Optometry, supporting the research of one graduate student in the College of Optometry who demonstrates specific interest in enhancing his or her cornea or contact lens education and knowledge.



Rick (OD'79) & Mary Elizabeth Billman

– Dr. Billman has been giving back to the college for a number of years, making a significant commitment to the Raise the Roof campaign, and then establishing an endowed scholarship. The Richard and Mary Elizabeth Billman scholarship provides one scholarship to a student who demonstrates financial need and academic promise. It will provide an award for this first time in the 2014-15 academic year.



Timothy (BS'61) & Barb Kime

– Last fall, Dr. and Mrs. Kime made a commitment to name the new classroom in the renovated Pre-clinic for Emeritus Dean Frederick Hebbard, PhD. At the grand opening of the space, they had the opportunity to celebrate with Dr. Hebbard as the gift was announced. This act of generosity and recognition has allowed the college to reconnect with Dr. Hebbard, and we owe our gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Kime.



Richard & Leonora Hill

– Emeritus Dean Richard Hill, OD, PhD has been making gifts to the college for 49 years. In 2013, he and his wife established a new fund to provide an annual lecture series in vision science and research. Plans are underway to hold the inaugural lecture in spring of 2015.



Marco

– In past years, Marco has loaned the college many different instruments, helping to outfit multiple exam lanes. 'Gifts in Kind' are always a welcome way for us to strategically partner with our corporate friends. Alyson Roby attended the event to accept the award on behalf of Marco.



28 SUMMER 2014 **Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92), Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH), and Forrest Baillie (BS'51)**



Barbara Fink (OD, MS'85, PhD'87) and Joyce Myers



OSU Alumni and Friends – OAF began as an organization to bring about a closer fellowship among graduates, students, faculty and friends of the College of Optometry; to promote relations between the college and the Alumni Association; to provide a forum for members to voice their feelings relative to matters at the College of Optometry; and to promote the advancement of The Ohio State University. President **Roger Saneholtz (OD'74)** was not able to attend the celebration. OAF board member **Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)** accepted the award on the organization's behalf.



VSP Ohio – This group was formed when Vision Service Plan (VSP) became a national organization and moved their headquarters to California. A few doctors, who also happened to be our alumni, had the ability to make many significant gifts to the college with the funding that remained. We thank **Terry Daniel (OD'70)**, **David Dreffer (BS'63, OD'68)**, and **Jim Kuhlman (BS'64, OD'76)** for making the college a priority. Their most significant gift allowed the creation of the VSP Chair for the Advancement of Professional Practice. The inaugural holder of this chair was **Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)** and upon his retirement, the Chair was awarded to **Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)**. Dr. Dreffer was in attendance to accept the medal.

There are six additional award recipients this year that were not able to join us in May. They are listed below, and we will highlight them throughout the year as we are able to present their awards.

Carl Zeiss Meditec

The EF Wildermuth Foundation

Latham & Philips Ophthalmic Products

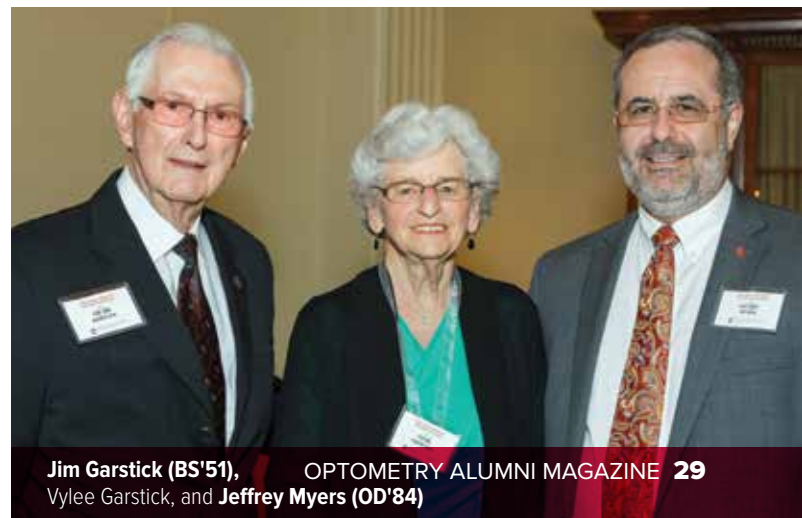
Gerald (BS'66, OD'67, MS'69, PhD'72) & Andrya Lowther

Reichert Technologies

Vistakon



Joanne Manning, **Bruce Manning (OD'81)**, **Cheryl Archer (OD'84)**, and **John Archer (OD'75)**



Jim Garstick (BS'51), **Vylee Garstick**, and **Jeffrey Myers (OD'84)**



PRE-CLINIC Spaces Named

by Rachel Childress

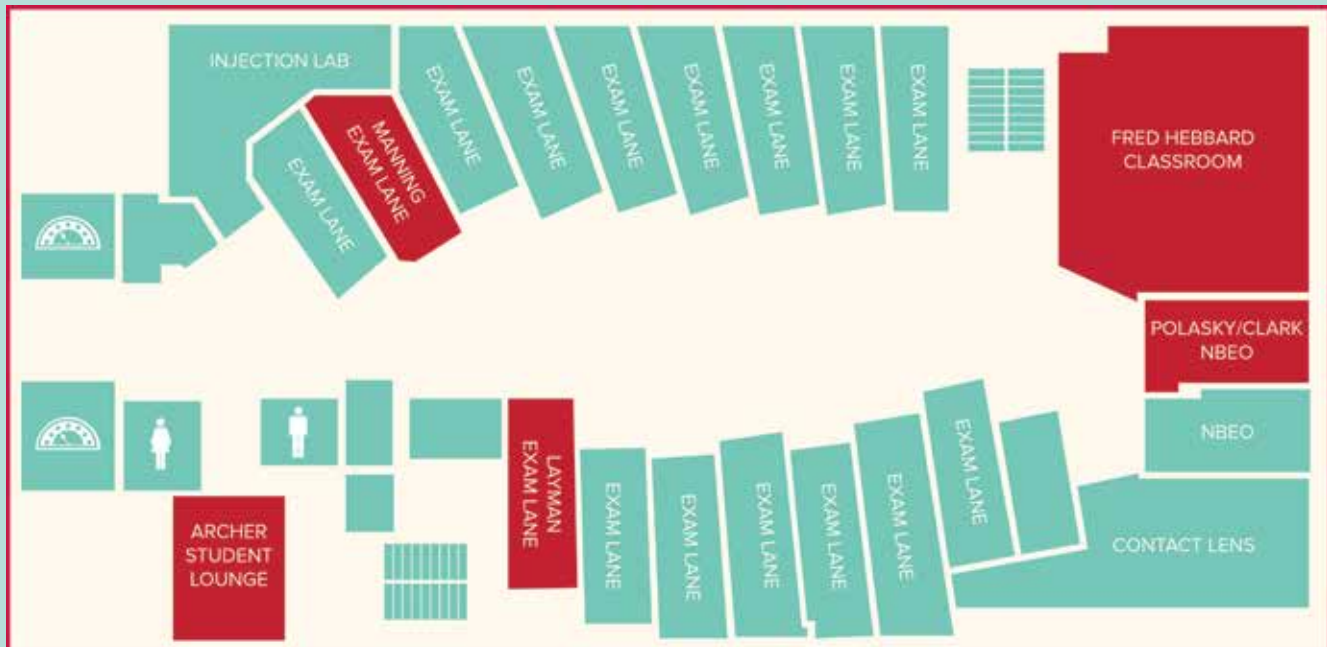
Each time people walk through the newly renovated Pre-clinic for the first time, it is evident that they are excited to see how the second floor of Fry Hall has changed to create a first class learning environment that is utilized by our current students 24/7. Alumni in particular are amazed at the transformation of the old space. These new exam rooms, classrooms and other spaces provide naming opportunities for our alumni and friends to leave a legacy in this beautiful facility. In the last issue of the BuckEYE magazine, we highlighted the first group of donors, in this issue we are celebrating two more.

Dr. Robert Layman

Robert Layman (OD'82) is a familiar name to many in the optometric community. He and his wife Barbara live in Toledo, and Dr. Layman practices just over the state line in Lambertville, Michigan. A few months ago he came to the college to lecture to some students. While he was here, Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD gave him a quick tour of the new floor and he said he might like to be involved. In April, the Laymans hosted an alumni dinner and shared their decision to name an exam room and the importance of giving back so that today's students can continue to receive a top-notch education.

Drs. John and Cheryl Archer

John (OD'75) and Cheryl (OD'84) Archer are also well-known alumni from the northwest corner of the state, practicing in Lima and Bowling Green. In February, Dr. John attended the Pre-Clinic grand opening and was able to tour the space and chat with a few others that had made naming commitments. Following that event, the Archers decided that it was time to do something for the college that had given them so much. The Archers made a unique decision; they created a scholarship and found a naming opportunity that fit their interests. The Archers decided that the Pre-clinic student lounge was the space that meant the most to them, and it now bears their names.



Pre-Clinic floorplan as of July 2014



The Layman Pre-Clinic Exam Room



The Archer Pre-Clinic Student Lounge

We thank both the Laymans and Archers for their generosity, and we hope others will consider doing the same. Naming opportunities don't come along too often in Fry Hall, but we still have some remaining spaces in this fantastic new pre-clinic space. Consider how you might like to leave your legacy at The Ohio State University and the future of optometry.

ALUMS, FACULTY RECOGNIZED

at Optometry's Meeting

by Jeffrey Myers (OD'84)



Three members of the college community were honored with recognitions at Optometry's Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in June. **Gil Pierce (OD'89, MS'92, PhD'94)** received the Optometric Educator of the Year Award from the American Optometric Association (AOA). **Arol Augsburg (OD/MS'71)** and Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD were inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame.

Dr. Pierce did his undergraduate work at Miami University where he was a cross country star, racing into the NCAA finals his junior year. He was recognized by the AOA for his extraordinary efforts as a caring mentor of our future colleagues. His living example of service and inclusion of students in activities have influenced several to take on leadership roles in various organizations. Part of his message to students is "You can change things. You can make a difference."

He is a past president of the Ohio Optometric Association, served on the AOA Publication and Education Committee, and previously chaired the AOA Faculty Relations Committee. He has been recognized with the Herbert G. Mote Distinguished Faculty Award three times, in 1994, 2002, and 2007, by the members of Epsilon Psi Epsilon. American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) members at the college recognized him with the AOSA Faculty Member of the Year Award in 2007.

Dr. Augsburg was admitted to the National Optometry Hall of Fame, recognizing him for his legislative efforts in Ohio, Alabama, and Illinois, where he has been an integral element of the passage

of legislation expanding the scope of optometric practice. His ground-breaking work on horizontal gaze nystagmus changed the standard for field sobriety testing. He served the college for 22 years, achieving the rank of professor of clinical optometry. For six years, he served as dean of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), School of Optometry, and later served as interim provost for UAB. Since 2002, he has been the president of the Illinois College of Optometry. He is a past president of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry and the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry.

He has also been recognized with the Herbert G. Mote Distinguished Faculty Award three times, in 1976, 1982, and 1986 by the members of Epsilon Psi Epsilon. Three state optometric associations, Ohio in 1985, Alabama in 2000, and Illinois in 2007, as well as the American Optometric Association in 1986 have presented their Optometrist of the Year award to him. Additionally, the American Optometric Association presented its Distinguished Service Award to him in 2008. He was elected a Distinguished Scholar of the National Academies of Practice in 1997. Dr. Augsburg's talent in building interdisciplinary relationships has been recognized by the National Academies of Practice with their Nicholas Andrew Cummings Award in 2000 and the American Academy of Optometry with their Carel C. Koch Award in 2001. In 2011, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Optometry Alumni and Friends.

Dr. Zadnik grew up in Stow, Ohio, the granddaughter of William J. Henry, a local optometrist. She was admitted to the National Optometry Hall of Fame, recognizing



American Optometric Association President Mitchell Munson, OD presents the Optometric Educator of the Year Award to **Gil Pierce (OD'89, MS'92, PhD'94)**



Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD giving remarks after her induction into the National Optometry Hall of Fame



Arol Augsburg (OD/MS'71) giving remarks after his induction into the National Optometry Hall of Fame

her for her achievements in research and substantial involvement in the American Academy of Optometry. She has been on faculty at the college since 1996 achieving the rank of professor and is the Glenn A. Fry Professor in Optometry and Physiological Optics. She was named dean of the college last fall, after serving as associate dean for ten years and interim dean for 6 months, and assumed the role in June.

She has been recognized by numerous organizations throughout optometry. These include: Young Optometrist of the Year by the California Optometric Association in 1989; the Glenn A. Fry Award from the American Optometric Foundation in 1995; being elected a Distinguished Scholar of the National Academies of Practice in 1998; the Galileo Award from the American Foundation for Vision Awareness in 1998; being named the Alumnus of the Year in 2006 by the University of California, Berkeley Optometry Alumni Association; delivering the 2009 Max Shapero Memorial Lecture for the American Academy of Optometry Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies; the Dr. Donald R. Korb Award for Excellence from the American Optometric Association Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses; being named the Warren G. and Ruth P. Morris Optometrist of the Year in 2009 by the Ohio Optometric Association; and receiving the Distinguished Scholar Award in 2010 from The Ohio State University.

UNIVERSITY RECOGNITION

for the Committee for Inclusion and Diversity

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

Members of the Committee for Inclusion and Diversity at the Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Awards luncheon at the Faculty Club. Front row: Valerie Lee, PhD, Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Chief Diversity Officer, Vice President for Outreach and Engagement; LaShanda Coleman, MS; Justin Griest, MEd; **Barbara Fink (OD, MS'85, PhD'87)**; Vondolee Delgado-Nixon, PhD; Peggy Buckman. Back row: Melvin Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH; **Jeffrey Walline (OD, MS'98, PhD'02)**; **Jackie Davis (OD'81, MPH)**; and Joseph E. Steinmetz, PhD, Executive Vice President & Provost.

As its name implies, the mission of the Committee for Inclusion and Diversity (C-ID) is directed toward improving diversity at the College of Optometry, fostering a welcoming environment at the College of Optometry, and supporting equity and cultural competency. The name itself, however, cannot convey how zealously the members of this active committee have worked to identify critical diversity issues, formulate diversity goals, develop strategies and activities that support those goals, and analyze and track progress in achieving those goals.

In April, C-ID was recognized for its hard work by being selected as the recipient of this year's Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award presented by the University Senate Committee on Diversity and Office of Human Resources. Recipients were honored with a plaque and a \$1,200 honorarium, and they will be recognized at halftime on October 18 at the Ohio State Buckeyes vs. Rutgers Scarlet Knights football game.

Chaired by **Barbara Fink (OD, MS'85, PhD'87)**, the current membership includes: Peggy Buckman; LaShanda Coleman, MS; **Jackie Davis (OD'81, MPH)**; Justin Griest, MEd; G. Lynn Mitchell, MAS; and Kim Oyer.

The C-ID carries out specific strategies to enhance the following areas:

- Recruitment of underrepresented students—through a series of career camps, middle and high school outreach, community outreach, and on-site workshops



Presentation of the Distinguished Diversity Enhancement Award to the Committee for Inclusion and Diversity: Valerie Lee, PhD, Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Chief Diversity Officer, Vice President for Outreach and Engagement; **Barbara Fink (OD, MS'85, PhD'87)**; Joseph E. Steinmetz, PhD, Executive Vice President & Provost.

- Retention of underrepresented students—through events such as a new student dinner, autumn picnic, career conversations, and farewell induction dinner for graduating underrepresented students
- Diversity of faculty and staff—including work on search and appointment committees and human resources
- Fostering a welcoming environment—by encouraging self-reflection through workshops, discussion groups, and diversity speakers
- Improving cultural competency—through workshops and classroom experiences that address attitudes and anti-bias training, international clinic days, service learning initiatives, and skits or role-playing.



WHITE COAT CEREMONY 2014

The College of Optometry celebrated its 13th Annual White Coat Ceremony in May. The event marks the milestone at which first year students receive their official white clinic coats in preparation for seeing patients. This year's ceremony had the highest attendance to date, with 500 attendees. The ceremony was held in the Performance Hall at the Ohio Union with then Dean-elect, Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, presiding as mistress of ceremonies. The honorees were presented with some advice from several notable speakers at the ceremony. Speakers included: Emeritus Professor **Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)**; Optometry Alumni & Friends President, **Roger Saneholtz (OD'74)**; and Ohio Optometric Association President-Elect, **Terri Gossard (OD/MS'96)**.

The honorees were presented with their coats by Don Mutti, OD, PhD, and Heather Chandler, PhD. One, **Kirstie Roehm ('17)** posed for a selfie with them!

Several of the students were "coated" by their own family members who are optometrists, adding to the celebration. Highlights included **Petr Boshinski ('17)** with parents **William (OD'84)** and **Debra (OD'83) Boshinski**, **Thomas Bouscher ('17)** with mom, **Karen Bouscher (OD'92)**, and **Danielle Orr ('17)** with great-aunt, Dr. Zadnik. The last celebrity "coating" was a story for the ages. **Will Tuten (OD/MS'09)** came on stage to assist his little brother, **Weston Tuten ('17)**, but Weston's coat was nowhere to be found. Classmate **Winston Posvar ('17)** approached the stage, shedding his own coat as he walked, to "loan" the Tuten brothers his coat for ceremonial purposes. The ceremony ranged from "selfie" to "selfless," and Ohio State Optometry's faithful in the audience shed more than a few tears along the way.

The White Coat Ceremony is generously sponsored by Dr. Robert Newcomb, Optometry Alumni & Friends, the Ohio Optometric Association, and Vision Service Plan.



Class president **Elizabeth Brubaker ('17)** takes flight



The Brothers Tuten



Derrick Forney ('17) helped by Dr. Chandler

On stage with time for a selfie (L to R):
Heather Chandler, PhD; **Kirsti Roehm ('17)**; and Don Mutti, OD PhD



The other view



GOLDEN Buckeye



Jack Kepple (BS'62) in Haiti

Reflections from our Golden Buckeyes!

John C. (Jack) Kepple (BS'62)

Dr. Kepple has many fond memories of Ohio State and the School of Optometry that he would not want to embarrass anyone by sharing. He retired in 2010 after 47 years in practice, three of which were in the U. S. Navy. Since his retirement, he has continued practicing optometry on a humanitarian basis locally and on Indian reservations in South Dakota. He has been to Haiti several times and spent some time in Ethiopia in 2013. Most of the patients that he examined in third-world countries, regardless of age, had never had an eye examination. He saw advanced pathologic conditions, unlike any that he had seen in his practice.

Currently, Dr. Kepple is volunteering with RAM (Remote Area Medical) to provide eye care in the poverty-stricken areas of the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. For him, it is most rewarding to "give back". In addition to the continued eye care, he is a volunteer for Hospice, Water Street Mission, the Food Bank, and Pet Pantry. He also enjoys spending time with his family at the New Jersey shore.



SAVE THE DATE

September 2014: CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Friday, September 5th

6:00PM Centennial
Celebration Dinner

Saturday, September 6th

9:00AM CE at the College of Optometry

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October 2014: REUNION WEEKEND

Friday, October 17th

5:30PM Class Reunion

Reception at the Blackwell Hotel

7:00PM Distinguished Alumni Awards

Dinner at the Blackwell Hotel

Distinguished Alumnus:

Richard Ball (BS'55 PhD)

Early Professional Achievement Award:

Jason Miller (OD'99)

Saturday, October 18th

12:30PM *Tailgate in Fry Hall*

3:30PM Rutgers vs. Buckeyes
Football Game

Sunday, October 19th

TIME TBA- 50th Reunion Brunch

*hosted by President Drake
at The Ohio Union*

(invitation issued by President's Office)

Classes celebrating reunions:

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

*If you have questions, please feel free to contact
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1963 Clifton Hyre (OD'63) enjoys traveling with his wife. They have visited nearly 100 countries and have been to all continents. They love to hike, read, and enjoy family activities. Son, **Craig Hyre (OD'89)** is now caring for the patients at the Hyre practice.

1984 Roger F. Filips (OD'84) is in formation to become a Roman Catholic Deacon.

2002 Heather Cimino (OD'02) welcomed baby boy, Rocco Salvatore on July 24, 2013.

2005 Laura Young (OD/MS'05) is owner of Premier Family EyeCare. She is married to husband Nick Young, RN and has two children. Laura enjoys living and practicing in Indian Trail, NC.



Three generations of optometry

L-R William Grange, BS 1951 (Northern Illinois College of Optometry); Margaret Grange, OD 2014 (Indiana University School of Optometry), and **Thomas Grange (OD'84)**. Dr. Margaret will be joining her father in practice this summer.



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The Ohio State University College of Optometry

2014 Reunion Weekend



Recent optometry grads with new Ohio State President Michael V. Drake, MD in Washington D.C. Shown with Dr. Drake from left **Milda Bandza (OD'14)**, **Lauren Haverly (OD'14)**, **Jessica Giesey (OD'14)**, and **Kaitlynn Bock (OD'14)**



Student News

Optometry Alumni and Friends (OAF) annually offers financial assistance to one third year student who will travel to North Carolina to take the National Board of Examiners in Optometry clinical exam. **Loni Dickerhoof ('15)** from Clinton, Ohio is the recipient of the OAF award of \$625 for 2014-15. Loni is the daughter of **Rose Dickerhoof (OD'85)**.

Congratulations Dr. Fink!

Barbara Fink (OD, MS'85, PhD'87), associate professor of optometry and vision science and chair of the college's Diversity Enhancement Committee was awarded the 2014 Dr. Jack Bennett Innovation in Optometric Education Award from the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry. She was recognized for developing workshops in cultural competency to assist the schools and colleges of optometry in the implementation of the ASCO Curriculum Guidelines for Culturally Competent Eye and Vision Care.



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