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DEAN'S LETTER

"We are a living, breathing, changing, and growing theatre, with a future still to discover."

—Angus Bowmer



Greetings from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival! Mr. Bowmer founded the Festival in 1935. It has grown to true regional repertory theater in southern Oregon with a performance schedule of 11 productions every year between February and November. There are three theaters welcoming 400,000 audience members annually, and the Festival has presented the entire Shakespearean canon a total of four times across its history.

I just got back from my 22nd consecutive trip there—every summer since I moved to Columbus. I met my sister, niece, and one of my daughters there, and we saw seven plays. We were thrilled by the stagecraft in *The Odyssey*, including a dog “puppet” made out of crumpled brown paper and suitors incapacitated by punctured sandbags from above, and were delighted by a

stock-in-trade Disney’s *Beauty and the Beast*. A (non-controversial) production of *Julius Caesar* featured choreographed battles to depict the unrelenting political violence in the second act, and we wept over *Mojada: A Medea in Los Angeles*. We also talked and talked and talked, perhaps as only a group of four women can—about work, family, crafting, food, and the meaning of life. We reminisced about our late parents/grandparents. We planned future vacations and recalled past ones. We waited while my daughter got news that the puppy she wants to adopt will be hers! We debated the plays we liked and talked (even more) about a play we didn’t enjoy—why didn’t we like it, what exactly was wrong, why did other people in the same audience give it a standing ovation?

This annual pilgrimage with women I love to a venue I love reminds me of what makes life worth living. Whatever you engage in—work, art, sports, hobbies, just plain fun—do so fully. Whatever you do, do your best at it. Take the best care of your patients. Give your family and friends all you can. Bring your best self to every occasion (and take breaks when you cannot do that).

The people I work most closely with at the college embody this philosophy. Last month, we opened a practice in the Wexner Medical Center’s new primary care facility in Upper Arlington. Led by **Greg Nixon (OD’96)**, the team of staff and faculty that produced a beautiful suite of three examination rooms and an optical dispensary worked long and hard for months—all in addition to their other responsibilities. We now have a nascent private practice in partnership with the Medical Center that will be staffed by one optometrist supervising fourth year students. It is an exciting venture for us!

So wherever you find yourself, put yourself “all in.” We do.

Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD

Dean

Glenn A. Fry Professor in Optometry and Physiological Optics

Summer 2017



Hello, fellow Buckeyes!

For this issue's President's Letter, I would like to pose the question, "Going forward, what do you want your Optometry Alumni Society to be for you?" The Ohio State University Alumni Association has recently made a number of innovative, beneficial changes, through which it hopes to stimulate its member societies to become even more engaged with their respective alumni, and is backing up that stimulus with a number of resources.

Some ideas might include wine or beer tasting events, with central Ohio providing myriad opportunities with its many microbreweries and locally owned and operated wineries. As an aside, the OSUAA website even suggests a title for a wine tasting event, "Scarlet and Grapes."

Other possibilities could have a more athletic bent, such as a bowling night. Arranging a group outing to sporting events – the Clippers or Crew come to mind, as well as various Ohio State sports – would be another idea. A Buckeye Watch Party for a selected road game also might be an event to consider in the future for our Society.

For those with a more artistic bent, maybe a day at the Wexner Center and/or the Columbus Museum of Art along with an associated social reception would be a possibility. Optometry at a Picnic with the Pops could also fall into this type of gathering.

Unlike geographical clubs, our Society has the additional challenge of engaging a membership that is truly national. While there is the possibility of setting up "Buckeye Optometry on the Road" events, for the most part we would generally be focused in Ohio and surrounding areas, except when optometric conferences afford the opportunity for greater outreach.

Needless to say, these are just ideas – conversation starters, really – as your Society works to improve our outreach with our colleagues. I welcome and encourage your ideas. We are your Society, so I would like to hear your comments and suggestions.

All that said, the Optometry Alumni Society will always support the traditional events that are an integral part of our College's experience. As a prime example, I encourage everyone to set aside the dates of October 6 and 7 for the College of Optometry Homecoming Weekend. Details are provided in this edition of BuckEYE Magazine, and I hope to see many of you for the festivities, including a Buckeye victory over our homecoming opponent, the Maryland Terrapins.

With that, I will say goodbye until next issue and, as always ...

Go Bucks!

Vincent L. Driggs (OD'85)

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How Has Your Summer Been?



Summer tends to be a time in which we ask one another, "What have you been doing?" in a way that is different than normal. School children are often asked what they did on their summer vacation. My summer was planned to be fairly typical. A sixth trip to Liberia in West Africa supporting our scholarship program at Phebe School and attendance at Optometry's Meeting in Washington, DC where I planned to meet up with my sister and niece would fill the first part of the summer.

I returned home from Liberia on June 5. About an hour into seeing patients on June 6, I received a call from the local fire chief, who insisted on talking to me. There had been a fire inspection of the office while I was gone, and I couldn't comprehend why he had to talk to me about that in the middle of morning patient appointments. It turned out that his call had nothing to do with the fire inspection. He was calling to share that there was a fire at my home, now contained, that had started in the kitchen.

I was on my way home in less than three minutes, after explaining my predicament to two patients and letting my staff and other doctor figure out what to do with the remaining patients scheduled for the morning. The firefighters were mopping up when I arrived home, and I was able to enter the house fairly quickly. The fire started with a malfunction of the toaster, climbed a wall, through cabinets, and the ceiling into the attic. My wife, Joyce, was the last to leave that morning, at about 7:45 a.m. The fire dispatch call was at 8:58 a.m. So the fire burned - unabated - for 75-90 minutes.

Fire damage was limited to the kitchen, ceiling, and attic. Firefighters added two unexpected "skylights" in the roof, gained entry without using a key, pulled down two ceilings while another collapsed, and felt that a couple windows needed to be opened with an ax. As you would expect, the smoke was insidious in its damaging effects. Lost items include TVs, a stereo system, all appliances, virtually all furniture, all mattresses, and most kitchen pantry items and dishes. The reconstruction will include replacement of the entire roof structure, the roof, as well as gutting the kitchen, family room, living room, both bathrooms, and a bedroom or two. Our expected return date is March 1, 2018.

We have lived like gypsies in the interceding weeks, now in a large two-bedroom apartment with rented furniture until the reconstruction is done. But in the midst of all of this challenge, there have been countless blessings. They include:

- No one was home, so no one was injured. It is just stuff, some replaceable, some not, but just stuff.
- The paperboy passed and saw the smoke and called 911 before the fire damaged the entire house.
- The battalion chief on duty and one of the firefighters are dear friends. Friendly faces mean a lot.
- Our home insurance policy was in force. (Best news of the day).
- Family brought us lunch, staff brought us dinner, and people called to offer us shelter for the next days.
- We were able to meet with a highly recommended contractor and the insurance adjuster the next day.
- Content recovery experts were on-site in a couple days, to begin to empty the contents of our home.
- Dear friends have frequently offered meals and a listening ear.
- Eight days before Optometry's Meeting, I discovered my suits were lost, and Ginger Bishop at Macy's took care of my needs.
- Several changes to the house we had discussed will be able to be made in the reconstruction process.
- We are really okay. It is just stuff, and we will persevere.

In the midst of all circumstances, blessings occur. Sometimes, we just have to look for them.

Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

BuckEYE Editor



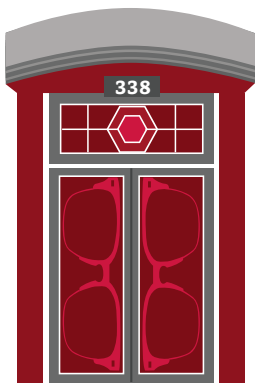
Counting our blessings, especially Margeaux Joy Shoup, our fourth grandchild, born on April 22, 2017.



The "skylights" put in by the firefighters.



What is left of our kitchen, post-fire.



Reframing Fry

Construction News



By Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92), *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

Does anyone think that hiding the largest collection of frames in central Ohio from your patients is a good idea? No, but that's where you put it when you're forced to place your eyewear gallery in your old library because it is the largest room in your facility. Similarly, our medical records department is currently located in the old machine shop because the concrete reinforced floor in that room could handle the weight of all the old patient files.

Since its dedication in 1951, the one-floor Optometry Building (renamed Fry Hall in 1983) has undergone some facility upgrades but nothing like the plans that are beginning this summer. The "Fry Bridge" is slated for a complete gut and rebuild starting in August 2017. The project is currently scheduled to be completed by August 2018. The design process was accomplished over the last year and allowed us to design a facility that puts the patient experience first.



Here is a list of some of the improvements:

Define the Patient Entrance

Currently we have three equally prominent entrances along 10th Avenue. The new design will highlight an obvious clinical entry point. This will involve removing the current central entrance to the Fry Bridge and moving it nearer the Fry Tower.

Increase HOYA Eyewear Gallery Visibility

A new HOYA Eyewear Gallery is being designed and will be located in the front of the building along 10th Avenue. The redesigned front of the building will have large glass windows allowing visibility of the eyewear gallery from the street. Now, when university staff, students and visitors walk by our building, the eyewear gallery will be easily seen and will invite them to come in and look around. The internal walls will also be more open and inviting for our patients in the building. Dean Zadnik succinctly describes this aspect of construction as, "We are kicking the eyewear gallery to the curb!"

Better-Designed Patient Traffic

Patient check-in and check-out will be located in a central area that is easily identified as a patient enters the facility.

Co-located Clinical Auxiliary Services

We will now be able to move medical records, clinical billing, insurance verifications, etc. to a contiguous area that will greatly improve business efficiency.

Expansion of Pediatric Exam Space

Our binocular vision and pediatrics clinic has already outgrown its upgrade two years ago due to expansion of both exams and vision therapy. The new facility will add three more exam rooms for this service.

Enlargement of Classroom and Improvement of Lab Space

Enlarging our first-year classroom and improving the layout of the anatomy, optics and perception labs will improve ergonomics and teaching. These lab spaces were originally built as exam lanes. You don't really need a 20-foot room to find the nodal point of a +2.00 lens.

We are all excited about the improvements to our facility and the impact this will have on staff and student morale, patient recruitment/retention and optometry applicant recruitment. We have ALWAYS provided exceptional state of the art patient care. Now our facility will better reflect that mission to our patients.





REFRAMING FRY

We need your support!

By Rachel Childress
Director of Development

With the official announcement of the upcoming Reframing Fry renovation having taken place in April, we want to give you a few more details surrounding the funding for the project. Of the \$6.5 million budget, \$1.5 million of that needs to be raised from our generous alumni and friends. Our goal is to accomplish this in gifts and pledges by the grand opening of the space in autumn of 2018.

To reach this goal, we have enlisted a few alumni who have graciously agreed to serve on a capital campaign committee. These members are: **Tim Fries (OD'04)**, **Terri Gossard (OD/MS'96)**, and **Yoongie Min (OD'89)**. Additionally, college leadership will be part of this committee.

As architectural plans are finalized, there will be naming opportunities, but we think this is a project that many of you would like to be involved with. As the committee begins reaching out to the community to gain support for this project, we ask that you please consider what impact you are able to make through a gift to our renovation fund.

During the *But for Ohio State* campaign, our college's goal was to create a culture of giving, and we certainly began making that shift. This project gives us an opportunity to continue to build on that philanthropic culture. In the coming year we will continue to update you on our progress – both in drywall hung and dollars raised. We look forward to working with you in Reframing Fry.



2017

Doctoral Convocation

By Jennifer Bennett, MS Ed
Director of Student Affairs



Kirsti Roehm (OD'17) and **Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)** pose for an on-stage selfie during convocation.



American Academy of Optometry President-Elect **Barbara Caffery, OD, PhD**, appreciated the “Cool Brutus” cap given to her on behalf of the Class of 2017.

May 6 marked the conclusion of a transformative four-year journey for The Ohio State University College of Optometry Class of 2017.

The graduating class, their families, and friends were welcomed to the Doctoral Convocation ceremony by both Dean Karla Zadnik OD, PhD and the University's Executive Vice President and Provost Bruce McPheron, PhD. Provost McPheron called upon the graduates to serve as citizen leaders who change vision and make a difference in the world. American Academy of Optometry President-Elect Barbara Caffery OD, PhD followed Provost McPheron with the convocation address, “Oh, the Places You'll Go.” Dr. Caffery shared life lessons and inspired graduates to embrace their future where seeing patients will become “the rhythm of your life and the beat of your heart.”

The convocation ceremony also provided an opportunity to honor alumni. Seated on stage in full regalia were the “Golden Graduates.” Nineteen members from the classes of 1937-1964 returned to campus for a day of activities and recognition of their lifetime accomplishments. **Jamie Casper (OD'04, PhD)** was presented with the Early Professional Achievement Award and **Loretta Szczotka-Flynn (OD/MS'92, PhD)** received the Distinguished Alumnus Award.



Doctor of Optometry Class of 2017 with Dean Karla Zadnik OD, PhD

Then, the moment our graduates and their families had been waiting for finally arrived as the Doctor of Optometry graduates were presented with hoods by Dean Zadnik, assisted by **Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and **Gregory Nixon (OD'96)**, Associate Dean for Clinical Services. The class selected Professor Donald Mutti OD, PhD to read a personal sentence written by each graduate as they were hooded and crossed the stage. The sentences were full of gratitude, joy, excitement, and humor.

At the conclusion of the convocation, Class President **Elizabeth Brubaker (OD'17)** took her classmates on a ride down memory lane as she compared the significant milestones of their collective experience to the ups, downs, and thrills of a roller coaster. Dean Zadnik closed the ceremony by reminding us all that our graduates represent dreams fulfilled, promises kept, and futures launched.

Congratulations Class of 2017!



Jamie Casper (OD'04, PhD) and Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD.



Loretta Szczotka-Flynn (OD/MS'92, PhD) and Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD.



Class President **Elizabeth Brubaker (OD'17)**.



Petr Boshinski (OD'17) hooded by his parents **William (OD'84)** and **Debra (OD'83) Boshinski**



Jenna Bailey (OD'17) hooded by **Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)**



Wes Tuten (OD'17) hooded by his brother **Will Tuten (OD/MS'09, PhD)**

Doctor of Optometry Class of 2017

**Completed both the Doctor of Optometry and the Master of Science in Vision Science programs*

Ryan Alpino
Haadia Amin
Emily Paige Amweg
* Erin Jessica Andrews
Jenna M. Bailey
Jordan Daniel Booth
Petr Franklin Boshinski
Thomas Alexander Bouscher
Elizabeth Ann Brubaker
* Marisa Lynn Ciamacca
Chelsea Anne Devitt
Jenna DeWald
Benjamin A. Doering
Ashley N. Dues

* Melissa Anne Eckes
John Michael Elchinger
Jeffrey Robert Fardink
Rachel Lynn Ferguson
Vince Ferlita
Nicholas Ryan Green
Cassandra A Higbea
Sara F. Hitchman
Samantha Marie Hoelzer
Matthew L. Karres
Laura Knight
Valerie Korb
Kelsey Ann Krempasky
Bradley Kubis

* Erik C. Kuntzsch
Huong Le
Korey Miller Leland
Kristina Victoria Lonardo
Nicole Marie Maciag
* Danielle Marie Mayne
Taylor Danielle McGann
Erin Leigh Meffan
Derek Lawrence Metz
Nicole Orell Mikels
Corrie Ann Miller
Kurt William Mills
Chelsea Taylor Monroe
* Danielle Jean Orr

Mark Ortiz
* Lauren Pallet
Nikita Jayesh Patel
* Winston Blair Posvar
* Kimberly Renner
Emma Elaine Reynolds
Kirsti Ellen Roehm
Kelsey Lynn Roumfort
Katrina Marie Schlarman
Rachele Margaret Siegel
Weston Tuten
Jenna Tyler
Caitlin Taylor Walker
Nicole Jeannine Wenman
Chad Mitchell Zumberger

The Class of 2017 celebrates with family and friends after the convocation ceremony





Golden Graduates

Shine in the Spotlight

By Michael Haddock, *Alumni Coordinator*

For the past two years, the College of Optometry has recognized the 50-year graduating class during our annual convocation ceremony.

As you may be aware, the first graduating class for the “College” of Optometry was in 1968, and with the switch from a BS degree to an OD degree, there is no class of 1967 to recognize. As a result, we invited all alumni who graduated in 1964 or before to join us for a special “Golden Graduates” recognition ceremony.

The day was full of festivities for alumni **Ralph Carifa (BS’53, MS’64)**, **Paul Gamertsfelder (BS’54)**, **Victor Cherico (BS’56)**, **Paul Townsend (BS’56)**, **Burton Louis (BS’57)**, **John Nabergall (BS’57, OD’77)**, **Thomas Brannon (BS’58, OD’77)**, **W. Victor Von Blon (BS’58)**, **James Scholles (BS’59)**, **Thomas Littler (BS’60)**, **Robert Englefield (BS’61)**, **James Flynn (BS’61)**, **Tim Kime (BS’61)**, **Thomas Price (BS’60, BS’61, OD’77)**, **Richard Shroder (BS’61, OD’76)**, **Earl Voight (BS’61)**, **Philip Pinnow (BS’61)**, **Michael Stein (BS’61)**, **James Bieber (BS’64, OD’68)** and their families. After a welcome luncheon with Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, the group headed to the college for a guided tour by Drs. Don Mutti, OD, PhD, **Greg Nixon (OD’96)**, and **Gil Pierce (OD’89, MS’92, PhD’94)**. After reliving many memories and exploring the facilities, the group changed into full academic regalia and headed to Weigel Hall to prepare for the ceremony.



Classmates **Tim Kime (BS’61)**, **James Flynn (BS’61)**, **Thomas Price (BS’61, OD’77)**, and **Earl Voight (BS’61)** representing their class well!



Victor Cherico (BS’56) with his extended family at the Golden Graduates luncheon.



Richard Shroder (BS’61, OD’76), his son **Steven Shroder (OD’92)** and a Faculty Club staff member.

2017

Graduation Awards Banquet

By Jennifer Bennett, MS Ed, *Director of Student Affairs*

The Doctor of Optometry class of 2017 began a weekend of celebration with the annual graduation awards banquet at the Boat House on May 5. Graduates selected **Dawn Goedde (OD'04)** and **Aaron Zimmerman (OD'06, MS'08)** to serve as masters of ceremonies for the program. The graduates shared an evening of laughter, joy, and memories with their family, friends, faculty and staff.



Graduate of the Year

Sponsored by Optometric Educators, Inc.

Erik C. Kuntzsch (OD/MS'17)



Advanced Ocular Care Clinical Excellence Award

Sponsored by Unity and Volk Optical

Erik C. Kuntzsch (OD/MS'17)



Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal

Sponsored by VSPOne

Katrina Marie Schlarman (OD'17)



Eyewear Dispensing Award of Excellence

Sponsored by Hoya

Samantha Marie Hoelzer (OD'17)



Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Clinical Excellence Award

Sponsored by the Good-Lite Company and Toledo Optical

Taylor Danielle McGann (OD'17)



Excellence in Vision Therapy Award

Sponsored by the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and Shamir

Rachele Margaret Siegel (OD'17)



Low Vision Rehabilitation Clinical Excellence Award

Sponsored by Mattingly Low Vision, Silhouette, Eschenbach, and grateful patients

Laura Knight (OD'17)



Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care

Sponsored by the Gas Permeable Lens Institute, VSP Global, Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, and the American Academy of Optometry Foundation

Ashley N. Dues (OD'17)



Community Outreach Clinical Excellence Award

Sponsored by Select Optical

Mark Ortiz (OD'17)



Primary Vision Care Clinical Excellence Award

Sponsored by Marchon

Chelsea Taylor Monroe (OD'17)



The Dr. Lyle Aloysius John Gassmann Memorial Award

Sara F. Hitchman (OD'17)

Alumni Award Winners

Share Wisdom with Graduates

By Michael Haddock, *Alumni Coordinator*

On May 6, the College of Optometry Alumni Society presented the Distinguished Alumnus and Early Professional Achievement awards.



Loretta Szczotka-Flynn (OD/MS'92, PhD)

Jamie Casper (OD'04, PhD) was selected as the fourth recipient of the Early Professional Achievement Award and was also recognized during the Convocation Ceremony. He shared with the Class of 2017 to “stay connected with classmates as well as stay focused on the dream to practice the way you want to practice.”

Dr. Casper currently practices at Cape Fear Eye Institute in Wilmington, NC. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, a member of the American Optometric Association, and past president of the North Carolina Optometric Society. He has also provided free eye care and spectacles to thousands of patients in Central and South America over the past 15 years. He was joined by his wife, son, and daughter.

Loretta Szczotka-Flynn (OD/MS'92, PhD) was recognized as the tenth recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award during the 2017 Convocation Ceremony. She received a framed medal from Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, and shared regards about her experience at Ohio State Optometry. She also imparted words of wisdom to the Class of 2017 to continue seeking education in the profession as well as mentorship to shape their outlook on life.

Dr. Szczotka-Flynn is a professor at Case Western Reserve University in the Departments of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She has served as the Director of the Contact Lens Service at the University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center in Cleveland since 1992. She was awarded the Ohio Optometric Association's Young Optometrist of the Year in 1997, the Nissel Award from the British Contact Lens Association, Female Scholar Award from Prevent Blindness Ohio, and Donald Korb Award from the AOA Contact Lens and Cornea Section to name just a few of her many accomplishments. She was joined by her husband and two daughters.



Jamie Casper (OD'04, PhD)



I-DOC participants working on the VSP Innovation Lab human-centered design process.

I-DOC 2017

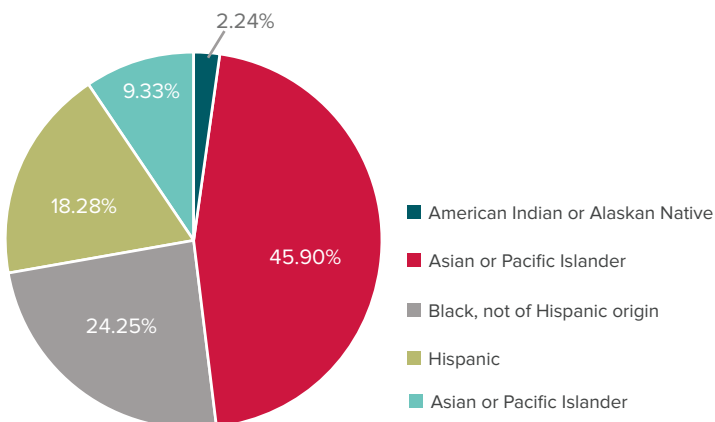
Impressive Number and Quality of Applications

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

This year, more students than ever before applied to Improving Diversity in Optometric Careers (I-DOC), the three-day residential program for underrepresented minority undergraduate students.

There were 268 applications from 45 states: 62 males (23%) and 206 females (77%). The distribution of applicants by race/ethnicity was as follows:

Percent of I-DOC Applicants by Race/Ethnicity



An online survey was created in Qualtrics, a tool that allows users to create and distribute surveys and analyze responses to them. In order to be eligible to be selected to participate in I-DOC, applicants must have a strong scholastic aptitude, have an interest in an optometric career, be a member of an underrepresented minority group, and be an undergraduate college student. Students provided information through the online survey about their current academic institution, the year they would enter an optometry program, GPA, race/ethnicity, gender, and a short essay on why they wanted to participate in I-DOC. They also provided transcripts from their undergraduate institutions.

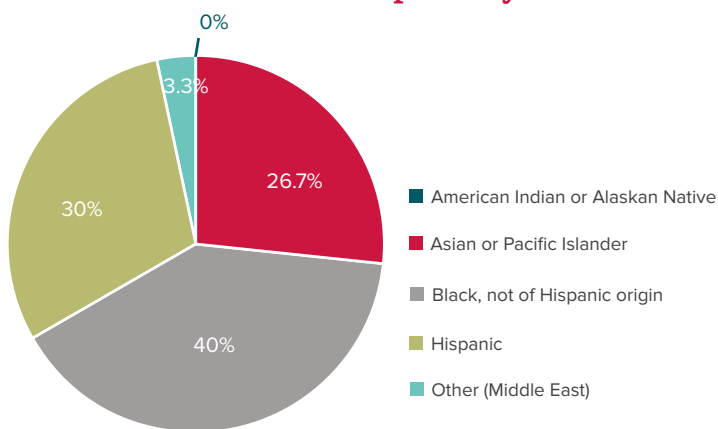
Thirty applicants were selected to participate in I-DOC this year. Because there were so many applications, preference was given to students who had just



I-DOC participants working in the VSP Innovation Lab.

completed their junior year of college. The racial/ethnic groups most underrepresented in optometry, compared to the U.S. population, are Blacks and Hispanics. Therefore, applicants in these groups were given preference over applicants who were not Black or Hispanic. Twenty-three women and seven men were selected for this year's I-DOC cohort. The distribution of the cohort by race/ethnicity was as follows:

Percent of 2017 I-DOC Participants by Race/Ethnicity



VSP's Brooke Kondash and Kate McIntyre sort through materials used for the Innovation Lab workshop.



I-DOC icebreaker: Participants drew portraits of their partners without looking at the paper.

I-DOC took place July 9 through 13. The purpose of the program is to attract ethnically underrepresented minority undergraduate college students to careers in optometry. I-DOC provided hands-on activities in optics, ocular anatomy, and clinical optometry. Participants learned about vision technology, eye diseases, and the impact of systemic health on the eye. They received and observed eye examinations. The personnel from the Office of Student Affairs provided information on the requirements for admission and the applications process, including a mock interview.

I-DOC participants also gained a better understanding of the importance of diversity in health care. This year, Kate McIntyre, Charles Ballour, Brooke Kondash, and Dr. Will To from VSP provided a morning of activities for the I-DOC participants. They presented information about VSP outreach activities, provided a diversity training workshop, and had students actively engaged in the VSP Innovation Lab, in which students worked in small groups on a “Design Challenge” project to solve real-world problems. Their hard work and questions throughout the program indicated they are ready to apply to optometry programs in the near future.





Upper Arlington Partnership Impacts Students,

By Sarah Cupples, MA, *Director of Marketing and Communications*

The College of Optometry's new satellite clinic in Upper Arlington represents a particularly notable "first" – our first large-scale partnership with the Wexner Medical Center. But it also represents more than 100 years of tradition, crystallizing a reputation cultivated by the excellent service our alumni, faculty, staff, and students provide.

"We were approached by Wexner Medical Center strategists in Spring 2015," explained Associate Dean for Clinical Services **Greg Nixon (OD'96)**. "Their aim was to create a community health center in Upper Arlington that would encompass and embody all aspects of primary care. They wanted to reach out beyond the medical center's walls and include optometry and dentistry as key players in the entry point for primary care."

With the support of the college's executive committee and under the leadership of Dr. Nixon, countless staff members contributed to the success of the project. The first step was to produce a prospectus examining the clinic's potential reach in terms of patients served, compared to the square footage available, as well as a cost-benefit analysis.

The project was formally approved in Fall 2015. The college planned in parallel with the medical center on overall global design. The process of decision-making for optometry-specific plans, such as how many exam rooms to build, how they should be arranged, finishes, equipment, staffing, supplies, schedules, work flow, computers, human resources, and network wiring,

"Our intent all along was that this satellite clinic would be true to our mission and be a teaching clinic, just like our main campus clinic."

Greg Nixon (OD'96)

occurred during Spring and Summer 2016. Our plan was finalized in Fall 2016.

Officially known as The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Outpatient Care Upper Arlington facility, the building, located at 1800 Zollinger Road, opened in July 2016. Throughout that summer and autumn, the medical practices opened their individual offices in a rollout fashion. As the optometry clinic construction officially began in Winter 2017, we faced a variety of challenges because the building was open to patients, and we were cognizant of patient access and safety. We limited the noise and dust our project produced during normal business hours out of respect for our neighbors.

After a few construction delays, the clinic opened to patients in June 2017. Features of the new clinic include:



comprehensive eye and vision exams; a full service eyewear gallery with outstanding options for glasses and contact lenses; diabetic eye exams; urgent medical eye care; dry eye assessment and treatment; ocular allergy assessment and treatment; and special testing equipment to assess glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration.

The best feature of all, according to Dr. Nixon, is the impact this satellite clinic has on our students.

“Our intent all along was that this satellite clinic would be true to our mission and be a teaching clinic, just like our main campus clinic,” said Dr. Nixon. “We wanted to make sure that our student interns would have direct patient care experience under the guidance and supervision of attending faculty,”

Presently, the clinic’s attending faculty are **JP Maszczak (OD’05)**, who supervises students Monday through

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Thursday, and **Alex Nixon (OD’12, MS’14)**, who supervises students on Fridays.

“This setting provides unique educational opportunities for our students,” said Dr. G. Nixon. “Because of our placement within a medical center building, our students will be exposed to more ocular manifestations of systemic diseases through referrals from medical practitioners.”

Additionally, the fourth-year students assigned to the clinic will be exposed to on-the-ground practice management experience.

“We are essentially running a private practice in this setting,” said G. Nixon. “Our students will learn to cultivate new patients, garner referrals, build patient loyalty, learn practice management skills and get a better understanding of profitability. They will work closely with faculty and staff on day-to-day management issues to see what happens in a private practice.”

After just two months of seeing patients, the clinic’s popularity is apparent. Calls for appointments are pouring in, and patient feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.



Optometry, Undergrad Students

Provide Vision Care at Remote Area Medical Clinic

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

Volunteering at a Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic is not a typical 9 to 5 day. From the time the clinic opens at 6 a.m. to when it closes at 6 p.m., volunteers see patients on a first-come, first-served basis, providing same-day dental, vision, medical, prevention and education services. Many patients arrive several hours before the clinic opens in order to reserve their spot.

Eyes on Health is an undergraduate student organization at The Ohio State University through which students volunteer at RAM clinics, among many other health- and vision-focused outreach, service and education activities. It was founded by **Elizabeth Brubaker (OD'17)**, **Kelsey Krempasky (OD'17)**, and **Jennifer Conn ('19)** while they were Ohio State undergraduate students in 2009.

In June, Clinical Professor **Joan Nerderman (RN, OD'86)**, the advisor for the group, and I traveled to Cocke County High School in Newport, Tennessee to supervise nine Ohio State optometry students, 14 Ohio State undergraduate college students, and one student from Xavier University (who volunteers at Faith Mission) at a weekend-long RAM function. In addition, Michelle Carawan, a Faith Mission volunteer, traveled with the group and helped assemble spectacles in the mobile lab.

Vision care provided by volunteers included complete dilated eye exams. Spectacles were made on site in a mobile lab for most prescriptions, including flat-top bifocals.

Since 2010, Dr. Nerderman has arranged for Eyes on Health volunteers to provide optometric services at RAM clinics in Pikeville, KY; Gatlinburg, TN; Moorehead,

KY; and Huntsville, TN. Optometry students who are members of the Fellowship of Christian Optometrists student organization, which I advise, have participated for the past two years.

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Joan Nerderman (RN, OD'86)

RAM consists of more than 100,000 volunteer vision, dental, veterinary, and medical professionals. Its mission is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free, high-quality health care to those in need. It was founded by Stan Brock, the Emmy award-winning star of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom. After suffering a personal injury while living among the Wapishana Indians in Guyana, South America, which required a 26-day journey to medical care, he vowed to find a way



Remote Area Medical (Rural America) RAM Mobile Clinic in the parking lot of Cocke County High School
Back Row (FCO Ohio State Optometry Students): **Zac Coates ('19), Liz Galko ('19), Christi Locke ('19), Amy Myers ('20), Jill Steinbruner ('19), Kayla Theiman ('20), Carly Thomas ('20) and Nathan Turnwald ('20)**

Front Row (Ohio State Undergraduate Eyes on Health Students): **Barbara Fink (OD, MS'85, PhD'87)**, Anjali Doshi, Jaime Etterling, Natalie Ferguson (President, Eyes on Health), Beth Garwood, Christine George (Xavier), Lauren Goettmoeller, Lacey Kratzenberg, Kelsey Miller, Jay Patidar, Krista Roberts, Jeremy Saxon, Prithibha Srikantan, Blaine Thorp, Kelly Ward and Nicole Wohlfort



Barbara Fink (OD, MS'85, PhD'87), Joan Nerderman (RN, OD'86), Stan Brock (founder of RAM), Natalie Ferguson (President, Eyes on Health), Kelly Ward and Nicole Wohlfort

to deliver basic medical aid to people in the world's inaccessible regions. Since 1985, RAM has provided more than \$112 million of free health care services to over 700,000 individuals and 67,000 animals. Mobile medical clinics deliver free, high-quality services to children, individuals, and families who do not have access or cannot afford health care.

"I love that the students will drive six hours, get in after midnight, and volunteer, starting at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday with such positive attitudes throughout the day," says Dr. Nerderman. "It warms my heart to see the students just sit down and talk with patients while they are dilating or waiting in the hallways to get to know them. They try to understand the health disparity that would cause patients to line up at midnight the night before for a chance at an eye examination and glasses or dental care. I feel, much like Stan, that we can go to other countries to help, but there is plenty of unmet vision care in the United States, especially in Appalachia. RAM pays for our lodging and meals so we can just come and do what we do best—save some vision. They then have referral sources in the community for ongoing care needs."

This year, the group from Ohio State saw 209 patients for vision care during the two-day event. Stan Brock

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was in attendance (see photograph), and could be seen chatting with patients and volunteers and observing at the various stations. RAM has developed an appreciation for the Ohio State group because RAM can count on a large number of competent, enthusiastic volunteers to provide vision care.

To help with future RAM clinic weekend trips, contact Dr. Nerderman at nerderman.4@osu.edu or visit the RAM website at <https://ramusa.org/>.

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WILDERMUTH OPTOMETRIC RESEARCH CLINIC

RESEARCH ROUNDUP

By Jeff Walline (OD, MS'98, PhD'02)
Associate Dean for Research

Every year, The Ohio State University College of Optometry students leave these hallowed halls knowing more about the latest in clinical care than any preceding cohort of students because information continually evolves as research advances our knowledge. Federally funded studies conducted at the College of Optometry have altered the way we practice optometry. Here's a very brief synopsis of some of the clinical information gleaned from these studies:

Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Ethnicity and Refractive Error (CLEERE) Study

- Time outdoors reduces the likelihood that one will become myopic.
- School-age children with more than +2.50 D hyperopia don't emmetropize naturally.
- Spherical equivalent refractive error is able to predict the future onset of myopia 87% to 93% of the time.

Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Keratoconus (CLEK) Study

- Over a five-year period, 13.7% of keratoconus patients will experience corneal scarring.
- Keratoconus patients experience ocular pain that is not due to contact lens wear.
- The vision-specific quality of life of keratoconus patients is similar to that of stage 3 to stage 4 macular degeneration patients.

Convergence Insufficiency Treatment Trial (CITT)

- Office-based therapy yields a greater improvement in symptoms, near point of convergence, and positive fusional vergence than pencil push-ups, computer therapy, and placebo therapy.
- Children who are asymptomatic after vision therapy can expect to remain asymptomatic for at least one year.

Contact Lenses and Myopia Progression (CLAMP) Study

- Eight to 11-year-old children are routinely capable of independent soft and gas permeable contact lens wear and care.
- Alignment fit gas permeable contact lenses do not slow the growth of the eye, so they should not be prescribed solely for myopia control.

Vision in Preschoolers (VIP) Study

- The best screening tests administered by eye care professionals are non-cycloplegic retinoscopy, Retinomax Autorefractor, SureSight Vision Screener, and linear, crowded Lea Symbols visual acuity at 10 feet.
- The best screening tests administered by trained nurses and/or lay screeners are Retinomax, SureSight, and VIP single, crowded Lea Symbols visual acuity screening test at 5 feet.
- With the overall specificity set to 94%,
 - the most accurate test for detection of amblyopia was noncycloplegic retinoscopy (88% sensitivity);
 - for detection of strabismus, the most accurate test was the MTI Photoscreener (65% sensitivity);
 - the most accurate test for detection of significant refractive error was non-cycloplegic retinoscopy (74% sensitivity); and
 - for detection of reduced VA, the most accurate test was the Lea Symbols Distance VA test (48% sensitivity).

Vision in Preschoolers-Hyperopia in Preschoolers (VIP-HIP) Study

- Children with uncorrected hyperopia greater than +4.00 D or hyperopia between +3.00 D and +6.00 D and binocular near visual acuity of 20/40 or worse, don't perform as well on a test of early literacy.

Results from clinical research conducted at The Ohio State University College of Optometry can be put directly into practice on the patients optometrists examine every day, and they provide evidence-based best practices that improve the care of our patients.

Outreach Clinic Receives University-Wide Recognition

By Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

Ohio State's Engagement Recognition Awards annually honor faculty, staff, students and community partners for outstanding achievement in local, national, and international community-university collaborations. On May 3 in the beautiful Ohio Union's Archie Griffin Ballroom, the Faith Mission vision clinic in downtown Columbus and the College of Optometry were formally commended for their remarkable accomplishments by receiving the university's Engagement Recognition Award for Excellence in Community Partnership.

The Faith Mission vision clinic began in 2000 with a grant that created a pilot program in which Ohio State optometry students – under the supervision of faculty optometrists – provided free vision care to the homeless in downtown Columbus. The pilot program was so successful it was turned into a permanent extern site for fourth-year students even after the grant money ran out. Under the leadership of Associate Professor-Practice **Joan Nerderman (RN, OD '86)** and Faith Mission's Vic Ward, Sue Villilo, and Kevin Phillips, this unique clinic has provided a symbiotic relationship of teamwork and the space for exam rooms and an eyewear dispensary, utilities, security, patient reception and housekeeping, for 17 years at no cost to the college.

Thirty optometry students rotate through the Faith Mission vision clinic each year, as do eight undergraduates interested in vision care and outreach. The partnership has exceeded its outreach goals of providing free comprehensive eye examinations to this at-risk population, surpassing more than 1,000 dilated examinations every year. In total, about 2,000 patients are helped each year, not just through examinations but also by dispensing glasses, repairs, follow-up care, and patient health education. This allows our students to put their classroom theory into clinical practice in very challenging patient situations.



Taylor Whitley ('18), Joan Nerderman (RN, OD'86) and Elham Quraishi ('18)

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Joan Nerderman (RN, OD'86)

The students report that their time at Faith Mission is one of the most valuable clinical experiences of their optometric education. Dr. Nerderman said, “The best legacy The OSU College of Optometry can leave with our students as they graduate is the understanding that no matter where they land, there is always an underserved population with unmet vision needs and they CAN make a difference in their communities.”

The Class of 2020 White Coat Ceremony



By Jennifer Bennett, MS Ed, *Director of Student Affairs*

Members of The Ohio State University College of Optometry Class of 2020 were welcomed into the profession at their White Coat Ceremony on May 20 at the Ohio Union. After an exhilarating year of intense learning, new experiences, and friendships, 64 students gathered at last in front of a packed house full with friends and family to receive their first white coat. The White Coat ceremony was founded by “**Buckeye**” **Bob Newcomb (OD’71, MPH)** and continues to be an important tradition that serves as the culminating experience of the first year.

Congratulatory remarks were shared by Optometry Alumni Society President **Vincent Driggs (OD’85)** and Ohio Optometric Association President-Elect **David Anderson (OD’04)**. **Michael Raies (OD’89)**, **Patrick Dollenmayer (OD’91)**, and **Tony Fenton (OD’89)** celebrating their 30th year as “Bad Habits, the Eye Docs of Rock,” treated the class of 2020 and their guests to sing-along classics such as *Don’t Stop Believin’*, *Hang on Sloopy*, and Dean Karla Zadnik’s OD, PhD favorite song, *Brandy*.

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, **Michael Earley (OD/MS’88, PhD’92)** and EF Wildermuth Professor Donald Mutti, OD, PhD, had the honor of presenting the class of 2020 with their white coats while Dean Zadnik read a sentence written by each student. The sentences contained messages of gratitude and appreciation for the important role that family, friends, classmates, pets, and Adriaticos pizza played in their rapidly-changing lives during their first year in the program.

Finally, class President **Bridget Lorenz (’20)** sent the class off to their summer adventures by providing closing remarks that highlighted the unique and strong bond that is shared by the class of 2020. The class will return for the autumn semester, ready to learn how to perform eye exams in their new white coats.

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New Neal Bailey Medalists

By Rachel Childress, *Director of Development*

On April 22, the college celebrated our newest Bailey Medalists and shared that special event by inviting many of our current scholarship recipients. In past years we've held two separate events – one for top donors and another for scholarship recipients and their benefactors. Having both groups come together, is a great way to demonstrate to these exceptional students how our alumni are involved in supporting not just scholarships, but also the facility, faculty and research.

Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, welcomed the group and spoke about the importance of alumni support in making a significant difference in the education we can provide to today's students. She also formally announced our upcoming renovation of the entrance area of Fry Hall and presented the preliminary architectural drawings of the spaces. Fourth-year student **Jacob Boroff ('18)** and third-year student **Christi Locke ('19)** shared their stories of why they decided to pursue optometry and how their scholarships have been instrumental in their educational pursuits.

Following this, Dean Zadnik and **Michael Earley (OD/MS'88, PhD'92)** had the honor of inducting the newest members of the Neal Bailey Medalist group. Medals recognize individuals who have given a cumulative amount of \$50,000 and corporate or foundation supporters who have given \$250,000 to the College of Optometry. We had six new inductees this year, giving us more than 50 members, which is significant because the majority of these members have joined this prestigious group in the last four years. Here are the new inductees for this year.



Bob Layman (OD'82) – Dr. Layman practices in Lambertville, Michigan. Most recently, Dr. Layman named a room in the pre-clinic, but has supported the college in various ways with a gift nearly every year since he graduated. During the But for Ohio State campaign, Bob hosted a dinner in the Toledo area to help our efforts in reaching more alumni who enabled us to surpass our \$10 million campaign goal.



Jeff (OD'84) Myers and Joyce Myers – Dr. Myers practices in Canal Winchester, Ohio. Although they have given to a number of college projects, in 2009 Jeff and Joyce established the Myers Lecture Series, annually bringing in notable experts in the field of optometry to provide a lecture to faculty, staff and students. Additionally, Dr. Myers has been an extraordinary volunteer as the college's Chair of the most recent campaign, as well as the Editor of the BuckEYE Optometry Alumni magazine. He also oversees the annual selection of the Distinguished Alumnus award and the Early Professional Achievement award for the Optometry Alumni Society.

Bill Thomas (BS'66) – Dr. Thomas practices in Gallipolis, Ohio. He and his father built a practice there in town where Dr. Thomas still sees patients today. Dr. Thomas is also in a rare group of alumni who have made a gift just about every year since becoming an alumnus. Shortly after graduation, Dr. Thomas made a commitment to the college with a gift of an insurance policy that is still in place today. In addition, through his giving he has supported college scholarships, facilities, and special programs over the years.

Rick Weisbarth (OD'80) – Dr. Weisbarth has been with Alcon Laboratories, formerly Ciba Vision, for most of his optometric career and now lives in Mansfield, Texas. In 2016, Dr. Weisbarth worked with Alcon to secure matching funds and made a commitment to support college faculty leadership with a new endowment. Before that commitment, Dr. Weisbarth had supported a number of other college initiatives. Additionally, he served on the college's Campaign Committee, not only as an alumnus, but as an invaluable corporate partner as well.

Roger Boyd (BS'52) – Dr. Boyd lives in Fairborn, Ohio and is now retired. Graduating 65 years ago, Dr. Boyd has seen the progression of optometric education at the university and carefully watched the decisions made by former college leadership. Recently, he made a significant gift to support programmatic efforts in honor of Dean Zadnik's leadership with a special focus on reconnecting with our alumni.

The Ohio Optometric Association (Represented by Keith Kerns and Dr. Rebecca Brown) – We are fortunate to have the OOA office located in close proximity to the university, facilitating opportunities to be advocates of one another. The OOA has been supporting the college since 1971, with their first \$250 gift to our development fund. Since then, they have given generously to



Jeff (OD'84) and Joyce Myers, and Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD



Bill Thomas (BS'66) and Dean Zadnik



Rick Weisbarth (OD'80) and Dean Zadnik



Christi Locke ('19) speaks about her path to optometry.

support our students in various ways, helped create an endowed scholarship, supported research and made a significant commitment when we Raised the Roof – just to name a few things.

Thank you to all of our Bailey Medalists and we look forward to seeing many more of you added to this prestigious group in the coming years.





Homecoming Preview

To register for Homecoming 2017 events, please visit u.osu.edu/eyegather or call **1-800-762-5646**. Football tickets vs. Maryland are also available!

Friday, October 6, 2017

- 5:00 p.m. Continuing Education Session***
Long-Duration Space Flight and Microgravity Ocular Syndrome
Presenter: Captain Tyson Brunstetter (OD/MS'97, PhD'00)
Ticket Price - FREE
Location: Fry Hall, Room 33
338 West 10th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210
- 8:00 p.m. Bad Habits: The Eye Docs of Rock Concert**
Ticket Price - FREE
Location: Shadowbox Live, Columbus Brewery District
503 South Front Street #260, Columbus, OH 43215
(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
- Opportunity to mingle and catch up with College of Optometry classmates, friends and faculty
 - Greetings and updates from college leadership
 - Special performance from Bad Habits (celebrating their 30th anniversary playing together)
 - Heavy appetizers provided

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Saturday, October 7, 2017

- 1:00 p.m. College of Optometry Pre-Game Huddle**
Ticket Price - \$25 for the first 100 registrants
\$45 thereafter
- New!** Location: RPAC (Recreation and Physical Activity Center)
337 Annie and John Glenn Avenue,
Columbus, OH 43210
- Ohio State University-hosted tailgate experience with special appearances from Archie Griffin, Gene Smith, Dr. Michael Drake, TBDBITL, cheerleaders, Brutus, and many more
 - Ticket price includes host bar and buffet
- Please refer to the official College of Optometry Homecoming website u.osu.edu/eyegather for more information or contact the College of Optometry Alumni Coordinator directly at 614-688-1363 or haddock.15@osu.edu.

If your class is celebrating a special "milestone reunion" year, it is encouraged that your group gather individually for dinner or happy hour prior to the alumni concert reception. If you have not heard from your classmates regarding this component, please contact the college's Alumni Coordinator Michael Haddock immediately, as he is working with each class to find a unique space that works for your group.

Alumni Society Dues Reminder

"Sustaining Memberships – Thank You!"

As you may have seen in your mailbox, the Optometry Alumni Society sent out sustaining membership solicitations at the current calendar year. As of June, the college has received more than \$16,500 from checks mailed in and even more from online donations. Thank you again for making the College of Optometry and our efforts for alumni engagement a philanthropic priority! Regardless of where you designated your gift, please know that you are making an immediate impact in the lives of faculty, staff, students, and generations of future Buckeye Optometrists.

If you have not made your sustaining membership donation and would like to do so, please visit <http://optometry.osu.edu/eyedonate> to see a list of funds for the College of Optometry. Remember, a gift of \$75 or more to any optometric fund allows you to become "a sustaining member" and eligible to purchase football tickets to this year's Homecoming game versus Maryland on October 7. Additionally, you will receive a tax deduction if you send in your check or make an online donation by December 31. If you have any questions regarding your sustaining membership status, eligibility for tickets, or any other questions, please contact Michael Haddock at haddock.15@osu.edu or 614-688-1363.

Please send Alumni News items to Michael Haddock, Alumni Coordinator, at haddock.15@osu.edu

1972 **Bruce Rakusin (OD'72)** recently shared that his wife Susan is involved in their community doing volunteer work, having recently retired as a speech pathologist. They have two sons: Michael, who just accepted a role working at CVS, and Stephen, who works in Boston and will be getting married in August. Congrats to your growing family, Dr. Rakusin!

1975 **George Schmidt (OD'75)** is currently living in Palm Beach Gardens, FL and stays busy through competitive swimming for the men's 65-69 category. In 2016, he was ranked #1 in the FINA U.S. Master's World Ranking and is now in the top 10 for the seventies category. Way to go, Dr. Schmidt!

1981 **Brian Armitage (OD'81, MS'83)** was recognized in a recent article on *Jacksonville.com* about a lifetime passion pursuing optometry. Congratulations Dr. Armitage on this acknowledgement!

1990 **Brian Burke (OD'90)** recently opened a new practice in Dawsonville, GA, which includes two floors, 5,000 square feet, four exam lanes, Zeiss OCT, Visual Field and Forum (for tracking glaucoma patients) with "sick childcare room" for employees with sick children. He also was awarded "Business Leader of the Year" by the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce. Outside of the office, Dr. Burke volunteers at the local nonprofit medical clinic, called "Good Shepherd," and just accepted the nomination to serve on the board. He was recognized as the College of Optometry's June Alumni Focus, which you can find online. Congrats on a very busy and rewarding year, Dr. Burke!

1995 **Andrew Feltz (OD'95)** was inducted into the Fairborn City Schools Hall of Honor on April 28 during their 30th annual induction ceremony. He founded OnHealthcare in 1998 to provide eye care to nursing home patients within Central Ohio, and merged the company in 2016 with 360 Care, where he now serves at the Clinical Director of Eye Care services. In addition, Dr. Feltz is a consultant to the Urgent Care groups and resides in Westerville with his wife Patricia and three children. Congrats Dr. Feltz on this wonderful award!

2000 **Jason Ortman's (OD'00)** practice Castle Pines Eye Care was recently named one of the "Nation's Best Practices" by CooperVision for leadership in optometry and delivery of exceptional care to patients. (picture below).



2003 **Jennifer Simonson (OD'03)** recently authored two children's books about vision therapy, "My Perfect Vision" and "My Double Vision."

2004 **Jamie Casper (OD'04)** was mentioned in *Star News Online* (Wilmington, NC) for his volunteer efforts through the Wilmington Lions Club to collect used eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids, cellphones, and gently used baseball hats that they can provide to those who need them in Third World countries. The eyeglasses and sunglasses were sent to SVOSH, the student chapter of VOSH International (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity). Thank you for your volunteer efforts, Dr. Casper!

2007 **Ann Rudick (OD'07)** welcomed a new baby in March, Miles Joseph. Mom, Dad, and big brother Alex are all so happy. Annie is serving as an Army Optometrist, currently as Chief of Optometry at Fort Knox in Kentucky.



2008 **Crissi Mikolaj (OD'08)** shared two pictures of her growing family! The one pictured in the "future optometrist" onesie is Lauren Marie Mikolaj (born June 28, 2016). Thank you for sharing, Dr. Mikolaj and her husband Michael Mikolaj (MD'09).



2009 **Benjamin Collins (OD'09)** shared that he recently became Clinical Director of ICON Eye Care's Grand Junction, Colorado location. His wife also just published a book in young adult fiction.

2010 **Adam Goff (OD'10)** opened River Country Eye Care, a solo private practice in Three Rivers, MI in August 2016. He is pictured here with his wife Erin and their two sons, Cooper and Emmett.



2010 **James (OD'10)** and **Holly (OD'10) Hardie** welcomed their second child, Julia, on March 28. Congratulations!

2014 **Jonathan Andrews (OD'14)** was recognized by *Lancaster Online* (Pennsylvania) for his recent trip to provide services to missionaries in Panajachel, Guatemala in February. Alongside his father, Dr. Wolfram Andrews, they joined eight others from the Christian Fellowship Church in New Holland, PA.

2017 **Katrina Schlarman (OD'17)** has joined Fishbaugh Family EyeCare in Lima, Ohio, where she'll work alongside **Michael Fishbaugh (OD'95)**, **Amy Bankey (OD'09)**, and **Andrea Dietz (OD'11)**. Dr. Schlarman is excited to return to her hometown of Osgood, OH with her husband Kevin and border collie, Bandit.

Dr. Terry Retires from NBEO

By Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)

After 12 years of full-time service to the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO), **Jack E. Terry (OD/MS'75, PhD)** has retired from his position as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer.

During his tenure, Dr. Terry collaborated with the NBEO Board of Directors to relocate the office from Bethesda, MD, to Charlotte, NC, and to create the National Center of Clinical Skills Testing in which today's standardized Part III Clinical Skills Exam is administered.

Dr. Terry joined the NBEO in 2005 as Executive Director. Prior to that, he was Chief of both Optometry and Research Services at the Huntington, West Virginia, Department of Veterans Administration Medical Center and Director of the Marshall University Office of Research Integrity. He was also an Associate Professor of Pharmacology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University.

Dr. Terry had extensive involvement with the licensing of optometrists for more than two decades prior to his appointment in 2005 by serving as a member of several NBEO committees and as Chairman of the Examination Council. He had also served as a Director and Chairman of the Data and Information Committee of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) as well as President of the West Virginia State Board of Optometry.

Reflecting upon the past 12 years, Dr. Terry stated, "The NBEO is one of the finest organizations in existence as it strives to assist state boards of optometry in providing members of the public with excellent, safe eye care that is rendered to them by appropriately qualified optometric practitioners."

Congratulations Dr. Terry on your retirement, and thank you for your many contributions to our profession.



In Memoriam

Donald Covert (OD'70), age 74, passed away on February 8, 2017 in Burlington, NC.

Born in Cincinnati and raised in Portsmouth, Dr. Covert was active as a child, playing multiple sports in high school, and was also an Eagle Scout. He graduated from The Ohio State University College of Optometry in 1970. His optometric career began in Michigan and he later worked in Graham, NC, both in a private practice capacity. He was extremely involved in his community, serving on many boards such as the Alamance County Health Board, and committed to the optometric profession through involvement with the American Optometric Association and the North Carolina Optometric Society. He was also a longtime member of the Graham Presbyterian Church and involved in Rotary for 42 years, becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. He is survived by his wife Sandra, two daughters, one son, a stepdaughter, and multiple grandchildren.

Irving "Irv" Tanzman (BS'55), age 85, passed away on April 8, 2017.

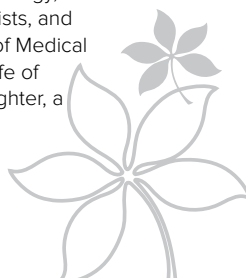
Dr. Tanzman grew up in Parksville, NY and graduated from Liberty High School before graduating from The Ohio State University School of Optometry. Upon graduation, he served overseas in the armed forces as an optometrist. Following that chapter in his life, he moved to North Adams, MA to establish a practice in 1961. In addition to practicing optometry, Dr. Tanzman enjoyed providing eye care to communities in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Armenia through Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity.

Outside of the office, he dedicated his time serving his community through volunteer boards, such as the Northern Berkshire YMCA, the Building Committee for the Salvation Army Citadel, and as the President of the Northern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce. He was an active outdoorsman and specifically enjoyed time spent hunting, fishing, hiking and skiing. Dr. Tanzman is survived by five children, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Preston Richmond (OD/MS'73, MD), age 69, passed away on April 17, 2017 in Winter Park, FL.

Dr. Richmond was raised in Belpre, Ohio and graduated from The Ohio State University College of Optometry in 1973 before earning his MD at Wright State University School of Medicine in 1982. Upon graduation from Wright State, Dr. Richmond completed a residency at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, FL as well as a vitreoretinal fellowship at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. He then moved to Winter Park, Florida and worked as a physician partner at Central Florida Retina for almost 30 years.

Outside of the office, he enjoyed woodworking, golf, tennis, and boating. He was an active member of the Winter Park Rotary Club, a board member of the Lighthouse of Central Florida, a member of the American Board of Ophthalmology, American Society of Retina Specialists, and a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, two children, a granddaughter, a brother, and two sisters.





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