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# JANUARY 2020

College of Optometry

**1/1/20 Wednesday**

**Happy New Year! Enter this new decade with 20/20 vision!**

**1/10/20 Friday**

The **American Optometric Association (AOA)** will be on campus for its Annual Board Meeting, tours, and time with faculty and students.

**1/22/20 Wednesday**

**Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (sVOSH)** will be holding a Chinese Food fundraiser from **12pm – 1pm at the HEC Esplanade**. All proceeds will support sVOSH optometric clinic trips to Fiji.

**1/23/20 Thursday**

**College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD)** – Each academic year, the COVD board of directors and some past presidents visit optometry schools across North America to share the message about practicing vision therapy. Please join COVD at WUCO, as we welcome **Dr. Marie Bodack**, an esteemed member of the board of directors of COVD, to give a lecture titled "Open Eyes to Vision Therapy" as part of the national Tour de Optometry event on **January 27th, 2020 at 5:30PM in HEC Lecture Hall I**. **Free food** will be provided at the event to all members and non-members. That being said we ask that if you are in attendance you remain for the entirety of the event. Come and enjoy a great talk, free food, and raffle prizes! If you would like to join us, **please sign up below by Thursday, January 23rd at 11:59pm**  
<https://forms.gle/E8X8GgJ7PyxYMsTP6>

**1/28/20 Tuesday & 1/30/20 Thursday**

**Free glaucoma screenings** - January is Glaucoma Awareness Month. The WesternU Eye Care Institute will hold free glaucoma screenings in the WesternU Health - Pomona first floor lobby 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28 and 8-11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30. Have your eye pressure taken, learn what glaucoma is and learn about glaucoma risk factors. No appointment necessary. Please help spread the word. [Click here](#) to view a flier.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lions Club is collecting non-perishable food items for the District 4-L4 Hunger Service Project.** Our members will be packing these items with the local District for later distribution to the Orange County Rescue Mission. Food items needed include: canned tuna or meat, canned fruit or vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, rice, dry beans, pasta, instant noodle soup, snack/granola bars, canned tomato sauce, canned diced tomatoes, and canned pinto beans. **Items can be dropped off in the box in front of Optometry Admin between Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>.** Any donations are greatly appreciated!

**Kudos to Niloufar Jafari (OD 2022) and Daniela Saldivar (OD 2022)** for taking the initiative to organize and encourage all of us to donate to the blanket drive. Together we donated 450 blankets to Volunteers of America Los Angeles, which operates Hope for Home Homeless Service Center in the City of Pomona. We delivered 250 new fleece blankets and 200 weatherproof mylar blankets to the center!

**Congratulations to Alex Bennett (OD 2021)** for being elected as the national President of American Optometric Student Association (AOSA).

**Congratulations to Dr. Efrain Castellanos!** Dr. Castellanos has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the World Council of Optometry and the World Council of Optometry Education Committee.

**Continuing Education Online Courses** – for a list of 1 and 2 hours courses please [click here](#).

For a complete listing of news and events, please visit our [College of Optometry News & Outreach webpage](#).

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