



Western  
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College of Optometry

# MARCH 2019

## **3/11/19 Monday**

SVOSH will be holding a Thai food fundraiser during lunch from 12:00pm – 1:00pm on the HEC Esplanade.

## **3/14/19 Thursday**

SVOSH will be holding a Pi Day pizza fundraiser during lunch from 12:00pm – 1:00pm in the VCC Esplanade.

## **3/25/19 Monday – 3/29/19 Friday WUCO Spring Break**

## **3/26/19 Tuesday**

**Open to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years!** YOU are invited to come networking with the OCOS doctors, Orange County Retina, and 3rd/4th years from SCCO at the event "Beers with Peers!" (\$5 gets you 2 drinks and appetizers) **7:00pm at The Public House 138 W. Commonwealth Ave. Fullerton, CA.** To register please send your Full Name and Contact Number to [OCOS.WUCO@gmail.com](mailto:OCOS.WUCO@gmail.com).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WUCO graduate, **Dr. Judy Cao** (OD 2014), is opening her new practice on March 27, 2019 in the city of San Gabriel. We are so proud!

**Dr. Bennett McAllister** took **seven first year students** to the Blind Center of Nevada on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The clients of the Blind Center need annual blindness certifications for their grants to continue and having WUCO come to their Center reduces hardships on each person getting to a doctor on their own. All 34 patients seen were certified legally blind. A sampling of the etiologies: diabetic retinopathy, retinopathy of prematurity, retinitis pigmentosa, strokes, car accident trauma, intimate partner violence, genetic disorder, glaucoma, macular degeneration, phthisis and more. This concentrated experience gives most first year students an introduction into the visual impairment field of optometry and shows them how they can help, even if the patient is legally blind.

### **3/21/19 Thursday**

The Future of Brain Health: Breakthroughs in Performance, Cognition, and Aging an Interprofessional Summit: The Future of Brain Health. **Free for Students!** Location: CTRL Collective, 45 S Arroyo Pkwy, Pasadena, CA 91105 Register at Event Brite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-future-of-brain-health-breakthroughs-in-performance-cognition-aging-tickets-57669607348?discount=WESTERN>

**Dr. Kristy Remick-Waltman** will be the "Keynote Speaker" at the *Summit Meeting on Children's Vision and Learning 2019* to be held at the University of Washington, Seattle area, on Saturday March 16, 2019. Dr. Remick-Waltman's topic will be "*Eyes On Track*", which is the title of her newly published book, *Eyes On Track; Ages 4 – Adult*; this book explains to teachers and parents about vision skills needed in the classroom for academic success. Dr. Remick-Waltman will also be presenting a "hands-on" workshop for attendees at the event.

**ECI LA Announcement** – With **Low Vision Awareness** Month behind us, it is even more important to learn and spread awareness about **Vision Impairment**. [Click here for more information.](#)

The College of Optometry presented the annual **Tour de Optometry event featuring, Dr. Pat Pirotte**. The event was hosted by the COVD on Thursday, February 21, 2019. The topic of the lecture was "How VT Can Help You in the Disruption Coming to Optometry." There were approximately 60 OD students in attendance. It was a great event that concluded with the e-board of COVD and Drs. Chung and Tassinari inviting Dr. Pirotte and students out to dinner. [Click here for photos.](#)

The **34<sup>th</sup> CSUN Assistive Technologies Conference** will be held in Anaheim this year from March 11-15, 2019. The exhibit halls offer free attendance and will have many devices and technologies for the visually impaired. Follow this link for more information:  
[http://www.csun.edu/cod/conference/2019/sessions/index.php/public/webseite\\_pages/view/5](http://www.csun.edu/cod/conference/2019/sessions/index.php/public/webseite_pages/view/5)

**Save the dates & come to volunteer in your community** – Care Harbor Event on Saturday, 4/27/19 & Sunday, 4/28/19 at the Pomona Fairplex. *Online volunteer registration will be opening soon*  
<http://www.careharbor.org/fairplex/>

**Western University of Health Sciences** is hosting the next **Envision Conference October 5-6, 2019!** Envision Conference is the premier interprofessional conference for low vision rehabilitation. You'll have a chance to interact and network with other practitioners, researchers, occupational therapists, vision rehabilitation therapists (VRT), teachers of visually impaired (TVI), orientation and mobility specialists (O&M), assistive technology specialists, and others. You'll learn the latest advances in research and treatment as well as see exhibitors showcasing brand new technology that allow people to thrive and remain independent.

<http://www.cvent.com/events/envision-conference-west-2019/event-summary-273784431cb8420b93cfb8532eb00a85.aspx>

**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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