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College of Optometry

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## 10/2/18 Tuesday

All are invited to hear from **Jeffrey Walline, OD, PhD**, Board Member of the American Academy of Optometry! **12:00pm in HEC Classroom B.** Lunch provided only to those who register by Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> by noon. [Click here to register now.](#)

## 10/8/18 Monday

**University Closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day**

## 10/12/18 Friday

Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (SVOSH) presents Dine in the Dark! Come enjoy a nice dinner and fun activities as we raise funds and awareness for World Sight Day. **5:30pm in HEC Recital Hall.** Contact [svoshclub@westernu.edu](mailto:svoshclub@westernu.edu) [Click here for event details.](#)

## 10/20/18 Saturday

**Insan Health Fair Community Vision Screening** Time needed: Shift B: 12:00pm – 4:30pm Location: 805 S Garey Ave, Pomona, CA 91766 (near City Hall) [Sign up here.](#)

## 10/20/18 Saturday

The Annual **Western Regional Conference** is being held at the University of California at Berkeley College of Optometry. Come out for informative lecturers, networking events, and enjoy a night out with colleagues! All-inclusive tickets are only \$30! Last day to buy is October 9<sup>th</sup> 2018. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/western-regional-conference-tickets-50083489064>

## 10/23/18 Tuesday

**OCOS October CE event** The event is scheduled from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the Dave & Busters in Orange. Topic: "The Other Glaucomas & Hereditary Fundus Conditions." Interested in attending and volunteering please email [ocos.wuco@gmail.com](mailto:ocos.wuco@gmail.com) (Food will be provided)

**10/31/18 Wednesday**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual WUCO Halloween House Competition** – The winning House will receive a lunch time Monster Mash and bragging rights for an entire year!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Eye Care Institute** will be hosting another SightSavers America electronic video magnifier donation event on **Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 8:00am – 12:00pm**. The recipients are children who have eye conditions that are not correctable with conventional glasses, contact lenses, medications, or surgery. The unique features of electronic video magnifiers optimize the children's remaining vision allowing them to see their parent's faces, groom themselves, read, write, complete schoolwork independently with less eye fatigue so they can keep up with the academic demands of their sighted peers.

**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>

**WesternU College of Optometry at Care Harbor** – WUCO had a great impact at the Care Harbor LA event that was held at the Reef in downtown Los Angeles Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 2018. At this event WUCO provided healthcare to the underserved in the downtown Los Angeles area. WUCO performed examinations and assisted attendees in frame selection. Some of the attendees were able to have their spectacle prescription filled on site thanks to Healing California (local entity that provides medical, dental and vision care services to those in need). WUCO faculty and local optometrists oversaw WUCO students and also collaborated with the staff and ophthalmologists with Jules Stein Eye Institute (UCLA). Optos provided one of their instruments for us to utilize (California) and VSP provided staff and optical services so that those who did not receive glasses on that day

will be able to get a pair in one month. With the help of everyone we were able to serve close to 1,000 patients (Saturday 308, Sunday 300, Monday 313). We would not have been able to help this many individuals without the help of everyone involved. A Huge Thank YOU to ALL!

**Drs. Bennett McAllister and Frank Spors** had their article, **Physiologic Analogues to the Slide Rule with Applications in Predictive Analysis and Assessment of Human Vision** published in the most recent edition of the Journal of the Oughtred Society, a journal dedicated to the preservation and history of slide rules and other calculating instruments. In the article, Drs. McAllister and Spors presented the concept of logarithmic response of human vision to changes in stimulus, the development of rational LogMAR visual acuity charts such as Bailey-Lovie and ETDRS and the leveraging of those charts' design in predicting visual performance improvements with changes in lens power, working distance and telescope power.

**Message to Students:** Any WesternU students who went to any mission trip involving the provision of eye care to underserved communities this past summer and interested in getting reimbursement please email [ocos.wuco@gmail.com](mailto:ocos.wuco@gmail.com).

**Dr. Elaine Ramos and Dr. John Tassinari** both contributed cases to the new textbook, *Clinical Cases in Eye Care*. The name of Dr. Tassinari's case is, A Complex Case of Accommodative Insufficiency. The name of Dr. Ramos' case is, Intermittent Exotropia, Divergence Excess Type.

On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 2018, **Dr. Bennett McAllister and ten interns from WUCO 2022 performed blindness certifications on 46 patients at the Blind Center of Nevada** (<https://www.blindcenter.org/>). Among the many ocular conditions seen were traumatic brain injury, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma (both angle closure and open angle), retinitis pigmentosa, aniridia, optic nerve hypoplasia, myopic degeneration, complication of meningitis, stroke, child abuse, cone dystrophy, optic neuritis, gunshot to head, retinopathy of prematurity, retinoblastoma, medication side effect, anophthalmia and infantile glaucoma.

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

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