

APRIL 2013

4/1/13 Monday

WUCO Student Lunch and Learn – Mr. Mike Elton of **HOYA** & Dr. Thomas Gossling will host a presentation entitled, “New Digital World, New Visual Demands” focusing on the collaboration and development of their newest iPad application. **12:00pm – 1:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

4/3/13 Wednesday

Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA) Event – A Traumatic Brain Injury Case Discussion – NORA is excited to announce a unique opportunity to interact with students of the Illinois College of Optometry (ICO) and Eric Ikeda, OD, FCOVD, FAAO, DPNAP, who will be assisting in the facilitation of a discussion on a case involving a traumatic brain injury patient. [Click here for Dr. Ikeda's background.](#) **5:00pm – 6:30pm in HEC Classroom A.** For more information contact NORAcclub@westernu.edu.

4/4/13 Wednesday

WUCO Student Lunch and Learn – Come hear our friends from **Alcon** present, “Maximizing Patient Outcomes Through a Healthy Ocular Surface”. **12:00pm – 1:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

4/4/13 – 4/7/13 Thursday - Sunday

WUCO Vision Screening – Coachella Health Fair – All day during the concert – housing provided. **Volunteers needed**, please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman at kremick@westernu.edu if you are available to participate.

4/6/13 Saturday

WUCO Vision Screening – Dr. Ani Halabi, OD has invited WUCO to participate in the 5th Annual Glendale Healthy Kids Health Fair taking place at the Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave., Glendale CA from 9:30am – 2:00pm. Dr. Remick is no longer in need of volunteers for this screening.

4/6/13 Saturday

11th Annual Trends in Autism Conference - [Download Full Conference Brochure & Registration HERE](#) | [ONLINE ATTENDEE REGISTRATION](#) | [ONLINE EXHIBITOR/SPONSOR REGISTRATION](#)

4/7/13 Sunday

WUCO Vision Screening – VOSH Clinic – Dr. Barry Leonard has requested student volunteers. He would like 3-4 students from each class, especially 3rd years. It would be great if 4th years who are in the area can attend. 8:00am – 4:00pm at New Economics for Women Clinic, 21400 Saticoy St., Canoga Park, CA. **Volunteers needed**, please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman at kremick@westernu.edu if you are available to participate.

4/8/13 Monday

Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA) Event – A special visit from Leonid Skorin, Jr., DO, OD, MS, FAAO, FAOCO. Dr. Skorin is the senior staff ophthalmologist at Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea and is an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Dr. Skorin will give an afternoon presentation, “Eye Disease by the Numbers”, providing current information on the prevalence and treatment strategies of various ocular diseases. **12:00pm in HEC Classroom E.** Additionally, Dr. Skorin will be giving an evening presentation, “Interprofessionalism in a Healthcare Setting”, sharing his unique perspective on the importance of interprofessionalism in healthcare. **5:15pm - 6:30pm in HEC Lecture Hall I.** For more information contact NORAcub@westernu.edu.

4/12/13 Friday

WUCO Honor’s Day 2013 – Focus on Excellence Bring family, friends, all are welcome! Awards! Recognitions! Amazing Food! A fun celebration of our Core Values! [Click here to RSVP.](#)

4/15/13 Monday

OD2015 Guest Speaker – Mr. Josh Adams, Vice President from Valley Contax, will be discussing Custom Contact Lenses, Scleral Contact Lenses - and the Custom Stable Fitting System. **1:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

Lunch will be served from 12:00pm – 12:50pm in Classroom E

4/16/13 Tuesday

WUCO Student Lunch and Learn – Come hear our friends from Vistakon. **12:00pm – 1:00pm in HEC Classroom F.**

4/16/13 Tuesday

American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) invites you to the 4th Annual, Local WUCO Student Bowl! ALL WesternU students & faculty are invited. Please join the festivities & fun by signing up [HERE](#) by April 9th. For more information click here for the [event flier](#). **6:00pm – 9:00pm in HSC Lecture Hall West.**

4/17/13 Wednesday

National Optometric Student Association (NOSA) will be holding a Zumba-thon led by Zumba instructors Maritza & Annette. Entry to the event will be \$5.00 and funds collected will benefit the Eyes on Optometry program. **5:00pm – 8:00pm at the BVCC Student Commons.** For more information please email NOSAclub@westernu.edu.

4/18/13 Thursday

The College of Optometry will be hosting VIP guest, Mr. Peter Ash, the Founder and CEO of Under The Same Sun. Mr. Ash will be on campus giving a noon presentation, touring the campus, and spending time with our Deans. **The noon presentation will be hosted by the Global Health Club and held in HEC Classroom E.** There will also be a Food Fundraiser hosted by the National Student Nursing Association (NSNA) just outside HEC Classroom E. Welcome Mr. Peter Ash!!

4/22/13 Monday

College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) Event – *My Journey: Low Vision and Optometry*, presented by our very own Dr. Rebecca Kammer, WUCO's Assistant Director of Optometric Education, and Wayne Heidle, a dear friend with retinitis pigmentosa. Please join the COVD Club and learn about low vision from a patient's perspective at this powerful presentation. All WUCO students & faculty are welcome. **5:15pm in HEC Classroom E.**

4/25/13 Thursday

WUCO Annual Preceptor's Conference

4/29/13 Monday

OD2015 Guest Speaker – Mr. George Mera, Fitting Consultant from TruForm Optics, will be discussing Basic Gas Permeable Contact Lenses and Presbyopic Options. **1:00pm in HEC Classroom E.** **Lunch will be served from 12:00pm – 12:50pm in Classroom E**

4/30/13 Tuesday

WUCO Student Lunch and Learn – Come hear our friends from **VSP**. **12:00pm – 1:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Wednesday, May 1, 2013, Drs. McAllister, Pang, and Wren are meeting with Dr. Julian Montoro-Rodriguez at California State University, San Bernadino's Center on Aging to discuss opportunities for professional collaboration. The Center on Aging unites people and resources in the Inland Empire to respond to the needs of the rapidly aging population in Southern California. "The mission of the Center on Aging is to become a leading advocate in the Inland Empire to enhance the quality of life of older adults. Our main purpose is to assist older adults to age independently and with dignity. Our focus is on family caregiving and training for students interested in working with older adults. " Its mission and goals are in alignment with WUCO's emphasis on rehabilitation in the areas of vision rehabilitation and neuro-optometric rehabilitation.

On Monday, April 29, 2013 & Monday, May 6, 2013, in partnership with the California School for the Blind, The Eye Care Center will be providing vision rehabilitation examinations to local students with visual impairments. In addition to the vision rehabilitation examinations, they will receive optical devices to assist them in school and daily living. The goals of the program: (1) increase access to care (2) provide information about the students' visual function to educators and their families (3) provide clinical experience for WUCO student interns.

On Saturday, April 27, 2013, GP Specialists of San Diego hosted an open house for faculty and students of the Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry contact lens program. Drs. Egan and Spors, plus 90 members from the classes of OD2014 and OD2015 were in attendance. Topics included a tour and discussion of gas permeable contact lens

manufacturing, scleral lenses (i-Sight), Ortho-K (i-See), and specialty soft lenses (YamaKone).

On April 18-21, 2013, Western University of Health Sciences' College of Optometry Faculty and Students attended the 2013 NORA Annual Conference in Paradise Point, San Diego, CA. The Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association is a group of professionals from various disciplines committed to advancing the art and science of rehabilitation for the neurologically challenged patient. The WUCO constituents comprised the largest contingent from an Optometric institution. A majority of our students were able to participate as a culmination of active fundraising throughout the past year. Our national student NORA liaison, Jonathan Hall, received the President's Award for outstanding service and leadership. An archive of DVDs of the entire conference is available through Dr. Wren if you are interested, and were not able to attend.

WesternU Lions Club News - The WesternU Lions Club recently sponsored a California Lions Friends in Sight vision screening and eyeglasses distribution at Marshall Middle School in Pomona. [Click here](#) to read the full story in the Daily Bulletin.

Five students and two Faculty volunteered their services and journeyed to the Riverside/Indio Fairgrounds on the April 5th weekend representing WUCO and the Inland Empire Optometric Society at RAM CA (Remote Area Medicine – California) to provide vision care to hundreds of people who lack the ability to afford health care. RAM California is an affiliate of the Remote Area Medical Foundation. RAM USA's mission is to provide free health, dental, and vision care services to inhabitants in remote areas of the United States and the world. In addition they provide veterinary care as well. RAM CA is expanding on this basic concept by focusing on a much smaller subset, the residents of California. Services provided included: eye health examinations, glaucoma screenings, vision examinations, prescriptions or glasses made up on the spot. Patients often lined up the evening before and by 3AM were being registered. Services were provided from approximately 6AM to 6PM each day.

67 WUCO students journeyed to Indian Wells on April 4 to represent WUCO at COA's annual OptoWest Conference. COA generously provided hotel rooms and gas cards for all students in attendance at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort. COA was very impressed by the eagerness of WUCO

students to volunteer as CE monitors and at the silent auction benefiting the IE committee, which serves to support optometry-friendly legislators, such as Senator Ed Hernandez by buying campaign solicitations (i.e. mailers, tv ads, radio ads) towards elections. Unlike a PAC, an IE committee has no limit on how much it can donate to a candidate (max for PAC is \$4,100). This is important because Senator Hernandez may have a strong opponent running against him in the upcoming election, so we have to have a strong IE committee and raise funds to be able to help him be re-elected. Senator Ed Hernandez has helped optometrists win many battles in legislation, such as defining pediatric vision benefits to mean full eye exam, material benefits, and low vision benefits. In light of the upcoming changes in health care due to the ACA, we'll need as much help as we can get in the legislation to fight for optometrist rights and scope of practice! WesternU contributed a total of 7 out of 29 gift baskets, including 2 baskets from the College of Pharmacy and 1 from NORA Club, fundraising a total of \$375 for the IE committee. Thank you to everyone who helped make the conference a success and left COA doctors with a lasting fond impression of WUCO. – Diane Lee (OD2015)

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