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College of Optometry

APRIL 2016

4/6/16 Wednesday

Grand Opening – Optometry Then & Now: *a collaborative exhibit between the College of Optometry & the Pumerantz Library.* See the advances in the science and practice of optometry. The exhibit will be on display beginning April 6, 2016 through June 30, 2016. [RSVP for the Grand Opening here.](#) For additional information contact Mary Helen Ellis at mellis@westernu.edu or Sylvia Pedersen at spedersen@westernu.edu or 909.706.3817.

American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) invites you to the Annual Student Bowl. They will choose WUCO's representative for the Varilux Student Bowl at Optometry's Meeting in Boston, MA. Sign up to compete or sign up to be a spectator by APRIL 4th! There will be raffles for gift cards, travel grants, and a Heine Hand Held Slit Lamp!! Come join the fun! You don't want to miss out! [Click here to sign up.](#) [Click here for flier.](#)
5:30pm in HSC Lecture Hall East.

4/8/16 Friday

WUCO Honors Day will take place in **HPC Amphitheater II beginning at 5:30pm.** ALL are Welcome! Join us for an evening of Awards, Special Recognitions, and Amazing Food!

4/17/16 Sunday – 4/19/16 Tuesday

The Annual AOA Congressional Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC will take place April 17-19, 2016. Partake in the opportunity to engage with National legislators, lobbyists, and Optometrists on how upcoming legislation affects our future as medical professionals. More information will be found here: <http://www.aoa.org/events/2016-congressional-conference?sso=y>. If there are any questions, please contact AOSA Trustee Elect, Johnson Co at jco@westernu.edu.

4/20/16 Wednesday

COA Legislative Day in Sacramento, CA Visit the COA Legislative Day webpage for details:

<http://www.coavision.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3368>

4/20/16 Wednesday

FCO Club, NOSA Club, and SC-CVM Club host the Faith and Science Event – Join the discussion exploring if Faith and Science work together or do they coexist at all...and How? This event may help answer some of those questions and curiosities one may have when it comes to this topic. This is an extremely interesting topic that sparks lots of discussion and the guest speaker for the evening is Dr. Charles Hunt. Dinner will be provided for the first 50 people who sign up! [Click here to sign up to attend.](#)
6:00pm in HEC Lecture Hall I.

4/21/16 Thursday

The San Fernando Valley Optometric Society (SFVOS) will be holding their next board meeting at **6:30pm in the city of Encino**. Students who are interested in attending may RSVP by sending an email to SFVOS liaison Kimberly Castillo at kcastillo@westernu.edu. You will receive an email confirmation including the address.

4/24/16 Sunday

The Annual WUCO Softball Tournament & BBQ 2016 – This event is going to be held from **11:00am – 3:30pm at Big League Dreams in Chino Hills**. Come enjoy a complimentary meal for those that sign up by the following deadline and if you feel like getting your softball on don't be shy and represent your House for the championship trophy! Everyone is encouraged to come hang out and even if you don't feel like playing you can still get a custom baseball T-shirt representing your house for \$20.
[Sign up here.](#)

4/25/16 Monday

American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) – Join us for a quick meeting for to answer all your questions regarding Optometry's Meeting! There will be a short presentation and then we will raffle off another Student Travel Grant! Lunch Sandwiches will be provided for those who sign up by Friday April 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Johnson Co jco@westernu.edu or Cristina Acevedo wucotruster-elect@theaosa.org. **HEC Classroom E at 12:00pm**. Click on this link to sign up: <http://goo.gl/forms/ybqFgmrBzS>

4/27/16 Wednesday

NORA Club presents Movie Night with a viewing of *Head Games* – *Head Games* is a documentary that follows football player and pro-wrestler Chris Nowinski's quest to uncover the truth about the consequences of sports related head injuries. Dinner will be provided to those who RSVP. Free for NORA members and \$5 for non-members. **5:00pm in HEC Classroom A.** [Click here to RSVP.](#)

4/30/16 Saturday

WUCO Banquet – Time: 7:00pm – 12:00am. [Click here for flier.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WUCO was represented this year at the **annual COVD meeting in St. Louis, Missouri**, with a scientific poster authored by **Stephanie Amonoo-Monney, MPH, AALHE, Elizabeth Hoppe, OD, MPH, DrPh, and Kristy Remick-Waltman, OD, FCOVD**. The scientific poster was titled, "Screening for Convergence Insufficiency among Optometry students; Effect of CI on OAT Reading Comprehension Scores. The 2016 COVD annual meeting was attended by Ida Chung, OD, FCOVD, Kristi Jensen, OD, FCOVD, Kim Walker, OD, FCOVD, Kristy Remick-Waltman, OD, FCOVD, Fayiz Mahgoub, COVD Club President, and numerous WUCO residents and alumni.

American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) - on Wednesday April 6, 2016, WUCO hosted the Annual Student Bowl contest to choose our contestant to participate in the Varilux Student Bowl Competition during Optometry's Meeting in Boston, MA. **Our winner this year is Class of 2017 Kenneth Van!** Congrats! Join us for this annual event happening June 29-July 3rd in Boston, MA. You can register here at <http://www.optometrismeeting.org/>. Contact AOSA Trustee, Johnson Co jco@westernu.edu, or Trustee-Elect, Cristina Acevedo wucotruster-elect@theaosa.org, for any questions or concerns. Registration is \$75 and will increase after May 1. Sign up today! [Click here for some more photos!](#)

On Wednesday, April 27, 2016, Dr. Paul Dobies is leading a CAPE Presentation. Faculty and Staff are invited to attend!

[Creating a Communication Culture for Patient Safety](#)

Is there an inverse relationship between communication errors and Patient safety? A repeat study in the Journal of Patient Safety confirmed an alarmingly high rate of Patient mortality in US hospitals associated primarily

with a single factor - communication errors. In fact, the rate was so high that it would qualify as the third leading cause of death if the CDC listed it. This interactive presentation will detail a behavioral-emotional-cognitive approach to creating a communication culture for Patient Safety.

On Friday, April 15, 2016, Dr. Bennett McAllister gave a presentation to the Cal Poly Pomona, Health and Wellness Center doctors and health care staff on identifying, treating and managing common ocular issues in a college student population. Particular attention was placed on contact lens abuse and ocular trauma.

Dr. Paul Aversano and Dr. Robert Lee held an Interprofessional Ophthalmoscopy Workshop on April 14, 2016. 17 Optometry students and over 70 first year COMP students participated in the College of Optometry's first annual Ophthalmoscopy Workshop. The buzz around the room was heartfelt and palpable as many students appreciated the clinical tips passed on and how much they learned. The entire group agreed this should be a continuing tradition and IPE partnership!

WUCO 3rd Year students and Dr. Rob Drescher recently returned from participating in the California CareForce Coachella Valley Expedition (4/8 thru 4/10). Twenty-seven students along with local ODs participated in the 3 day event providing full eye exams to 489 patients. Over 600 pairs of glasses were made onsite for the patients to pick up on the same day as their exam. Among the local ODs participating were WUCO graduates Drs. Andy Chen (OD2015), Zachary Shore (OD2015) and Mary Hoang (OD2015).

Drs. Spors, Tsang, McNaughton, and Shen presented a poster "Fitting Reverse Geometry Lenses after Multiple Refractive Surgeries" at the annual Vision By Design meeting. This was the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control which took place from April 7-10, 2016 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The Gala Opening of the **College of Optometry Exhibit "Optometry – Then and Now"** had a very successful kickoff with the Mayor of Pomona, his Honor, Elliot Rothman and representation from the Chair of the County Board of Supervisors, Hilda Solis, both present certificates to the Harriet K. and Philip Pumerantz Library and the College of Optometry. Student Ambassadors from each of the four Great Houses, Skeffington, Prentice, Borish and Galileo were on hand to greet the over 75 guests and answer questions about the history of Doctors of Optometry and the profession as well as its future.

Over the weekend of April 8-9, 2016, Dr. Linda Pang, will be presenting a lecture titled "Unique Optical Devices That Optimizes Functionality for Visually Impaired" and **Dr. Bennett McAllister** will be presenting a lecture titled "What's the Fuss About Focus?" at the California Transcribers & Educators for the Blind and Visually Impaired Conference in Los Angeles. (CTEBVI <http://ctebvi.org/conference.html>)

In the IPE spirit of WesternU, **Dr. Valerie Wren** presented a course on Neuro-Optometry in a hospital-based setting to the Neuropsychology Department at Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation on Monday, March 28, 2016. Recommendations were give on vision problems affecting the neuropsychology battery, and when referral for a vision consult is needed. This lecture was also part of the didactic series for their neuropsychology residents.

A message on behalf of your **WUCO Armed Forces Optometric Society (AFOS) Liaison, Karen Diep (OD 2019)**: *Attention all health professional scholarship program (HPSP) students! If you are attending an optometry school on a Navy, Army, or Air Force scholarship, please e-mail me at JJaces@salus.edu. Include which school you attend and your graduation year. More importantly, please spread this word among anyone you know at your school who is on a military scholarship. Thank you to those who have already contacted me, and I look forward to hearing from the rest of you! - Jonathan Jacesko, Third year student at PCO, National Liaison to AFOS*

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

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

Got News? Contact Monique Tessier at mtessier@westernu.edu or 909.469.8477.