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College of Optometry

8/3/15 Monday – 8/7/15 Friday
WUCO Orientation Week

8/5/15 Wednesday

Eye Care Center, in partnership with Sightsavers America, will be hosting a special event on Wednesday, August 5th from **9:00am – 12:00pm**. We will be donating 5 closed circuit television systems to children who are partially sighted. With the use of this adaptive technology, they will be able to access regular print materials and participate in classroom activities independently. Please join us in congratulating these recipients.

8/8/15 Saturday

WUCO Convocation & White Coat Ceremonies

8/19/15 Wednesday

WesternU SGA Club Day - 11:30am to 1:15pm – Location: WesternU Esplanade.

8/23/15 Sunday

SBOS Summer Bash 7:00am – 12:00pm – SBOS has invited *two* students to attend their Summer Bash. They are requesting that the students volunteer to help with check in to receive complimentary registration to the seminar. If you are interested, please contact the SBOS student liaison, Jennifer Aslam at jaslam@westernu.edu by Monday, August 10th. [Click here for flier.](#)

8/26/15

WUCO Welcomes – Mr. Lloyd Powell from Richmond Products, Mr. Chris Greening & Mr. Joe Villari from the Good-lite Corporation. They will be on campus spending time with WUCO faculty and administration.

Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Club (NORA) invites you to the first event of the year! NORA is hosting **Dr. Derek Tong** who is the owner of the Center for Vision Development and Optometry in Pasadena, CA. He practices Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation and integrates Syntonic Optometry as well as Vision Therapy for the treatment of his patients.

Argentinian food will be served for dinner and they will be raffling off glasses frames to NORA club members! **5:00pm in HEC Classroom A.** Please RSVP for dinner here: <http://goo.gl/forms/egcf7qStI2>.

8/30/15 Sunday

WUCO Vision Screening – Back to School Victory Outreach Screening, Chino, Ca. OD2017, OD2018 & OD2019 volunteers needed. You may sign up to volunteer using this link: <https://goo.gl/9GWjYP>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bennett McAllister presented a two hour workshop on Low Vision Rehabilitation at the First World Congress of Optometry which took place August 14-16, 2015 in Medellin, Colombia. [Click here for the final stats on the attendance.](#)

Dr. Joshua Cameron's Zebrafish Lab had a paper published on August 12, 2015 in the journal PLoS ONE. The article entitled, *The Effect of Zeaxanthin on the Visual Acuity of Zebrafish*, is open access and available at this link:

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0135211>

Eric Saidi, the first author is an OD 2018 student and a 2014 MSMS graduate from the Graduate College of Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Pinakin Davey, Director of Research for the College of Optometry, was a co-author of the study.

The **WUCO VOSH Fiji team** returned from their 10 day mission trip this past Tuesday (8/4/15). The team included Dr. Drescher and his daughter, Amanda Drescher, OD2017 students Christina Arakaki, Katherine Ha, Malia Sato, Stephanie Souvannachak-Cowick, Kathy Tran, and Alyssa Yamamoto. The team provided comprehensive eye exams for 185 patients, giving out spectacle prescriptions, readers, and sunglasses. They also went to a nearby primary school and screened 130 students and 3 teachers in one afternoon. They referred patients for cataract, pterygium, and corneal transplant surgeries. The VOSH Club hopes to continue to send a team every year to provide vision care for the many Fijians that are unable to afford or access such care.

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

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