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College of Optometry

AUGUST 2017

8/14/17 Monday

First Day of Classes of Fall Semester 2017. Welcome Class of 2021!!

8/20/17 Sunday

The Orange County Optometric Society is looking for four students to volunteer at their **Annual Pathology Symposium on Sunday, August 20th 2017 in Irvine, CA**. The event will take place from **6:00am to 3:30pm**, with two shifts available. Breakfast and/or lunch will be provided, depending on your shift. If you would like to volunteer or have further questions, please contact Lauren Monsanto at lauren.monsanto@westernu.edu.

8/23/17 Wednesday

WesternU Fall Club Day – Learn how to get involved! **11:30am – 1:15pm** on the HEC Esplanade.

8/28/17 Monday

Please join the **College of Optometry for the Continuing Education Summer Mixer** with dinner from **6:00pm – 9:00pm** in **HEC Recital Hall**. The evening will be a time to network and socialize with alumni, faculty, students and local optometrists. Speaker **Alessandro Baronti** of Luxottica will be providing 2 hours of free continuing education on "The Future of Optical" and "The Art of the Patient Hand Off". Please register to attend at <https://wucosummerce.eventbrite.com>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bennett McAllister was awarded the prestigious University-wide Philip and Harriet Pumerantz Faculty Award for Service during our annual convocation. Dr. McAllister was selected by his peers for his exemplary service within his profession. **Congratulations and kudos to Dr. McAllister.** It is also worthy to note that Dr. McAllister joins prior award recipients from the College of Optometry, Drs. Spors and Yumori were recognized for their contributions in teaching and Dr. Davey was recognized for his accomplishments in research.

Attention all students: The American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) chapter of Western University College of Optometry would like to invite you all to attend the annual Western Regional Conference (WRC) 2017! WRC is one of the largest West Coast student-led conferences, where AOSA members from Midwestern, SCCO, UC Berkeley, and WUCO come together to hear from professional leaders on important topics, learn about current products, and network with future colleagues. It is a pleasure to announce that this year's **WRC will take place at our very own campus** from Friday, September 29th to Saturday, September 30th 2017! Free food, drinks, and lots of prizes! **Click [here](#) to register.**

The **2017 White Coat Ceremony** was successful in using new technology to allow students to include their loved ones and friends in the ceremony from near and far. The College of Optometry was able successfully stream and record the ceremony and has received over 280 views. Please click on the link below to view the OD 2021 White Coat Ceremony live stream video unedited: <https://youtu.be/eINDuzgBCKk>

Exciting News! Glaucoma Grands Rounds with live patients continuing education course has **SOLD OUT!** This year we will be welcoming 45 licensed Optometrists to campus for the 2-day course on September 9th & 10th 2017. The course will be led by **Raymond Maeda, OD, Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs** and instruction will be provided by **Pinakin Davey, PhD, OD, Naida Jakirlic, OD, and Valerie Quan, OD.**

Welcome Dr. Loretta Ng – Dr. Loretta Ng is the newest member of the WUCO family as the **Eye Care Institute's Chief of Staff.** After an extensive search it was determined that Dr. Ng brings the necessary skills and experience to lead the Eye Care Institute. For the past ten years Dr. Ng has been the Clinical Director at one of the top ophthalmology practices in Hawaii, Jenkins Eye Care. She was responsible for overseeing the clinical operations, developing professional relations with the surrounding healthcare providers, and established clinical research opportunities at the practice. Prior to overseeing this practice, she was a Tenured Associate Professor at Southern California College of Optometry. She coordinated services at two of their external sites, was instructor of record in a variety of courses, and was a clinical preceptor to students in the primary care and ocular disease departments.

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.