



FEBRUARY 2013

2/4/13 – 2/6/13 Monday – Wednesday

Western University College of Optometry's Accreditation Site Visit

2/15/13 Friday

WUCO Vision Screening – Blindness Support Services Vision Screening in Riverside. **8:30am – 12:00pm**. Dr. Linda Pang will be supervising this event. Please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman at kremick@westernu.edu if you are available to participate.

2/19/13 Tuesday

WesternU hosted the **California Optometric Association (COA)** Grassroot Advocacy Training event, which attracted over 60 students and faculty from both WUCO and SCCO, along with leaders from local optometry societies. The presentation was kicked off by the new COA president, Dr. Fred Dubick in a discussion about the importance of optometry student involvement in organized optometry and the new bill proposals regarding the Affordable Care Act that will be presented to the Senate Health Committee by COA. The evening's main presentation was given by the COA Grassroots and Fundraising Manager, Kara Corches, on the logistics behind organized optometry, including the do's and don'ts of advocating for the profession. The evening ended with a bit of role play where students persuaded "Senator" Corches to overturn a hypothetical bill that would tax optometry students \$100/midterm to subsidize law school tuition. Lastly, Kara provided the attendees with plenty of COA memorabilia in a raffle. WUCO's first Grassroot Advocacy Training Program was definitely both informative and inspiring. Thank you all that made it a memorable evening!

2/21/13 Thursday

A.P.P.L.E. C.O.R.E. Session – Dagmar Cofer, L.E.A.D. Director, will host a session entitled Managing the Overload of Optometry School: Tips & Tools Right Now! **12:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

2/25/13 Monday

College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) Guest Speaker - The COVD Club welcomes Dr. Arnold Sherman, FAAO, FCOVD. Topic: [Expand Your Vision Training Practice with Sports Vision Enhancement](#). Dr. Sherman is the developer and Director of the Sports Vision Center at SUNY, State College of Optometry. He is the founder and Past Chairman of the Sports Vision Section of the AOA and actively involved in sports vision enhancement training and consultation for amateur and professional athletes in numerous sports. He has consulted for the New York Knicks, New York Jets, and New York Rangers, the US Olympic Tennis, Fencing, Handball, Archer, and Volleyball teams. He is an Associate Clinical Professor at SUNY College of Optometry and has a private practice in Merrick, NY. Join us for snacks and refreshments! **12:00pm in HEC Classroom E**. [Click here to RSVP](#). Questions? Please contact COVDClub@westernu.edu.

2/28/13 Thursday

Dr. Bennett McAllister attended the CSUN 28th Annual International Technology & Persons with Disabilities Conference in San Diego. In keeping with the emphasis on visual rehabilitation, Dr. McAllister represented WUCO at the Freedom Scientific Advisory Board meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD

COA House of Delegates Meeting - Sheraton Universal Studios Hotel, Universal City, CA. **February 8th** from 8am-8pm or February 9 from 8am-12:30pm. FREE transportation and a \$20 voucher for lunch for the first 15 students who register. [Click here to register](#). Questions? Email Diane Lee leed1@westernu.edu, Thomas Wong twong1@westernu.edu, Naul Paz npaz@westernu.edu, or Julia Chu yjchu@westernu.edu.

COA Legislative Day - Wed, Feb 27, 2013 - Sacramento, CA

Southwest is having a sale on flights for COA Legislative Day- Wed, Feb 27 for \$138 (FI#655 6am-7:25am, FI#248 7:50pm-9:05pm). There is \$125 travel stipend for the first 25 people who register! Sale ends Jan 31. This is a great opportunity to meet your senators and assembly members and let them know that optometry is not a dying profession and to tell them to keep us in mind when they vote for state laws. You must complete all of the following to receive your travel stipend:

1. Register [here](#) by **February 20, 2013**
2. Place your name on this [excel sheet](#)
3. Sign in at the reception table
4. Provide travel expense documentation by March 27, 2013 to [Kara Corches](#)

If you have any questions, email [Diane Lee](#) (2015) or [Thomas Wong](#) (2014).

WUCO Student Lunch and Learn – March 7th – Mr. Tom Duchardt of **Alcon** will host a session entitled, A Case Study in Addressing Your Presbyopic Patients' Vision Care Needs. **12:00pm – 1:00pm in HEC Classroom A.**

Optometric Extension Program (OEP) Event – Here is a great opportunity to attend **The WORLD Behavioral Vision Seminar** and learn more about vision therapy, strabismus, amblyopia and much more. Speaker: **David L. Cook, OD, FCOVD, FAAO** -Date: **March 10-11, 2013** - Location: **San Diego, CA**. Feel free to email Judy at jcao@westernu.edu with any questions or concerns.

WUCO Vision Screening – March 16th - Norco-Corona Community Free Health Screening Day at Corona High School, 1150 West Street, Corona CA. **9:00am – 2:00pm. Volunteers needed**, please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman at kremick@westernu.edu if you are available to participate.

WUCO Student Lunch and Learn – April 1st – Mr. Mike Elton of **HOYA** & Dr. Thomas Gossling will host a session focusing on the collaboration and development of their newest iPad application. **12:00pm – 1:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

WUCO Vision Screening – April 4th – 7th - 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.

Please report all news to Monique Tessier mtessier@westernu.edu.

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