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College of Optometry

FEBRUARY 2015

2/4/15 Wednesday

WUCO Faculty Webinar Series - Eyexperience Cocktail Hour – Free webinar EVERY first Wednesday of the month. 1 CE Credit available. Join us for a presentation on *Corneal Erosion-Reviewing the Landscape* by David Cale, OD, FAAO. Contact Maria Espinosa at mespinosa@westernu.edu to register.

2/7/15 Saturday

Pasadena Health Fair - 8:00am – 2:30pm, Location: Pasadena City College, Creveling Lounge in the "CC" building. **Student volunteers needed** for vision screenings. Dr. Katherine Gillette will supervise. Please contact Dr. Remick if interested, kremick@westernu.edu.

2/9/15 Monday

Dr. Linda Pang will be giving a presentation at EYE-DAS (Eye Diseases Are Serious) organization in Glendora. It is a community presentation about low vision rehabilitation and available adaptive technologies that improve quality of life for people with impaired vision.

One of our **WUCO alumnus, Dr. Millie Liu**, is currently at SCCO/Ketchum University and would like to invite anyone who is interested to attend a great educational event. The event will be held at SCCO/Ketchum University on February 9th from **7:00pm to 8:30pm**. The talk will be given by 4th year students on their rotations, and a retinal specialist who will give a short case presentation. Some of the topics covered include: VKH/panuveitis, RDC & surgical options, macular pseudoholes, neuroretinitis, CNVM's, punctate inner choroidopathy, and more. Dr. Millie Liu suggests this is an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about ocular disease.

2/10/15 Tuesday

College of Optometrists in Vision Development Club (COVD) will be hosting a **Tour De Optometry** event and with President-Elect, Dr. Kara Heying, giving a presentation entitled, *Ensure Success by including VT in your future*. **5:00pm in HEC Lecture Hall II.**

2/11/15 Wednesday

Casino Night 2015 – SGA OD2018 invites YOU – all are invited, OD2018, OD2017, OD2016, Faculty and Administration. This mid-year banquet will include casino games, Thai dinner, mocktails, raffle prizes, and games. Semi-formal dress recommended. **5:30pm – 9:00pm in HPC Student Commons.** [Click here for the event flier.](#)

2/16/15 Monday

University Holiday – President's Day

2/21/15 Saturday

Mc-A-Thon 2015 – Dr. McAllister is riding 60 miles on his 60th birthday. **7:00am – 12:00pm at Ethan Allen Park.** [Click here for flier.](#) For more information and the official WesternU press release [click here.](#) [Click here to donate to Dr. McAllister's bicycle ride fundraiser](#) or copy <https://jprod.westernu.edu/ccgifts/index.jsp> into your browser. Under "College," enter *College of Optometry*, Under "Special Notes," enter *Dr. McAllister's bike ride for AAO student travel.*

2/22/15 Sunday

146th Studt Practicum – *Tapping Into Neuroplasticity for Autism Spectrum Disorder & Amblyopia/Strabismus* presented by, Leonard J. Press, OD, FAAO. The Studt Foundation hosts one of the longest running Behavioral Optometry CE conferences in the country, called the Studt Practicum. The conference features continuing education lectures from leading optometrists in the field of Behavioral Optometry. This event has traditionally been hosted by SCCO, but we now have the honor of hosting the event at WUCO this year. **The Studt Foundation encourages student attendance and has reduced the attendance fee for students to \$10 (includes lunch).** This is a great opportunity for students interested in learning about Behavioral Optometry, Neuro-Optometry and Vision Therapy to learn about the latest developments within these sub-specialties and to network with practicing doctors in the region and from across the country. The conference also credits 5 hours of CE to attendees which is a great CV builder. [Click here to register.](#) [Click here for flier.](#)

2/25/15 Wednesday

Drs. Judy Cao and Naro Babaian from the graduating Class of 2014 will be presenting *Cutting Edge TBI Management Made Easy* along with Dr. Derek Tong at the upcoming San Gabriel Valley Optometric Society meeting. Way to go WUCO!! For more information visit www.sgvos.org.

VOSH fundraiser – Support Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (sVOSH) annual Mexico Mission Trip 2015! Come out to the Outtakes Cafe BBQ Fundraiser **on the HPC Esplanade from 12:00pm – 1:00pm**. Meal includes - Burgers, chips, and a drink for \$5.00! (vegetarian options available) Please contact Johnson Co at jco@westernu.edu with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

146th Studt Practicum follow-up - On Sunday, February 22, 2015, WesternU hosted the 146th Studt Practicum with speaker Leonard J. Press, OD, FAAO on Tapping into Neuroplasticity for Autism Spectrum Disorder, Amblyopia/Strabismus Testing. The Studt Foundation hosts CE course on Behavioral Optometry, Visual Therapy, and Neuro-Optometry. [Click here for photos from the event.](#)

VOSH Mission Trip Ensenada – 2nd year WUCO students went on a VOSH mission trip the weekend of February 14 – 16, 2015 to provide vision screenings to orphanages and disadvantaged communities in La Mision and Ensenada. Joining them were WUCO alumni Dr. Millie Liu, ophthalmologist Dr. Timothy You of Orange County Retina, and members of Calvary Chapel, Anaheim. The attending students were Mona Joshi, Ani Koussayan, Adam Tayman, and Henry Hua. They saw over 100 patients, way to go! [Click here for photos from the trip.](#)

Dr. Bennett McAllister, as a member of the Evidence Based Optometry Committee of the American Optometric Association would like to announce the opening of the public comment period for the newest Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) on the Adult Eye Exam. Peer and Public Review is an integral part of the CPG building process and comments are welcome. To participate: **1.** [Click here](#) to access the online Peer & Public Review Comment Form and guideline information. **2.** Log all comments and suggestions within the document. **3.** Forward the completed document to QualityImprovement@aoa.org. The peer and public review period officially began Feb. 6, 2015, and comments will be accepted through March 10, 2015. The finished guideline will be available later in 2015.

Chapcare & WUCO - On Saturday, January 7, 2015, **An Vo, Fayiz Mahgoub, Avni Sha and Katrina Braganza** joined Drs. Gillette and Gordon for a vision screening at MEMH (Men Educating Men about Health) at Pasadena City College as part of our partnership with Chapcare (Community Health Alliance of Pasadena). Over 100 men, women and

children had vision screenings performed and had the opportunity to learn about the College of Optometry clinic which has just opened at Chapcare.

Eye Care Center News – The Western University of Health Sciences Eye Care Center has been approved to participate in the eyeGENE® Network. The National Ophthalmic Disease Genotyping and Phenotyping Network (eyeGENE) is a research venture created by the National Eye Institute (NEI), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in response to promising scientific discoveries in genetics. eyeGENE aims to advance studies of eye diseases and their genetic causes by giving researchers access to DNA samples, clinical information, and patients looking to participate in research studies and clinical trials.

California Lions Friends in Sight and WUCO 3rd and 4th year students headed down to Tijuana, Mexico over the weekend of January 30, 2015-February 1, 2015 for vision screenings held by California Lions Friends in Sight. For the past four years this organization has made multiple trips down to Mexico to provide eye exams and is joined by a small group of WesternU Lions students. This trip to Tijuana was special as it was the largest for WesternU Lions history with a group of seven WUCO students plus one faculty member (**Dr. Castellanos**) joining. The students who attended this year are **Jean Sugimoto, Mary Hoang, Amy Nguyen, Clarissa Ayala-Prieto, Naul Paz, David Ardakani, and William To**. They were also joined by students and faculty from Xochicalco School of Optometry (Mexico) and volunteers from all over the country. This year 956 patients were seen in 1.5 days, beating last year's record of 881. Of the 956, 55 needed no prescription, 39 need to be made at the optical lab and 862 received recycled eyeglasses. 83 patients needed referrals for advanced treatment. A very special 'Thank You' to Dr. Van Dusen and his team (California Lions Friends in Sight) for hosting the trip and Dr. Don Egan for his equipment donation. [Click here for photos from the trip.](#)

LAST WEEK for VOSH Fiji Team Fundraiser – Chocolate Covered strawberries just in time for Valentine's Day. \$20 for a dozen chocolate covered strawberries, \$12 for a half dozen chocolate covered strawberries, \$2 single berries. Pre-order at this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/MCI6Uc0JSL> or in person Wednesday 2/11 anytime from **12:00pm – 1:00pm outside of HEC**. They will have extra boxes for purchase on the days of pickup (Thursday and Friday 2/12 & 2/13). [Click here to view the event flier.](#) Please contact Katherine Ha should you have any questions kha@westernu.edu.

South Bay Optometric Society (SBOS) would like to host two students at their upcoming dinner event. They will be talking about evidence based management of glaucoma. Want to attend? Contact Jennifer Aslam, the SBOS Student Liaison, jaslam@westernu.edu. Please provide your name and class year. *The deadline to respond is Thursday, 2/5/15 at 5:00pm.* Dinner details: Thursday, 2/12/15 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm, cocktails at 6:30pm and dinner begins at 7:00pm. Location: Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503.

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.