



# JANUARY 2013

## **1/2/13 Wednesday**

**Optometric Extension Program (OEP) Event** – 2-3 volunteers needed to assist in assembling Binocular Vision kits. Lunch will be provided. **11:00am at the OEP office**, located at 1921 East Carnegie Ave Suite 3L, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

## **1/9/13 Wednesday**

**SGA OD2016 Event – Casino Night** – All WUCO Faculty and Students are welcome to attend. Join the fun with casino games, dinner, prizes, and a raffle to benefit the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. **5:00pm in the HEC 2nd Floor Lounge.**

## **1/10/13 Thursday**

**Optometric Extension Program (OEP) Presentation** – *Topic: How to get into Vision Therapy and Neuro-Optometry in private practice settings in California.* Guest Speakers: Derek Tong, OD, FAAO, FCOVD, FNORA (Pasadena) – Jane Liang, OD, FCOVD (Hacienda Heights) – Kauser Sharieff, OD, FCOVD, FNORA (Yorba Linda) – Lori Nishida-Eugenio, OD, FCOVD (Burbank) **5:15pm in HEC Classroom E.**

## **1/14/13 Monday**

WUCO is hosting a Diagnostic Equipment Fair. Keeler, Welch Allyn and Heine will be on hand to demonstrate their diagnostic kits and assist the Class of 2016 in placing an order. The three manufacturers will also be on hand to answer any questions or address any equipment problems from the Classes of 2014 and 2015. The vendors will be located in the **HEC first floor study lounge, room 1226, from 10:00am – 12:00pm.**

## **1/16/13 Wednesday**

The California Optometric Association Education Committee will have their quarterly meeting on site in the Magnocellular Conference Room. **WELCOME COA Education Committee!**

**Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA) Guest Speaker** - Nikki Coulas presents: *My Traumatic Brain Injury and Recovery*. Nikki attended Cal Poly, Pomona and earned a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology and Geography. After working several years as a counselor in a locked psychiatric facility, she then went on to earn a teaching credential so that she could continue working with this same population as an Adult Education instructor, employed by the local school district. It was during her time as a teacher at a farm based community facility, she sustained a Traumatic Brain Injury. After several years of rehabilitation, working closely with her rehabilitation care team, she regained her independence and currently owns her own business as a promotional products consultant. In addition, she is active with her local Chamber of Commerce, now serving as a Board member and volunteers in many community events. She is a member of NORA, as a TBI Survivor, attending past meetings as a member and consultant/vendor. **3:00pm – 5:00pm in HEC Lecture Hall 1.**

### **1/17/13 Thursday**

A.P.P.L.E. C.O.R.E. Session – Dr. Neiberg will lead a session focusing on Time Management. **12:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

**College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) Guest Speaker** - Welcome annual Tour de Optometry speaker, Dr. Robin Price. *Topic: How Vision Therapy Can Enhance Your Opportunities as a New Graduate*. Dr. Price is a Director on the COVD Board who obtained his fellowship in the College of Optometrists in Vision Development in 2007, becoming the first Fellow of COVD in the state of Utah. His practice is a full-scope optometric office specializing in vision therapy and rehabilitation. He wants all students to know that practicing vision therapy is a viable option, whether you start your own practice or join an existing practice. Dinner will be served to those who register in advance. Questions? Contact [COVDclub@westernu.edu](mailto:COVDclub@westernu.edu). **5:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

### **1/22/13 Tuesday**

WUCO Community Vision Screening – St. Madeline's Catholic School, Pomona, Ca. 8:00am – 11:45am. Please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman if you want to participate.

### **1/23/13 Wednesday**

A.P.P.L.E. C.O.R.E. Session – Dr. Chase will lead a session focusing on Getting Things Done. **12:00pm in HEC Classroom F.**

### **1/24/13 Thursday**

The Low Vision Service will be hosting the California Department of Rehabilitation at the Eye Care Center. The meeting will include discussions about the rehabilitation process and continuing our relationship with local Department of Rehabilitation counselors.

### **1/29/13 Tuesday**

WUCO Community Vision Screening – St. Madeline's Catholic School, Pomona, Ca. 8:00am – 11:45am. Please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman if you want to participate.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

College of Optometry faculty members presented Posters at the Global Specialty Lens Symposium in Las Vegas, January 24-27, 2013.

- Educational Effectiveness of Digital Imaging in Optometric Pre-Clinical Contact Lens and Anterior Segment Instruction - by Tiffenie Harris, Donald Egan, Frank Spors, and Nataly Fahim
- Empirical Design of Custom Soft Contact Lenses for Challenging Patients - Donald Egan, Frank Spors, Lance McNaughton and Matthew Lampa (Pacific University College of Optometry)

Dr. Bennett McAllister presented to the Cal State San Bernardino Pre-Med and Pre-Health Conference explaining the profession of Optometry and what it takes to get into WUCO's program.

The California Optometric Association Recognitions Committee has awarded Dr. Maryke Neiberg the 2012 COA Excellence in Optometric Education Award.

Dr. Valerie Wren along with students, Suzanne Kim (OD 2014) and Tyler Phan (OD 2014), represented the College of Optometry on an episode of PBS' American Health Journal. Please watch and share:

<http://www.discoverhealth.tv/show465.html>

During the Holiday season, House of Borish collected various school supplies that were donated to an organization called School on Wheels. This organization tutors homeless children all over Southern California, with a location right here in Pomona. The items were given to the regional coordinator for the Inland Empire, Grette Leon-Fernandez. She was grateful for the donation and appreciated that House of Borish was able to help contribute to the children's education. To learn more about this organization, visit the website: <http://www.schoolonwheels.org/about-us/our-history>

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

COA House of Delegates Meeting - Sheraton Universal Studios Hotel, Universal City, CA. February 8 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](mailto:leed1@westernu.edu), Thomas Wong [twong1@westernu.edu](mailto:twong1@westernu.edu), Naul Paz [npaz@westernu.edu](mailto:npaz@westernu.edu), or Julia Chu [yjchu@westernu.edu](mailto:yjchu@westernu.edu).

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