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College of Optometry

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1/5/15 Monday

Welcome Back everyone!

1/7/15 Wednesday

Optometric Extension Program Club (OEP) – The OEP Club invites you to the very first lunch lecture of the year, OEP & Your Professional Future with **Bob Williams**. Bob Williams spent six years at SCCO as Director of Alumni Relations and Placement Service and has been evaluating private optometric practices for nearly 40 years for purposes of sale and partnerships. After 32 years on the administrative staff for the OEP Foundation he has recently retired and is spending all of his professional time with WUCO. Over the years he has visited nearly 1000 private optometric practices on five continents! **12:00pm – 1:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

1/21/15 Wednesday

Optometry Private Practice Business Club (OPPB) welcomes Financial Officer, **Kris Nishihara, from Wells Fargo** to talk about their financing solutions for Optometric, Dental, Physicians, and Veterinary business practices. Come learn how to kick-start your plans for the future whether you want to acquire an existing practice, start your practice cold, or prepare to finance your equipment. This event is open to the University - all students interested are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided! For more information, contact OPPBClub@westernu.edu. RSVP here by January 16th: <http://goo.gl/forms/I95KHM6cFV>. **12:00 – 1:00pm in HEC Lecture Hall I.**

WUCO Faculty Webinar Series - Eyexperience Cocktail Hour – Free CE credit webinar. Our first broadcast of the year will be presented by Ida Chung, OD, MSHE, FCOVD, FAAO. Her topic is "Update on PEDS in Treatment and Prescribing." Contact Maria Espinosa at mepinosa@westernu.edu to register.

1/28/15 Wednesday

VOSH Fiji Team Fundraiser – \$5 Sloppy Joe Sliders and Chips. [Click here for flier.](#) **11:30am – 1:00pm on the HEC Esplanade.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/uHVAvJzysl> or in person on the following dates Wed. 1/28, Mon. 2/2, Wed. 2/4, Wed. 2/11 anytime from **12:00pm – 1:00pm outside of HEC.**

Dr. Bennett McAllister gave a presentation to the meeting of the Los Angeles County School Nurse Association (LACSNA) on Wednesday, January 21. Over 100 school nurses were in attendance to learn about the changes in California law regarding vision screening that now, for the first time, include provisions for near visual acuity a critical component for reading and classroom success. In addition to near vision testing, the nurses learned about the validated symptom survey, CISS, and other criteria for referral to an optometrist when complete vision exams are indicated.

Student Grant Information - Essilor of America and Varilux invite you to participate in the Varilux Student Grant Award program for 2014–2015. Essilor has proudly sponsored this program for more than 25 years. This is only a small part of our ongoing commitment to optometric education, optometry students and the optometric profession. [Click here for more details.](#) *Internal deadline to submit case reports: noon on January 24 , 2015. Submit by email to: Dr. Tsang at dtsang@westernu.edu. Email subject: "Varilux Student Grant."*

CONGRATULATIONS ON SUCCESS – **Dr. Bennett McAllister's** chapter "Low Vision Rehabilitation", co-written with Dr. Rebecca Kammer and published on-line in the book "Ophthalmology - Current Clinical and Research Updates", edited by Dr. Pinakin Davey, has been accessed over 100 times. The top downloads are from the following five countries: United States of America, United Kingdom, China, Germany and France. It can be accessed here: <http://www.intechopen.com/books/ophthalmology-current-clinical-and-research-updates/low-vision-rehabilitation>

Special Olympics Fall Games Wrap up – Thanks to each and every one of you that participated, planned, gave encouragement and did all the big and little things that made a difference in making the 2014 Southern California Special Olympics Fall Games a success! -Dr. Bob Lee

Final statistics - Athletes screened: 214, Referred: 16, Regular eyewear: 63, Rx sports goggles: 43, Plano goggles: 16, Sunglasses: 98, ODs: 12, Opticians: 2, OD students: 64, Non-eye care: 6

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