



MARCH 2013

3/6/13 Wednesday

WesternU Club Extravaganza – Come out and support WesternU clubs!
11:30am – 1:15pm on the HSC Esplanade.

3/7/13 Thursday

WUCO Student Lunch and Learn – 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.**

3/9/13 Saturday

WesternU Interprofessional Health Fair – 9:00am – 2:00pm on the HEC Esplanade. Free health screenings, free health education and awareness. Fun health activities for children. Free parking in Lots 26 and 27. Organized by WesternU's Student Government Association and the American Pharmacists Association. [Click here](#) to view a flier in English and Spanish. [Click here](#) for more information.

3/10/13 – 3/11/13 Sunday & Monday

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

3/13/13 Wednesday

sVOSH Peru is having an Outtakes BBQ Fundraiser at **12:00pm on the HEC Esplanade.** \$5 for a burger, chips, and beverage. Come show your support and help them get to Peru!

3/14/13 – 3/17/13 Thursday - Sunday

Dr. Bennett McAllister spoke at the Annual CTEBVI Conference (California Transcribers and Educators for the Blind and Visually Impaired) in San Francisco to instruct the teachers of the visually impaired (TVI) how to get the most out of Doctor's vision reports. The title of his presentation was "Mining Doctor Vision Reports" and is intended to allow the TVIs to read

beyond the jargon, acronyms and shorthand to get to the information that can help their students the most. TVIs are the number one source of youngster referrals to the ECC Vision Rehabilitation Service. For more information visit the CTEBVI website at <http://www.ctebvi.org/>.

3/15/13 Friday

WUCO's Membership Day – 12:00pm at the HEC outside patio area.

This event gives WUCO students an opportunity to learn about the various professional optometry associations, organizations, societies and clubs all in one place. Student leaders will staff tables and share club information.

3/16/13 Saturday

WUCO Vision Screening – 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.

3/21/13 Thursday – 3/23/13 Saturday

Dr. Bennett McAllister traveled to Boston to attend the AOA Evidence Based Optometry sub-committee meeting. The sub-committee will be working to finalize the Diabetes Clinical Care guidelines. The current AOA Practice Guidelines are all being re-written from the original "expert opinion" standard to the new, higher, "evidence based" standard. As the AOA Practice Guidelines are the standard of care in the Eye Care Center, this is an important milestone for the clinical education of our students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Federal Loan Forgiveness Program for Optometrists - In an effort to help add optometrists to the federal loan forgiveness program, Aaron Peterson (OD2015) started a petition on www.whitehouse.gov. He is encouraging all to sign and share with friends, family and colleagues. [Click here to sign.](#)

The Australasian College of Behavioral Optometry (ACBO), the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD), and the Optometric Extension Program Foundation (OEPF) have announced the publication of a new journal, ***Optometry & Visual Performance (OVP)***. OVP is an international, peer reviewed journal that is dedicated to the functional, developmental, behavioral, and vision therapy aspects of optometry. It is

designed to disseminate the science behind optometry's role in the remediation, enhancement and rehabilitation of visual performance. **Drs. Chris Chase and Dr. Efrain Castellanos are members of the Journal's Review Board.** [Click here](#) for the first issue.

Dr. Joshua Cameron's Zebrafish Lab had a paper published in the February 27th issue of Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science (IOVS). The article, "Amyloid-beta Increases Capillary Bed Density in the Adult Zebrafish Retina," was initially published online ahead of print on February 12. The first author was a prior MSMS student, Khomthorn "Mick" Cunvong, who is now a student in COMP. Additional authors were Daniel Huffmire, another prior MSMS student who is now a WesternU College of Dental Medicine student. [Click here](#) for the article.

COA Legislative Day - The countdown to ObamaCare has begun and 3-4 million more Californians will be eligible for healthcare regardless of pre-existing conditions! People can shop for health insurance online in the same manner that travel arrangements can be made at Travelocity and compare up to 50 plans. However, there is a huge primary care provider shortage in California and the demand for healthcare for millions of people will not be met. On February 27, 10 WUCO students led by Dr. Dobies, 40 UCBSO students, and 40 SCCO students and optometrists from all over California met in Sacramento to advocate for our profession and explain our potential to be primary care physicians to fill the provider gap. Having students from all 3 schools attend the meeting sent a powerful message of our commitment to the future of California's health care. Optometrists, along with nurse practitioners and pharmacists, can help with the doctor shortages by expanding our scope to practice at the level to which we are trained. #providergap

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