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MARCH 2014

College of Optometry

3/2/14 Sunday

Vision Screening sponsored by UCLA (not WUCO) – Vietnamese Community Health Fair at Salgado Community Center, 706 N. New Hope Street, Santa Ana, CA, 92703 from 9am – 1pm; supervised by Phuong T. Le, OD of Horizon Optometry in Westminster, CA. Please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman if interested in volunteering at kremick@westernu.edu.

3/4/14 Tuesday

WUCO Vision Screening - Whittier College from **8:30am – 11:30am**. Please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman if available to participate at kremick@westernu.edu.

3/5/14 Wednesday

Grand Rounds Webinar – The topic is “Evaluating the Pediatric Patient: Clinical Care Examples” presented by Kristi Jensen, OD, FCOVD. You can **view online** or on campus in **HEC Classroom F at 6pm**. 1 Free CE Credit available.

3/6/14 Thursday

OD2015 Session with Dr. Hoppe – 12pm – 1pm in HEC Classroom B. [Click here for flier.](#)

3/9/14 Sunday

Glaucoma Case Based CE Lectures - 8 CE credits available. The lectures will take place on campus. To register, visit the [College of Optometry Continuing Education](#) event page.

Multicultural Potluck – SGA 2017 is inviting all of WUCO: Students and faculty to a Multicultural Potluck!! This is a great opportunity for you to relax, socialize with your classmates, and enjoy a variety of different foods from various different cultures. The Multicultural Potluck will be held at **Ganesha Park, 1575 N White Ave, Pomona, CA 91768, between 4pm –6pm**. Everyone is welcome to bring snacks, drinks, and entrees to share with your fellow classmates. This is your opportunity to share a dish from your culture so please [sign up on here](#). For more information contact SGA-od2017@westernu.edu.

3/12/14 Wednesday

WUCO Membership Day - Come grab lunch & learn about your optometric professional associations, organizations, societies and clubs. Student Liaisons will have information tables, be available to answer questions and provide materials. **12:00pm at the HEC outdoor patio area.** This event is open to all Optometry and lunch will be provided.

3/15/14 Saturday (new time & location)

WUCO Vision Screening – in partnership with UCR School of Medicine Health Fair located at E. Neal Roberts Elementary, 494 E. 9th St. San Bernardino, CA 92410, from 8:30 – 1:00. They are expecting a large underserved and homeless population; please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman, kremick@westernu.edu, if interested; we still need 6 more students.

3/16/14 Sunday

WUCO Annual Preceptor's Conference

3/17/14 Monday

Happy St. Patrick's Day

3/24/14 Monday – 3/28/14 Friday

WUCO Spring Break

3/25/14 Tuesday

Welcome UC Davis Pre-Optometry Club!

3/27/14 Thursday

Beta Sigma Kappa is collaborating with AAHPSA, an Interprofessional club on campus to provide health services to an Underserved Community in Rowland Heights. Dr. Dorcas Tsang will be the Preceptor for the Vision Screening station. Sign-ups for this Health Fair is closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the March 25th meeting of the Rio Hondo Optometric Society, 35 ODs and three optometry students heard a presentation by **Bennett McAllister, OD, FAAO**, on enhancing the care they can provide by partnering with WUCO through the specialty testing Referral Center of the ECC. Entitled Primary Care Unchained, the doctors of optometry learned that they can access the range of instrumentation available at WesternU to more fully take advantage of the advanced training they have obtained as optometry has expanded its scope of practice through the years.

Dr. Robert Gordon was asked to write an article on the Affordable Care Act and since its publication it has been run on several websites including the Inland Daily Bulletin, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, and The Sun of San Bernardino. [Click here for the article.](#)

Drs. Linda Pang and Bennett McAllister represented WUCO at the [CSUN 29th Annual International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference](#). In alignment with WesternU's IPE and rehabilitation emphases, both Dr. Pang and Dr. McAllister reached out to others in the technology accommodations for persons with disabilities field for collaborative efforts in the future and re-affirmed current relationships. WUCO's upcoming Tech Faire on Wednesday, May 7 was a topic of conversations with a number of tech vendors committing to attend.

WUCO's 3rd Annual Preceptor's Conference was held on Sunday, March 16, 2014. In attendance were 47 of WUCO's finest preceptors from Clerkships, 3rd year clinic and Externships. WUCO's preceptors came together to discuss best practices and in recognition of our outstanding preceptors. The events included a very popular 'Panel of Peers' discussion led by Dr. Ray Maeda, Dr. Rebecca Kammer, Dr. Brandon Friedman, Dr. Roberta Perlman and Dr. Tina Meyer. The highlights of the event included the award for **Clinical Preceptor of the Year 2012-13, which went to Dr. Brandon Friedman** from Rancho Cucamonga, the award for the **Eye Care Center Clinical Preceptor of the year, which went to Dr. Robert Lee**, and the award for **Clinical Preceptor of the year 3rd year, which went to Dr. Valerie Wren**. These awards are based on student feedback received at the end of each clinical rotation. 15 Certificates of Excellence were also awarded. Congratulations to all our amazing preceptors!

Dr. Efrain Castellanos will be presenting two lectures at the National Congress for Neuro-rehabilitation in Monterrey, Mexico on March 20-21, 2014. One lecture will focus on the topic of Neuro-Optometry and the other, Visual Neglect. He will be presenting to a wide range of health professionals including, Speech and Language Therapists, Neuropsychologists, Occupational Therapists, Psychologists, Physical Therapists, Neurologists, Psychiatrists, Physical Therapists, and Special Education Teachers. He is honored to be the only Optometrist invited.

For a complete listing of news and events, please visit our [College of Optometry News & Outreach webpage.](#)

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