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# MARCH 2016

College of Optometry

**3/1/16 Tuesday**

**WUCO Contact Lens Club** invites you to their first event of the year.

*Topic: Increasing Career Success with Soft Contact Lens.* [Click here for flier.](#) **5:00pm in HEC Classroom A.**

**3/10/16 Thursday**

**Interprofessional Educational Event** for California State Department of Rehabilitation's vocational rehabilitation counselors. Topics include: Health & Medication Management for Visually Impaired, Learning-Related Vision Conditions, Neuro-Rehabilitation for Stroke & Traumatic Brain Injuries, and Update on Preferred Retinal Location: Impact on reading and vision function. **9:00am – 12:00pm in the Eye Care Center Vision Rehab/Neuro Rehab Module. All are welcome to attend!**

**3/11/16 Friday**

**The Optometry Private Practice Business Club (OPPB), the WUCO COA Optometric Student Section and WesternU Chapter of AOSA** co-hosts 15+ doctors, alumni, faculty, and students at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Student-Doctor Mixer**. They will invite practicing optometrists from all over Southern California, including WUCO alumni, who can share their "tales from the trenches". You will also learn how graduates have transitioned from optometry school to the real world. This is a great chance to expand your network. Food and refreshments will be provided. **7:00pm in the Health Professions Center, 1st Floor Common Area.** Sign up here: <http://goo.gl/forms/SMjAE9IPWD>

**3/21/16 Monday – 3/25/16 Friday**

**WUCO Spring Break 2016**

**3/28/16 Monday**

**SGA 2019** invites you to **"COME ON DOWN"** and attend the first annual **WUCO Family Feud Night**. Game Time: 6:00pm, Location: HPC Amp II, Food will be provided to those who RSVP'd in advance.

**3/31/16 Thursday**

**The Los Angeles County Optometric Society (LACOS)** will be holding their next general meeting at **7:00pm in Los Angeles**. For additional

information you may send an email to LACOS liaison, Jennifer Aslam, at [jaslam@westernu.edu](mailto:jaslam@westernu.edu).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WUCO would like to congratulate the following faculty members for completing the most contact lens fits over the past few months: November 2015 – **Dr. Dorcas Tsang**, December 2015 – **Dr. Rob Drescher**, January 2016 – **Dr. David Cale**, and February 2016 – **Dr. Jasmine Yumori**.

**WUCO Alumni Highlight – Andrew Ngo, OD** (Class of 2013) joins the Tribal medical staff as the new Optometrist at Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center in Oregon. [Click here to read more.](#)

On Saturday, March 5, 2016, **Dr. Bennett McAllister took a team of first year students to the Blind Center of Nevada.** For most of the students, it was their first time working with people who had a visual impairment. In the end, the students were able to provide services to thirty eight people with little to no remaining vision. The administration of the Blind Center of Nevada was so pleased with the event that WUCO has been invited back for at least two more clinics this year. Way to go WUCO!

**Kristy Remick-Waltman, OD, FCOVD** was a presenter at the Southern California Tri-Counties Branch of the International Dyslexia Association's Annual Conference held in Riverside, CA on March 5, 2016. Dr. Remick-Waltman's topic was, "A Missing Link to Improve Reading Fluency and Comprehension; Eye Tracking and Vision Perception Techniques"

On February 26-27, 2016 at the COA HOD in Newport Beach **Dr. Pinakin Davey was honored with the Excellence in Optometric Education Award and Dr. Ida Chung was appointed to COA Board of Trustees.** WUCO Alumni and current students were in attendance for this event. Congratulations to both Drs. Davey and Chung. [Click here for photos.](#)

On Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, **Dr. McAllister and the House of Galileo hosted a celebration in honor of Galileo Galilei's 452<sup>nd</sup> Birthday.** The theme was the recreation of Galileo's famous cannonball drop from the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Dr. Philip Pumerantz recognized this celebration by offering a letter in remembrance of Galileo's legacy and offered this challenge, "*...in the spirit of Galileo Galilei's 452<sup>nd</sup> birthday, I issue to all of you a challenge that, on its face seems antithetical for future optometrists:*

*Do not believe your eyes. Do not believe only that which is already accepted and known. Go deeper. Question more. Think more. Finding answers to tomorrow's human and health care problems lies in your own courage to see and think about the world in ways others are afraid, or unequipped, to try."*

**Continuing Education Online Courses** – for a list of 1 and 2 hour courses please [click here](#).

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