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College of Optometry

MAY 2016

5/1/16 Sunday

The San Fernando Valley Optometric Society (SFVOS) will be holding their next CE Event from **8:00am to 1:00pm in Studio City**. This event is free to students. You will also get to meet and speak with members from the Colvard-Kandavel Eye Center. Those who are interested in attending may send an email to SFVOS liaison Kimberly Castillo at kcastillo@westernu.edu for more information on how to register for the event.

5/4/16 Wednesday

Annual Preceptor's Conference

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Dr. Valerie Wren will be presenting "Prism Management for Hemianopsias" to the Loma Linda University Eye Institute Ophthalmology Department residents and attendings. This endeavor will help educate fellow eye care providers on lens treatment modalities and rehabilitation options for the post-stroke community.

5/4/16 Wednesday

Eyeexperience Webinar presented by **Ida Chung, OD, MSHE, FCOVD, FAAO** whose topic is *9 Essential Traits of an Effective Preceptor*. To receive the link to the webinar contact Maria Espinosa at mespinosa@westernu.edu.
6:00pm PST.

5/10/16 Tuesday

Please join your NBEO Liaisons for the Annual NBEO Part I Student Panel – Come learn about ABS Part I, How to Register, and ask a student panel (members of OD 2017) questions on their experience of taking Part I this past March. Lunch will be provided! **12:00pm – 12:50pm in HEC Classroom E.** [Click here to register.](#)

5/10/16 Tuesday

OD2017 Event – BSK NBEO Faculty Panel – NBEO Part 3: One and Done – Faculty will review available WUCO resources for NBEO Part 3 preparation. They will discuss strategies for success and identify common mistakes to avoid. **5:00pm – 6:00pm in HEC Classroom E.** [Sign up here for dinner.](#)

5/12/16 Thursday

WUCO Annual Assistive Technology Fair – Distributors will be on campus to demonstrate their newest technology for people who are partially sighted. All are welcome to attend. **11:00am – 1:00pm in HEC Classroom B & the alcove.** [Click here to register.](#)

5/12/16 Thursday

The Los Angeles County Optometric Society (LACOS) will be holding their next general meeting at **7:00 pm in Los Angeles.** Students who are interested in attending may RSVP by Tuesday, May 3rd by sending an email to LACOS liaison Jennifer Aslam at jaslam@westernu.edu. You will receive an email confirmation including the address.

5/13/16 Friday

In recognition of National Institutes of Health's Healthy Vision Month, **Dr. Linda Pang** has been invited to speak at a community educational event hosted by Blindness Support Services in Riverside. Topic: "What You Can Do To Optimize Eye Health".

5/16/16 Monday

Capstone 2016 – Pomona, CA

The Capstone Program is to welcome back to campus our Class of 2016 students and provide our to be graduates pertinent information prior to graduation. We hope all WUCO Faculty can join the students at their reception beginning at **5:30pm in the HEC Recital Hall.** Come down, catch-up, and mix & mingle with the students.

5/17/16 Tuesday

2016 Dinner Dance Banquet – Pomona, CA

5/19/16 Thursday

2016 Commencement – Pasadena, CA

5/24/16 Tuesday

Rio Hondo Optometric Society (RHOS) is extending an invitation to two (2) WesternU students to attend their CE dinner meeting. This month's CE topic is on Optic Neuritis presented by Dr. Chantal Boisvert. This meeting is free of charge to students and will be held at **6:30pm in La Mirada**.

Students who are interested may RSVP by emailing, RHOS Liaison, Cindy Nguyen at nguyenc3@westernu.edu no later than Wednesday, May 18th. Students will receive an email confirmation along with the address. Thank you!

5/26/16 Thursday

The Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA) Club will be hosting their last event of the semester inviting a very special guest speaker – WUCO Alumnus, Dr. April Spurling. Dr. Spurling will share her story as a successful neuro-rehabilitation practicing optometrist in Riverside, Ca. **5:00pm in HEC Classroom B**. Please RSVP by Monday, May 23rd at 10:00pm for dinner! [RSVP here.](#)

5/30/16

Memorial Day Holiday – University Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday, April 30, 2016, the **6th Annual S.E.S.H.A.T. (Seeking Excellence in Science, Healthcare, Arithmetic, and Technology) Conference** was hosted at WesternU for middle and high school girls. The participants were exposed to different healthcare fields and had hands on experience. For Optometry, the focus was on the basics, explaining the different types of refractive errors, terminology and how optometrists play a key role not just eye health care, but health care as a whole. **Natalie Osayande (OD 2019)**, President of National Optometric Student Association (NOSA) Student Club, hosted for the College of Optometry and had the opportunity to mentor the girls and explain to them the differences between short and long term goals and further discussion about the types of obstacles one may face when working to reach their goals. [Click here to view photos.](#)

On Sunday May 1, 2016, **Dr. Naida Jakirlic** accompanied 17 first and second year optometry students at the Ninth Annual Ross-McCracken Learning Expo that was held at the Pomona Fairplex. In collaboration with Ruth Trudgeon and her students from the College of Graduate Nursing, we provided vision and eye health education, vision screenings, and hygiene education to more than 3,000 of the youth and families who attended the Learning Expo.

On Saturday, May 7, 2016, **Dr. Bennett McAllister** will return to the Blind Center of Nevada with 13 Service Learning students to provide examinations to visually impaired individuals in order to certify/re-certify them as legally blind so that they may continue to have access to essential services provided by the Blind Center of Nevada.

On Saturday, May 7, 2016, a group of 21 OD2017 students, accompanied by **Drs. Frank Spors and Dorcas Tsang**, visited Synergeyes in Carlsbad, CA. Synergeyes is known for its innovative line of hybrid contact lenses. The students saw the Research & Development department, as well as hybrid lens manufacturing in all stages from the monomer to the finished contact lens. They also participated in a live fitting session and a seminar.

11 WUCO Lions Club students participated in the **Vietnamese Community Health (VCH)** vision screening on Sunday, April 24th in Santa Ana. This is the 10th year VCH has been serving the community with this multidisciplinary event. Several undiagnosed individuals were referred to an attending family practice doctor with systemic symptoms of diabetes and diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Lee learned how to say "cataract" and "more rice" in Vietnamese!

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

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

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