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College of Optometry

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### 5/3/17 Wednesday

**Student Lunch and Learn - Topic: Pros and Cons of Corporate Practice Lifestyle of an Eye Exam Practitioner** with guest speaker, **Abby Hsu, OD, WUCO Class of 2013. 12:00pm in HEC Classroom C** Lunch provided to the first 50 who register by **Monday, May 1, 2017 at 12:00PM!!** Contact Audrey Vazquez at [avazquez@westernu.edu](mailto:avazquez@westernu.edu) with any questions.

### 5/4/17 Thursday

**WUCO Annual Assistive Technology Fair** – Distributors will be on campus to demonstrate their newest technology for people who are partially sighted or blind. **9:00am – 11:00am in the Alcove next to HEC Classroom A.** All are welcome to attend. [Click here for details.](#)

### 5/4/17 Thursday

**OD 2018 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. **Dinner starts at 5:30pm, Event 6:00pm-7:30pm in HEC Classroom E.** [Click here for details.](#) Sign up here for dinner: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TXXWljWekNNduZGxt83SzESr24qcIbZxl nUYcTPuflk/viewform?ts=58ffa1e6&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TXXWljWekNNduZGxt83SzESr24qcIbZxl nUYcTPuflk/viewform?ts=58ffa1e6&edit_requested=true)

### 5/5/17 Friday

**Cinco de mayo tacos!** With all these exams and proficiencies coming up, who has time to celebrate Cinco de Mayo?! **sVOSH Fiji Team** is bringing the fiesta to you! We will be selling tacos on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Submit your order now! Thank you for your continuous support, we appreciate it! Order here: <https://goo.gl/forms/CJELMrUkhkoGgtAb2>

### 5/6/17 Saturday

**Community Vision Screening Event** – Arcadia Host Lions Club Vision Screening, Dr. Tassinari will be supervising. Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Location: 191 North Oak Avenue, Pasadena, California 91107 **\*will count as clerkship make-up\*** Sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/a/westernu.edu/spreadsheets/d/1wattQRQAFwMFzRQphwZtuVkgjRhh2gLeLH0vbBNVCHU/edit?usp=sharing>

**5/9/17 Tuesday**

**Honors Day 2017 – 4:00pm in HEC Lecture Hall I.** [Click here for flier.](#)

**5/11/17 Thursday**

**The San Fernando Valley Optometric Society (SFVOS)** will be holding their next board meeting on **Thursday May 11, 2017 at 7:00pm in the city of Encino.** Enjoy a free dinner and network with local optometrists. Students who are interested in attending may RSVP by sending an email to SFVOS liaison Kimberly Castillo at [kcastillo@westernu.edu](mailto:kcastillo@westernu.edu). You will receive an email confirmation including the address.

**5/15/17 Monday**

**2017 Capstone & Faculty Evening Reception with the Class of 2017**

**5/16/17 Tuesday**

**Dinner Dance for the Class of 2017 – Pomona, CA**

**5/18/17 Thursday**

**2017 Commencement – Pasadena, CA**

**5/29/17 Monday**

**Memorial Day Holiday – University Closed**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The College of Optometry is proud to announce that five of the 10 officers of the Board of Directors of the **Inland Empire Optometry Society** are members of our faculty. They were installed on May 17, 2017, by another member of our College, Ida Chung, who is a Trustee and member of the Board of Directors of the California Optometric Association. A sixth officer just sworn in is one of our recent graduates. **The officers include President Pinakin Davey and President-Elect Munish Sharma, as well as Bennett McAllister, Christine Pham, Dorcas Tsang, and Linh Ngo from the graduating class of 2017.** We are proud to exhibit our Core Value of commitment to professional collaboration. [Click here for photo.](#)

**Stroke Awareness Day – On May 6, 2017**, the **Eye Care Institute** was invited to participate in Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center's Annual Stroke Awareness event. This was attended by patients, health care professionals and other partners. A fun event. New for 2017, the American Stroke Association revised the acronym for stroke signs from FAST to **BE FAST** (changes in **B**alance, **E**yes/Vision, **F**ace, **A**rm, **S**peech means **T**ime to call 9-1-1). Our Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Services and other ECI services were represented at this event. [Click here for photo.](#)

**Interprofessional Education – On May 8th, 2017, Dr. Valerie Quan** (formerly Wren) was invited to present on Neuro-Optometry as part of Casa Colina's Neuropsychology Didactics Program. This group was particularly interested in learning about Charles-Bonnet Syndrome, where patients with visual field deficits and/or visual acuity loss can experience complex visual hallucinations while being psychologically normal.

**Brain Injury Association of California (BIACAL)** <http://biacal.org/> **On May 16, 2017, Dr. Valerie Quan** will be representing the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Service at the Regional Traumatic Brain Injury Conference and Resource Fair in Los Angeles, a wonderful networking event for providers, caregivers and patients.

Organized by the **Cornea and Contact Lens Club**, on April 22, a group of 40 students together with **Dr. Spors** visited Synergeyes, a specialty contact lens manufacturer located in Carlsbad, CA. Synergeyes offers a full range of contact lenses, but their main line of products are Hybridlenses. These specialty lenses combine the brilliant optics of rigid contact lenses with the wearing comfort of soft contact lenses. After getting an introduction to the specific of Synergeyes' lenses, the students toured all departments, including research and development, lens production from start to finish, and live fitting and evaluation.

**Take advantage of our on-campus Stress Relief Room!** Finals (and/or life) stressing you out? From April 24-May 31, 2017, the library's 2nd floor computer lab will transform into a stress reduction room! Come pop bubble wrap, color, knead play-dough, "operate" on Library Larry, or just take a breather. The room will be open every day during the library's regular hours. For more information or questions please contact the Reference and Outreach office at 909.469.5323 or at [reference@westernu.edu](mailto:reference@westernu.edu).

The Pumerantz Library and the Office of Research and Biotechnology are sponsoring **The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Mixer** on **June 19, 2017** from

**4:30pm – 6:30pm.** Come share your research with the WesternU community and learn what others are doing and what support services are available for your research. [Submit a poster](#) by June 12, 2017 or [RSVP to attend](#).

**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](#).

*Got News?* Contact Monique Tessier at [mtessier@westernu.edu](mailto:mtessier@westernu.edu) or 909.469.8477.