

NOVEMBER 2012

11/1/12 Thursday

The Optometry Private Practice Business (OPPB) Club will be hosting guest speaker, Mr. Bob Schultz from VisionOne Credit Union. **5:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) Extravaganza Night, sponsored by Alcon – This event is designed to answer your questions about AOSA. There will be information about the benefits of joining, how to stay involved with AOSA, and all of the upcoming events for the school year! Free dinner (& more) will be served! **Please RSVP by Monday October 29, 2012. [Sign up for AOSA Info Night.](#)** If you would like to volunteer for the event, please sign up. **5:30pm in the HPC Commons.**

11/1/12 Thursday – 11/4/12 Sunday

The College of Optometry will be hosting the Optometric Extension Program (OEP) Workshop – Clinical Curriculum: VT/Strabismus & Amblyopia. TOPIC: Behavioral optometric visual training for strabismus and amblyopia INSTRUCTOR: Rob D. Lewis, OD, FCOVD. Welcome OEP and Dr. Lewis!

11/3/12 Saturday

WUCO Community Vision Screening – Glendale Health Fair. For more information please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman kremick@westernu.edu.

WUCO Community Vision Screening – Little Tokyo Vision Screening. For more information please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman kremick@westernu.edu.

11/6/12 Tuesday

WUCO **Student** Lunch and Learn, sponsored by Vistakon. **12:00pm – 1:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

11/7/12 Wednesday

Dr. Napier will be giving a presentation about Low Vision at the La Verne Community Center.

Dr. Pang will be giving a presentation at the Braille Institute in Anaheim. The purpose of the talk is to establish a relationship with the Braille Institute for our patients with visual impairments and to inform them about the Eye Care Center and the services that are offered.

The College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) Club will be hosting guest speaker, Dr. Eldon Rosenow. Dr. Rosenow is a preceptor with a 4th year externship site in Modesto, CA. He will be speaking about his charter school, Great Valley Academy, with an optometry based curriculum. Join the discussion and find out what this exciting and innovative side of optometry is all about! This is open to all students & faculty. **12pm in HEC Lecture Hall II.**

11/10/12 Saturday

The National Optometric Student Association (NOSA) WesternU Chapter hosted pre-optometry students from local universities as part of the new Mentorship Program launched in the summer. Undergrad students from Loyola Marymount University and UCI's USeeEyes Pre-Optometry Club met one-on-one with NOSA members to review optometry application materials and participated in a mock interview. NOSA aims to continue its mission of community service while increasing the recruitment of underrepresented minorities into the profession of optometry.

11/11/12 Sunday

November is Diabetes month and the American Diabetes Association hosts a health fair on Olvera Street every November, Feria de Salud. Los Angeles County Optometric Society (LACOS) has always had an active part in providing doctors and students to help screen this community. **Doctors and students volunteers needed** – VA, ophthalmoscope, if possible, tonometry and patient education. Spanish speakers are a plus. LACOS will compensate for parking. This is open to all optometrists and 2nd and 3rd year students. Help LACOS educate this underserved community. RSVP by emailing our LACOS Liaison Richard Eusebio reusebio@westernu.edu.

11/13/12 Tuesday

OD2014 Guest Speaker – Dr. Jerry Legerton will be providing a futuristic presentation on contact lenses. His recent article in the Review of Cornea and Contact Lenses journal: [A Blueprint of Tomorrow's Smart Lens](#) can be viewed by [clicking here](#). Dr. Legerton is an author, lecturer, inventor and consultant to the ophthalmic industry. He is a co-founder of SynergEyes and Innovega, and has 33 issued U.S. patents for contact lens technology including Synerg-Eyes, Paragon CRT, myopia progression control, presbyopic laser refractive surgery, and novel multifocal contact lenses. A recent patent is for a contact lens enabled wearable computer.

11/16/12 Friday

WUCO Family Thanksgiving Potluck – **6pm in HEC Lecture Hall I.** Celebrate the season and contribute to the charity clothing & food drive. You won't want to miss the exclusive optometry merchandise slideshow. Hope to see everyone there. *Turkey courtesy of WUCO Administration.*

11/18/12 Sunday

WUCO Community Vision Screening – Vietnamese Community Health Project Vision Screening at UCLA. For more information please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman kremick@westernu.edu.

11/19/12 Monday

The Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA) Club will be hosting Dr. Deborah Zelinsky. Dr. Zelinsky is an optometrist from Illinois and current 4th year rotation site for WUCO! She has expansive knowledge and experience with patients with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and has published multiple books and research articles in this area. She will be on campus meeting with members of our College and speaking on *Neuro-Optometry's Role in Altering Unique Mind-Eye Connections*. [Click here to RSVP](#). **5:00pm in HEC Classroom E.** Please visit Dr. Zelinsky's website for more information at <http://www.mindeyeconnection.com/>.

11/22/12 Thursday – 11/25/12 Sunday

Thanksgiving Break – The entire campus will be closed for the 4-day Thanksgiving weekend.

11/26/12 Monday

A.P.P.L.E. C.O.R.E. **Student** Session – Dr. Hoppe will lead a session focusing on Study Group Tips & Techniques. **12:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

11/27/12 Tuesday

OD2015 Guest Speaker – Dr. Ed Barnes from COMP will be providing a discussion on Fabry's Disease to include ocular signs and manifestations. Dr. Barnes was recently appointed as the Vice Chair for the Department of Internal Medicine in addition to his role as a Nephrologist and Director of Renal Services for the Western Diabetes Institute.

WUCO **Student** Lunch and Learn, sponsored by Vision Service Plan (VSP). Speaker: Dana Beards. **12:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

11/28/12 Wednesday

WUCO **Faculty** presentation with Ashley Trujillo from OCuSOFT. Lunch will be provided for those who register in advance. **12:00pm in HEC Classroom E.** For further details please contact Christina Garcia garciac@westernu.edu.

11/29/12 Thursday

The College of Optometry will be hosting VIP guest, American Optometric Association President-Elect, Dr. Mitchell Munson. Dr. Munson will be on campus to give a presentation to our students, tour the campus, and spend time with our faculty and Deans. Welcome Dr. Munson! *The student presentation will be held in HEC Classroom E beginning at 12:00pm.*

LOOKING AHEAD

12/1/12 Saturday & 12/8/12 Saturday

WesternU Lions Club – The Lions Club will be hosting two health fairs in December and are in need of preceptors. If you are interested please contact Lions Club VP, Joseph Beaushaw, as soon as possible jbeaushaw@westernu.edu.

12/8/12 Saturday

WUCO Community Vision Screening – Eastvale Community Vision Screening Day at River Heights Intermediate School, 7227 Scholar Way, Eastvale, CA 92880. **Student volunteers needed.** Supervising Faculty: Dr. Davey. Please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman with questions kremick@westernu.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Dr. Fahim who received her American Academy of Optometry Fellowship at Academy 2012 in Phoenix.

Congratulations to Dr. McAllister who was recognized for his 25th year of American Academy of Optometry (AAO) Fellowship at Academy 2012 in Phoenix.

COA Election Updates - Obama's re-election means that ObamaCare (aka Affordable Care Act) is here to stay. What does it all mean for optometry?

- All individuals will be required to have health insurance or pay a "tax".
- All health plans will be required to cover pediatric vision, which includes annual eye exam, materials, and low vision therapy.
- All adults will likely have coverage for annual eye exam, but not materials.

Optometry came together to support Dr. Jennifer Ong in her race for the assembly. Dr. Ong worked very hard but lost by a slim margin (she earned 48.7% of the votes.) In light of this loss, we must push even harder to make sure that no legislation will diminish our ability to practice our profession. Curious about other election results?

<http://vote.sos.ca.gov/returns/ballot-measures/>

Questions? Contact your student Liaisons Thomas Wong (twong1@westernu.edu) or Diane Lee (leed1@westernu.edu)

A new endowed scholarship in the College of Optometry will encourage high academic achievement and political involvement in furthering the profession. College of Optometry Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs Robert Gordon, OD, FFAO, DPNAP, and his wife, Andrea Silvers, OD, have established an endowed scholarship to benefit optometry students. "We wanted to help a student progress through their optometric education and hopefully not have to worry as much about the financial implications of attending school," Dr. Gordon said. "Having been the beneficiaries of

scholarships when we were in school, we know how important they are.”
[Click here](#) to read the full story.

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