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College of Optometry

## 11/6/15 Friday

**The Optometric Extension Program Club** invites you to meet Dr. Robert Hohendorf, Chair of the OEP Clinical Development Committee. Dr. Hohendorf will be on campus from November 5<sup>th</sup> – November 9<sup>th</sup> teaching the OEP Clinical Curriculum in VT/Learning Related Visual Problems. Dr. Hohendorf has agreed to meet for a short lecture and Q & A. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity. **5:00pm – 6:00pm in HEC Classroom A.**

## 11/7/15 Saturday

**LA VisionWalk is happening!!** This event is held to help spread awareness and raise money for treatments and cures for diseases related to vision. It is absolutely free to participate and/or you can donate to help the cause. **The WUCO Team** will be participating in a 5k walk around the beautiful Woodley Park in Van Nuys. We will also be practicing our sight guided techniques using white canes along the walk. [To participate, sign up here.](#) To support the WUCO Team, visit their page and donate. [Click here to donate.](#) Please contact Bryan Kimura with any questions at [bkimura@westernu.edu](mailto:bkimura@westernu.edu).

## 11/7/15 Saturday & 11/8/15 Sunday

**Continuing Education** Glaucoma Grand Rounds for Glaucoma Certification – For details and to register please [click here](#).

## 11/14/15 Saturday

**WUCO Vision Screening** – INSAN Screening for Under-served Children & Family from 2:00pm – 5:00pm at 1006 S. Garey Ave., Pomona, CA. Student volunteers needed. You may sign up to volunteer using this link: <https://goo.gl/BY3Mj3>.

## 11/15/15 Sunday

**WUCO Vision Screening** – UrbanMission Health Fair Screening from 2:00pm – 6:00pm in Pomona, CA. Student volunteers needed. You may sign up to volunteer using this link: <https://goo.gl/u5t8dq>.

## 11/17/15 Tuesday

**Bennett McAllister, OD, FAAO** will be presenting on the topic, *Vision Health While Aging*, at Chaffey College from **12:00pm – 1:30pm**. Dr. McAllister invites all to attend. [Click here for the event details.](#)

**11/26/15 Thursday & 11/27/15 Friday**  
**University Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Congratulations to Dr. Bennett McAllister and Dr. Munish Sharma.** Both were awarded The President's Award by The American Optometric Association for Distinguished Service to Optometry.

**Special Olympics Fall Games** - Athletes from all over Southern California came together on November 14-15, 2015 to compete in the Fall Games. Opening Eyes, one of 7 sections of the Healthy Athletes program, conducted vision screenings on over 225 athletes over the 2 days with the help of Drs. Rob Drescher, Robert Lee and College of Optometry students. People with intellectual disabilities are the most under-served and marginalized population in the world. Statistics show that a large percentage of Special Olympics athletes have untreated eye conditions: 31% need new prescription glasses, 20% have never had an eye exam, and 16% have an eye disease. Thank you to all who participated in this life changing event. Dr. Robert Lee, Clinical Director, overheard, "I don't know who enjoyed the event more - the volunteers or the athletes!"

**WUCO Thanks Tree** – Students will be organizing a "Thanks Tree" for people to drop a note for that which they are thankful. You may begin dropping your notes at the front desk of the Optometry Administration Suite today, Monday, 11/23/15. All notes will be collected and compiled into a word cloud and shared with all via email. WUCO encourages everyone to drop off a bit of thanks.

**2015 WesternU Contact Lens Experience** – This event took place on the campus esplanade from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Thursday October 29, 2015. The event, sponsored in part by Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Inc., was created in order to give WesternU students, staff and faculty an opportunity to experience wearing a contact lens, either for the first time, or as an alternative lens to what they were currently wearing. Staffed by students, staff and faculty from the College of Optometry, the site drew a steady flow of "patients", many of whom took the on-site opportunity to

schedule a contact lens exam at the WesternU Eye Care Center. The weather was spectacular and everyone had a great time. [Click here for photos from the event.](#)

**Bennett McAllister, OD, FAAO**, serves on the AOA Evidence-Based Optometry Committee. The Committee was awarded the American Public Health Association, Vision Care Section's Outstanding Scientific Project Award. WUCO offers huge Congratulations! For more news from the AOA Evidence-Based Optometry Committee about the AOA's adult eye and vision exam evidence-based guideline, [click here.](#)

**Thomas Wong, OD**, Assistant Professor, attended the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Chicago this past week and would love to share information that he learned with anyone interested. He will be working closely with the public health club on campus and is looking for any students/faculty with a background or interest in public health. Please contact Dr. Wong at [twong1@westernu.edu](mailto:twong1@westernu.edu) for more information.

## **November is Diabetes Awareness Month**

**In celebration of World Sight Day, the VOSH Club hosted a Dine-in-the-Dark event.** A message from VOSH: Thank you to our WUCO students and our wonderful professors, Drs. Fahim and Tsang, who came to VOSH Club's Dine-in-the-Dark for World Sight Day! The event raised over \$500 which the VOSH Club will donate to *Optometry Giving Sight*. [Click here for a group photo after the patches came off.](#)

**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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