

# OCTOBER 2012

## **10/1/12 Monday**

On behalf of the Eye Care Center, Dr. Robert Gordon will be hosting the California School of the Blind. The Eye Care Center will be providing low vision examinations to visually impaired students referred by the Inland Empire Schools. This new program is beginning as a result of collaboration with the California School for the Blind, located in Fremont, CA. The students will not only be given comprehensive eye examinations and low vision rehabilitative services, but will also be provided necessary low vision devices to assist in their education, daily living and hobbies.

## **10/4/12 Thursday**

The College of Optometry will be hosting the Pomona Unified School District educators as they complete a day of Education Training with their Special Education Department. **8:00am - 4:00pm in the Banfield Student Commons.** WELCOME PUSD Educators!

## **10/6/12 Saturday**

Annual WUCO vs. SCCO Basketball Tournament - The tournament will be held in the Cal State University Fullerton Gym, located at 800 North State College Boulevard Fullerton, CA 92831 from **6:00pm to 10:00pm.** GO WUCO!

## **10/7/12 Sunday**

Dr. Kimberly Walker & Joanne Davis will be representing WUCO by having a table at the annual Up for Down - Buddy Walk in Upland, CA. Up for Down is a local Down Syndrome support group. Way to go WUCO!

## **10/10/12 Wednesday**

The College of Optometry will be hosting ophthalmologist, Dr. Robert Lingua, as he meets with members of the college and tours the Eye Care Center. WELCOME Dr. Lingua!

## **10/11/12 Thursday**

World Sight Day is an annual day of awareness to focus global attention on blindness, visual impairment and rehabilitation of the visually impaired held on the second Thursday in October. **12:00pm, HEC Esplanade.** [Click here to view the event flier.](#)

Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA) will be hosting Dr. Carl Garbus, President of NORA International. Dinner will be provided to those who RSVP in advance. To RSVP please [click here](#). **5:30pm, HEC Classroom E.**

## **10/12/12 Friday – 10/13/12 Saturday**

On behalf of the College of Optometry, Drs. Gordon & Maeda will be hosting the ASCO Clinic Directors & Administrators SIG Workshop. WUCO will be well represented as members of our college will be lecturing, speaking about our program and offering a tour of the Eye Care Center.

## **10/13/12 Saturday**

Optometric Extension Program (OEP) is hosting a two-part lecture on "Adventures in a VT-Mega Practice" & "What We Hope You Get From This Year's OEP Club Speakers!" Guest speakers: Colin Kageyama, O.D., FCOVD & Kelly Kageyama, O.D. **Location: HEC Classroom E. Time: 4:00pm.** [Sign up here](#). For more information please contact Judy Cao [jcao@westernu.edu](mailto:jcao@westernu.edu).

WesternU Lions Club - Rancho Cucamonga Friends in Sight Vision Screening - 9191 Baseline Rd., Rancho Cucamonga - **8:00am - 3:00pm.** For more information please contact Thomas Wong [twong1@westernu.edu](mailto:twong1@westernu.edu).

## **10/15/12 Monday**

WUCO Community Vision Screening – Ontario Senior Center. Supervising Faculty: Dr. Robert Lee. For more information please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman [kremick@westernu.edu](mailto:kremick@westernu.edu).

## **10/16/12 Tuesday**

The College of Optometry will be hosting guest visitors from the IKEN orthoptics program in Japan. The IKEN group will have a tour of the Eye Care Center, optometry research labs & a campus tour. A very special thanks to all coordinators and volunteers & a warm welcome to our guests! WELCOME IKEN!

**OD2014 Workshop** – The Soft Toric and Presbyopic Lens Education (STAPLE) Program is a collaborative effort on behalf of Alcon, Bausch+Lomb, CooperVision and VISTAKON, a Division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Care. This program provides hands-on soft toric and soft multifocal fitting workshops to Optometry Students in the United States and Canada. In these workshops, students have an opportunity to fit a product from all four companies on patients recruited specifically for the event. The goal of these multi-company workshops is to provide generic education that will benefit the student through a valuable lens fitting experience in the soft toric and multifocal lens categories. **5:00pm – 9:00pm in HEC Lecture Hall 1.** For more information please contact Dr. Egan [degan@westernu.edu](mailto:degan@westernu.edu).

### **10/18/12 Thursday**

WUCO Community Vision Screening – Comprehensive vision examinations at the Covina Domestic Violence Shelter for women and children. Supervising Faculty: Dr. David Todd. For more information please contact Dr. Remick-Waltman [kremick@westernu.edu](mailto:kremick@westernu.edu). *Last week 46 patients at this facility were screened and the 24 referred will receive a follow-up examination and prescription glasses. This project is part of a grant that is supervised by Dr. Miki Carpenter.*

National Optometric Student Association (NOSA) International Food & Music Day – **5:30pm in HEC Classroom E.** [Click here](#) for event flier.

### **10/19/12 Friday**

Dr. Gary Lovcik will be touring the Eye Care Center as well as meeting with members of our college to discuss his *UltimEyes Research Project*. WELCOME Dr. Lovcik!

WUCO **Student** Lunch and Learn – Walmart representatives will be on campus to present information about their Project Foresight Scholarship. **12:00pm – 1:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

### **10/21/12 Sunday**

WUCO Community Vision Screening – 2012 Free Health Fair at the Zoroastrian Center, 8952 Hazard Ave., Westminister, CA. **9:00am – 2:00pm.** Supervising Faculty: Dr. Pinakin Davey. **Volunteers needed.** For more information please contact Dr. Davey [pdavey@westernu.edu](mailto:pdavey@westernu.edu).

## **10/22/12 Monday**

The College of Optometry will be hosting VIP guest, Dr. Fernando Hidalgo, a 4<sup>th</sup> year preceptor all the way from Madrid, Spain. Dr. Hidalgo will be on campus meeting with members of our College and touring the Eye Care Center. Dr. Hidalgo will also join our international intern, Carmen Morante Cobian, for her talk about "Optometry in Spain". **12:00pm in HEC Classroom E.**

## **10/24/12 Wednesday – 10/27/12 Saturday**

Academy 2012 Phoenix - The 91<sup>st</sup> annual meeting for the American Academy of Optometry will be held in Phoenix, AZ at the Phoenix Convention Center.

## **10/31/12 Wednesday**

Nightmare on WUCO Street – Bring a food donation, canned goods or non-perishable items, and get your *scream on!* Enter the Optometry Administration Suite at 12:00 noon *if you dare!*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Assistant Professor Joshua Cameron, PhD, FAAO, published a paper in *Visual Neuroscience*, "Early retinoic acid deprivation in developing zebrafish results in microphthalmia." [Click here](#) to view the article.

### **Optometric Extension Program (OEP) Announcement**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the presentation by Drs. Colin and Kelly Kageyama hosted by OEP on October 13, 2012. For those who are interested, Dr. Colin Kageyama will be publishing his book next year titled, "Skeffington with a Dash of Pepper - Vision Therapy Case Management for the 21st Century." Date of publication TBA. From his speak, it definitely sounds like a beneficial book to have when managing and treating your patients. – Judy Cao (OD 2014), OEP Liaison

### **American Optometric Foundation - Vistakon**

College of Optometry faculty members Dr. Jasmine Yumori and Dr. Kierstyn Napier-Dovorany and Miary Andriamiarisoa from Information Technology received an American Optometric Foundation - VISTAKON® Innovation in Education Grant titled "Evaluating the effectiveness of iPads as a learning tool in a small group learning context." This award is designed to aid new

faculty in advancing their teaching skills in the areas of improving how information is delivered to students, new methodologies, increase use of new technology in all teaching settings and promote online learning tools. This award will allow the team to begin a pilot study to create electronic cases to use in case-based learning.

College of Optometry faculty member Dr. Efrain Castellanos received an American Optometric Foundation - VISTAKON® Innovation in Education Grant titled "The use of online resources to improve significant learning." This award is designed to aid new faculty in advancing their teaching skills in the areas of improving how information is delivered to students, new methodologies, increase use of new technology in all teaching settings and promote online learning tools.

### **Allergan Foundation**

The Eye Care Center has received a grant from the Allergan Foundation for the provision of low vision assistive devices for visually impaired students. These devices may include bioptic telescopes, microscopic lenses, specialty contact lenses, specialized filters, visual field expansion devices, and various forms of magnification. Making these available to students will greatly impact the children's learning and, in turn, their quality of life.

### **Fall Prevention Awareness**

*\*Drs. Napier & Wren are quoted in the article*

Every 15 seconds, an older adult is seen in an emergency department for a fall-related injury. Falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for those ages 65 and over and the chances of falling and being seriously injured in a fall increase with age. As the population ages and baby boomers enter the at-risk demographic at a rate of 8,000 to 10,000 a day, we must work together to reach the Healthy People 2020 objective of reducing fall-related emergency department visits by 10 percent. WesternU joined the National Council on Aging in celebrating Falls Prevention Awareness Day on Sept. 22, 2012. [Click here](#) to read the full story.

*Please report all news to Monique Tessier [mtessier@westernu.edu](mailto:mtessier@westernu.edu).*

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