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Networking



SCO Alumni partnered with students for the college's first Eye Serve Memphis, a Saturday morning event held during Fall Homecoming and CE Weekend. Students worked in advance to identify community partners in need of volunteers.

By joining our students in a volunteer effort benefiting several different nonprofits, our alumni enjoyed the opportunity to see firsthand the shared commitment and enthusiasm demonstrated by our students.

To show your support for the next generation of optometrists committed to making a difference in the lives of their patients and communities, please visit sco.edu/donate.



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*SCO's University Eye Care
enjoyed a table presence
at select football games
in recognition of the
college's status as the
Official Eye Doctors for the
Memphis Tigers.*

FOCUS

*Look for SCO at these
upcoming events...*

February 15-17

*Heart of America
Kansas City*

February 20-24

*SECO
New Orleans*

April 12-14

*Destination CE
Destin, FL*

May 9

*SCO Commencement
Memphis*

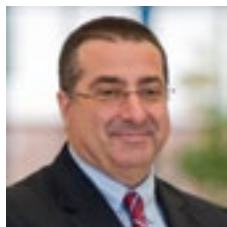
From the President

Overcoming Obstacles to Achieve Success

The winter season brings to end one year as we look with anticipation to the months ahead in the new year. As 2018 came to a close, SCO had reasons to be thankful for many things.

In December, ASCO released board passage rates, and for the second year in a row, SCO led the way with a 100 percent ultimate passage rate on NBEO scores. This kind of achievement instills a sense of pride in us all. Our students are achieving to the best of their potential and are fully prepared to practice optometry to the fullest scope possible.

Accomplishing these results is the result of hard work and overcoming obstacles. Days after we welcomed the Class of 2022 to campus, SCO faced one of the greatest infrastructure challenges in modern history when the pipe connecting the



fire suppressant system burst just outside The Eye Center. As you'll see in this issue, the entire SCO campus rallied to take what was a challenging situation and emerge better in the end.

At our Convocation ceremony in October, I read a resolution from our Board of Trustees commending the SCO campus for working together to overcome this challenge.

I also had the privilege of presenting the President's Special Recognition Awards to Trey Adams, Don Henson, Gary Snuffin, and LaNell Alphin for leading their respective areas critical to providing infrastructure, security, and patient care needs.

We were also proud as the year ended to be named a Top Workplace by the local newspaper, an honor that resulted from the survey responses provided by our employees. This was the sixth year in a row that SCO has been named a Top Workplace.

Mindful of these accomplishments, we all must continue to work together to give our students the optometric education that they deserve in return for choosing SCO. As we look ahead to 2019, we will continue working to increase the number of scholarship opportunities we provide our students so SCO can remain a top school of choice.

The support of our alumni and friends helped make the difference in 2018. As difficult as the challenges may be, we're able to thrive and succeed in the end by working together. Your continued support strengthens SCO's position in an increasingly competitive landscape.

On behalf of our students, employees, and the patients we serve, thank you to our alumni and friends. In 2019 and beyond, we will continue working together to make SCO even better.

Lewis Reich, OD, PhD

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White Coat Appeal

Alumni, friends, and parents alike helped welcome this year's first-year students to the profession by making tribute donations in honor of the class. Parents honored the milestone and were recognized during the White Coat Ceremony held at the end of orientation.

Many alumni sponsored students from their hometown or undergraduate alma mater and sent words of wisdom and encouragement as the class embarked upon the first semester of the four-year journey. We are pleased to acknowledge each of these donors for their support and thoughtfulness and have also included examples of the messages students received.

All told, just over \$28,000 in gifts and pledges was raised in support of scholarships by 70 donors. Alumni can be on the lookout in Spring 2019 for the opportunity to make a similar impact on the next entering class!

Charles H. Aldridge, Jr., OD '80

"Never consider optometry as a final destination. Optometry is a lifelong journey where you continually learn new things, solve unique and complex patient disorders and mature in clinical judgement and professional skills."

Anonymous

Aaron R. Boatz, OD '03

Barrett Brown, OD '13

Ronald A. Burks, OD '80

Hunter W. Chapman, OD '16

Camile L. Chiasson, OD '81

"You are about to embark on the greatest healthcare profession called optometry."

William E. Cochran, OD '68, and Carolyn Cochran

"Best wishes for success! We welcome you to SCO and to the profession of optometry. Next to life itself, sight is God's most precious gift. See you around campus."

Thomas C. Coleman, OD '01

Steven L. Compton, OD '78, and Jane Compton

Horace Deal, OD '97, and Caroline Deal

Amanda R. Dellinger, OD '08

Bonny Lou Eads, OD '69

Randall Glass, OD '06

Erick A. Henderson, OD '17

Charity Angela Hertzog, OD '06, and James Mark Hertzog, OD '06

David Hite, OD '13

"As you learn the how and why of optometry, don't forget about preparing yourself for the business of optometry. Academic education makes your career, self-education makes you wealthy."

Harold L. Jennings, OD '64

Jarrett A. Johnson, OD '90, and Kevin Berger

Robert B. Jordan, OD '88, and James Dylan Bondurant, OD '08

Mark R. Kapperman, OD '87, and Anita Kapperman

Howard B. Levinson, OD '76, and Barbara Levinson

Jennifer N. Meadows, OD '07

Stacey J. Meier, OD '84

Dale L. Morris, OD '73, and Patricia Morris

"I want to personally say congratulations to you for your beginning optometry career. As an SCO alum, I can say after 45 years of practice and experience, I have no regrets. Neither will you. It's a great profession and I wish the very best for your future practice. If I can ever be of any help or advice, please let me know."

Michelle R. Moscow, OD '17

Scott Moscow, OD '13

Ohio Optometric Association

Bobby C. Pankey, OD '05

Steven T. Reed, OD '95, and Kendra Reed

Kevin A. Rogers, OD '08

Gordon D. Russell, OD '01

Mark E. Schaeffer, OD '11

Keith A. Schrunk, OD '03, and Angie Schrunk

Russell T. Simmons, OD '83

Daniel E. Smith, OD '94

Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians

Sharon Holden Thomas, OD '83, and

Stuart J. Thomas, OD '84

Terry L. Tucker, OD '84

Christina Vranich, OD '09

Elizabeth M. Zingula, OD '04



Welcoming the Class of 2022



SCO welcomed 133 students in the Class of 2022 with a white coat ceremony at the end of the college's two-day orientation session. With the greatest attendance ever for an on-campus ceremony, families and guests watched as each student received a white coat generously provided by Marchon.

The Class of 2022 was selected from 814 applicants. Their average GPA was 3.53, with an average 329 on the Optometry Admissions Test. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, 46 students pictured below received first-year scholarships. Additional scholarships were awarded the following month at Convocation as students were recognized from throughout our four-year program. Several alumni were personally on hand to present a number of these awards.

FIRST YEAR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Front Row: Stephania Carreno, Alexandria Cloud, Mason Garbs
Middle Row: William Ratliff, Kalina Harrell, Matthew Blaseg
Back Row: Matthew Bills, Andrew Dahl, Ryan Livesay, Jeffrey Morrison



Front Row: Jessica Kongelf, Katherine Boone, Lillian McEntire
Middle Row: Ann McLean, Lauren Goettmoeller, Madison Kloster
Back Row: Griffin Smith, Savannah Holman, Jamie Myers



Front Row: Maria Bontrager, Ellilta (Eli) Mezgebu, Erin Mozingo
Middle Row: Nathan Robinson, Ryan Holiday, Abigail Klick
Back Row: Landon Voigt, William Feriend, Jordan Carlson



Front Row: Taylor Canamore, Alexis Grycko, Caleb Chesnut
Middle Row: Lindsay Thornton, Caitlin Lingg, Tessa Lau
Back Row: Cassidy Youssef, Regan Stone, Kamden Badger

Among those recognized:

MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

U.S. Air Force

Francis Parr '20

U.S. Army

Samantha Macchio '20

U.S. Navy

Trey Ketchum '21

BASIC SCIENCE AND CLINICAL AWARDS

1st Year Basic Science Awards

Daniel Bloemer '21, Savannah Caro '21, Brittany Darnley '21, Samantha Ellingson '21, Hannah Fann '21, Yeji Kim '21, Anna Lansdell '21, Samantha Lee '21, Paige Parkhurst '21, Breeley Sellier '21

1st Year Clinical Science Awards

Jacquelyn Brown '21, Marly Coleman '21, Tommy Cung '21, Dianna Elrod '21, Anna Lansdell '21, Samantha Lee '21, Chelsea Lula '21, Emily Moody '21, Michelle Nagro '21, Sara Stockwell '21

2nd Year Basic Science Awards

Christy Alfano '20, Anthony Barbiero '20, Torrie Garner '20, Kelci Glover '20, Cori Jones '20, Callie Mashburn '20, Matt Meredith '20, Jana Plant '20, Trevor Schramm '20, Katie Stuckey '20

2nd Year Clinical Science Awards

Christy Alfano '20, Rachel Christie '20, Victoria Long '20, Katie McGee '20, Brittany Murrell '20, Francis Parr '20, Brian Post '20, Stephanie Ross '20, Trevor Schramm '20, Mallory Troyer '20

3rd Year Clinical Skills Awards

Heather Ashley '19, Taylor Ficek '19, Blair Flint '19, Ali Genilo '19, Jed Harrison '19, Larissa Krenk '19, Shelby Kruse '19, Morgan McClintic '19, Spencer Moore '19, Sarai Williams '19



Front Row: Mia Taylor, Onyale Donloe, Sarah Spangler
Middle Row: Mats Jaslow, Rachel Williams, Holly Pederson
Back Row: Tanner Beard, Christopher Pope, Blade Grupe



CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS

Classes of '54, '56, '59 Scholarship (\$1,000)
Mary Price '19

Classes of '60, '61, '63 Scholarship (\$1,500)
Shandi Beckwith '21

Classes of '64, '65, '66 Scholarship (\$1,500)
Angelica McIntyre '20

Classes of '68, '69 Scholarship (\$1,000)
Madelyn Mullally '20

Classes of '70, '71, '74 Scholarship (\$1,000)
Taylor Ficek '19,
Sarah Kenning '19

Class of 1977 Scholarship (\$3,000)
Blair Flint '19

Class of 1978 Scholarship (\$2,000)
Shelby Kruse '19

Class of 1984 Scholarship (\$1,500)
Marie Huegel '21

Class of 1997 Jimmy Sheridan Memorial Award (\$1,000)
Colin Hunsaker '20

Class of 2001 Scott Whitaker Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)
Elyse Rayborn '20

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Rosemore Family Endowed Scholarship (\$2,000)
Vik Brooks '19
Taylor Epp '20
Jon Hoaglund '19

National Board of Examiners in Optometry Award, Part I (\$1,000)
Brian Chado '19

Mauldin Family Scholarship (\$1,000)
Zach Shriver '19

Alumni Council Endowed Scholarship (\$1,000)
Jed Harrison '19

Dr. Allan and Mrs. Susan Barker Endowed Scholarship (\$1,500)
Samantha Macchio '20

Dr. Freddy Wilfred Chang Endowed Scholarship (\$1,000)
Callie Mashburn '20

W. David Sullins Endowed Scholarship for Leadership (\$1,000)
Caroline Seger '19

Wayne W. Pyeatt Endowed Scholarship (\$2,000)
Amber Thulin '19

Peggy Remke Memorial Endowed Scholarship (\$2,000)
Jae DeBerry '19

Dr. John A. Gazaway Endowed Scholarship (\$2,000)
Morgan Thorson '19

Kansas Alumni Endowed Scholarship (\$1,000)
Laila Tawfik '19

Fred Farias, III, OD '87, FAAO Endowed Award (\$1,000)
Nicolas Vu '19

Jerry L. Clay Endowed Award (\$1,000)
Ali Genilo '19

Drs. Berger and Moscow Family Endowed Scholarship (\$1,000)
Katie McGee '20

James and Edna Duncan Award (\$500)
Abigail Kirk '19

Chuck and Carole Aldridge Endowed Award (\$1,000)
Casey Krug '21

Charles A. Callaway Endowed Scholarship (\$1,000)
Kira Winston '20
Yeji Kim '21

Dr. Les Manning Endowed Scholarship (\$1,000)
John Phifer '20

Stanley M. Dickerson Leadership Award (\$1,000)
Roy Miles '19

STATE AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Kentucky Optometric Association Scholarships (\$1,000)
Daniel Bloemer '21
Jesse Boles '21

Mississippi Optometric Association, honoring Dr. William E. Cochran (\$1,000)
Jeromica Ward '19

Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians Scholarship (\$1,000)
Kaley Stinnett '19

Society of Professional Optometrists of Georgia (\$2,500)
Justine Bolduc '19

Auxiliary to the Arkansas Optometric Association (\$1,000)
Aaron Tollett '20

Arkansas Optometric Association – Dr. William H. Townsend Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)
Anna Fagan '19

Dr. Milton Webb Optometric Leadership and Service Scholarship (\$1,500)
Mary Price '19

North Carolina Optometric Foundation (\$5,000)
Corey Burr '20

Vincent Salierno Scholarship (\$2,000)
Chris Muegge '20

CORPORATE PARTNERS AND OPHTHALMIC INDUSTRY

Review of Optometry and the Rick Bay Foundation for Excellence in Eyecare Education Award (\$500)
Stephanie Ross '20

J. Pat Cummings Scholarship (\$1,000)
Jacob Weber '20

Vision Service Plan Scholarships (\$4,000)
Brittany Glatting '19
Donald York '19

Essilor of America Varilux Student Grant Award (\$1,000)
Tiffany Wooten '19

Optometry Cares Infant See Scholarship (\$1,000)
Lindsay Estel '19

Walmart NOSA Scholarship (\$1,000)
Jae DeBerry '19

Ocular Instruments Award (Product Certificate)
Larissa Krenk '19
Cori Jones '20
Samantha Ellingson '21

Welch Allyn Co. Award (Panoptic Ophthalmoscope and Lithium Ion Handle)
Rachel Werner '20

Heine USA Award (Hand-Held Slit Lamp)
Jessica Jankiewicz '19

Keeler Instruments Award (Streak Retinoscope and Mini Charger)
Kelly James '19

2017-18 FACULTY OF THE YEAR

Class of 2019
Didactic: Patricia Cisarik, OD, PhD
Clinic: Christopher Borgman, OD
Patricia Cisarik, OD, PhD

Class of 2020
Didactic: Scott Ensor, OD '01, MS
Clinic: Jennifer Sanderson, OD

Class of 2021
Didactic: Jennifer Snyder, OD '12
Clinic: Betty Harville, OD

BSK Teacher of the Year Award
Didactic: Al Kabat, OD
Clinic: Jennifer Sanderson, OD

OTHER AWARDS

Burnett Faculty Recognition Award
Jennifer Snyder, OD '12

SCO alumni and guests celebrated this fall's Homecoming and Continuing Education Weekend. Visitors enjoyed a taste of Memphis by partaking in local cuisine from nearly a dozen food trucks.

HOMECOMING 2018

During our Convocation ceremony, more than \$87,000 in scholarships and awards were presented to students and special recognition were given to a number of faculty and staff members. Norma K. Bowyer, OD '77 received the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Jennifer Snyder, OD '12, was awarded the Burnett Faculty Recognition Award. Also receiving Faculty of the Year Awards were Drs. Patricia Cisarik and Chris Borgman, from the Class of 2019; Drs. Scott Ensor, '01, and Jennifer Sanderson, from the Class of 2020, and Drs. Jennifer Snyder, '12 and Betty Harville, from the Class of 2021. Drs. Al Kabat and Jennifer Sanderson received BSK Teacher of the Year Awards.

Of special note, the Class of 1968 also celebrated its 50-year class reunion, and other reunion classes also gathered for events capped by a Saturday evening dinner and dance.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT
YEAR'S EVENT, SCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER 3-6, 2019!**



Reunion Class of 1978



50 Year
Reunion Class
of 1968



25 hours of Continuing Education



EyeServe
participant
Stacey Meier,
OD '84



▲ Lifetime Achievement
Award recipient Norma K.
Bowyer, OD '77 and Dr. Reich



Reunion Class
of 1993



▲ Reunion
Class of
2008



▲ Reunion Class
of 2013



▲ Reunion Class of 1998



▲ Inaugural Alumni/Student
Meet and Greet

▲ Reunion Class
of 1988

Overcoming Adversity

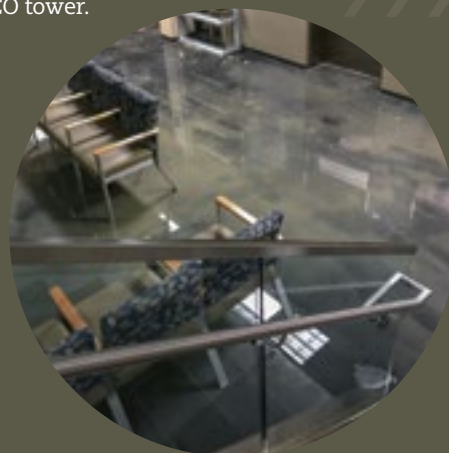


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SCO Works to Repair Damage Caused by Water Incident

A sharp-eyed security guard making his rounds first spotted the signs of trouble late in the evening on Sunday, September 9. Water was cascading from underneath the concrete steps outside the side doors to The Eye Center below the passageway connecting the facility to the SCO tower.



As the result of a burst water main, the pressure buckled the sidewalk and forced water into The Eye Center's ground floor. Hundreds of thousands of gallons of water crept down hallways and then cascaded into the lower level before the water could be shut off and the damage contained.

In what proved to be the most significant crisis response impacting SCO since The Eye Center's construction in 2002, the entire campus was closed for a day as the damage was assessed. Contingency plans resulted in patients being shifted to SCO's other clinics. Equipment was moved out to be inspected and inventoried.

Vision therapy was moved to SCO's Annex building, with other temporary areas set up on the first floor of SCO's Tower, including optical services. Patient care was provided in SCO's Research Suites.

Over the next several weeks, crews worked to dry out and repair the ground floor to restore two-thirds of the operational space within The Eye Center. Damaged drywall, carpet and other items had to be replaced, including equipment worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

As of this writing, the lower level remains closed while renovation work continues. When finished, some areas will emerge redesigned and even better than ever. What was a significant operational challenge has also proven to be a teaching moment as interns have seen that when the unexpected happens, optometrists can rise to the occasion and rebuild to resume providing patient care.





Class Notes

1961 **Vernon "Bud" Falkenhain**, OD, was named the recipient of VOSH/International's 2018 Harry I. Zeltzer Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Falkenhain was cited for his leadership of VOSH, including more than 50 missions to 30 different countries.

1967 **Herb Wertheim**, OD, was recently inducted into the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame.

1972 **Ron Blum**, OD, visited campus to talk to students and faculty about his career. Noted for starting a significant number of companies and patenting hundreds of optic and ophthalmic technologies, Dr. Blum is pictured with SCO President Lewis Reich, OD, PhD.



1980 **Luanne May Cox**, OD, was one of several SCO alumni and other invited OD guests who spoke to students on campus as part of the Focus on Your Future lecture series.

Amy Crigler, OD, was elected the 2018-19 president of the

Mississippi Optometric Association.

1981 **David Cockrell**, OD, SCO Board of Trustees member, recently joined Sunnie Ewing, Director of Student Recruitment, during her presentation to the Pre-Optometry Club at Oklahoma State University. During the fall months, alumni joined Sunnie on a number of recruiting visits. Please contact her at sewing@sco.edu if you're interested in similarly promoting the profession.



Bill C. Thompson, OD, was appointed to the Texas Optometry Board for a six-year term.

1984 **Stacey J. Meier**, OD, was recently sworn in as president of the International Association of Optometric Executives (IAOE).

1987 **Fred Farias III**, OD, was named to the Board of Trustees for the Texas Higher Education Foundation.

1990 **David Moss**, OD, was inducted into the Northwest Mississippi Community College's Sports Hall of Fame.

1992 **David Grosswald**, OD, recently sold his Georgia practice to Total Eye Care Partners.

1994 **David Evans**, OD, recently directed his second feature film, *Indivisible*, a faith-based true story about an Army chaplain.

2002 **Tanya Polec**, OD, has been named to the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Advisory Board.

Emily Sprague, OD, and her husband, Jeremy, welcomed a daughter, Margaret Ruth Tilley on July 6. She joins older sister, Nora Jean. Dr. Sprague was also recently named Director for Clinical Support Services at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital.



2005 **Bill Ballinger**, OD, and his wife welcomed a son, William Henry Ballinger IV, on October 16. He weighed 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 21 inches long.

Jeff Newsom, OD, was named Air Force Optometrist of the Year and the Optometrist of the Year by the Armed

Forces Optometric Society.

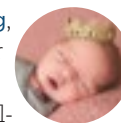
Rob Szeliga, OD, recently built a new 8,300 square foot facility for his practice, Spring Hill Eyecare. Founded after his graduation, the practice has three associate doctors, two of whom are SCO alumni: newlyweds **Virgilio Gozum**, OD '15, and **Emy Thompson**, OD '16.



2008 **Claire Hunter Schmidt**, OD, and her husband Chris, recently welcomed a son, Adam Garrett.

2009 **Matt Jones**, OD, and his wife welcomed a daughter, Elliott James, born October 4. She weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz.

Becky King, OD, and her husband, Nathan, welcomed a daughter, Sawyer Frances, on October 27. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 ozs., and was 18.75 inches long.



2011 **Allison Henderson**, OD, recently received the Ohio Vision Project Student Repayment Loan Program

Award from the Ohio Optometric Association.

Mark Schaeffer, OD, wrote about his family's experience in selling their practices to private equity for an article published in *Review of Optometric Business*.

2012 **Stephanie McLin Cox**, OD, was named by the American Academy of Optometry Foundation as the recipient of the 2018 Korb-Exford Dry Eye Career Development Grant.

Kendra Dalton, OD, is serving as KMK's Optometry Chief Medical Editor.

Adam Ramsey, OD, received the 2018 National Black Business Month Vanguard Award at the South Florida Black Economic Forum and Reception in Fort Lauderdale.

Joseph Rich, OD, was named Young OD of the Year by the Missouri Optometric Association.



Mark Wesoloski II, OD, has opened his own private practice in Pittsboro, North Carolina.

2013 **Jessie Elmore Johnson**, OD, and **Sam Johnson**, OD, welcomed a daughter, Mary Alyne, in July. She weighed 6

lbs., 3 ozs., and was 20.5 inches long.

Kristin Reed, OD, and her husband, Josh, welcomed a second son, Landon Michael Reed on September 20. Dr. Reed was recently recognized for participating in the Nebraska Optometric Association Leadership Institute and leading a OneSight clinic serving refugees in Omaha.

2014 Suzanne Guin, OD, and her husband welcomed a daughter, Vivia Therese, born November 16.

Caleb Montgomery, OD, and his wife welcomed a son, Eli Matthew, born October 10. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and was 20.5 inches long.

Jacque Short, OD, and her husband, Brice, welcomed a son, Carter Adam, born October 4. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and was 21 inches long.

Rachel Siegel, OD, received the Ohio Optometric Association's Ohio Vision Project Student Loan Repayment Program Award.

Shannon Swayne, OD, recently joined 20/20 Eyecare in Glenwood and Carbondale, Colorado.

2015 Rebecca Briggs-Garnier, OD, was named Young OD of the Year by the Georgia Optometric Association.



Carissa Chambers, OD, recently finished Ironman Cozumel, her first Ironman competition. During her trip, she was able to meet up with some people she first met back on a SVOSH trip to Valladolid, Yucatan in Mexico in 2013.

Virgilio Gozum, OD, wed **Emy Thompson**, OD '16, at Garvan Woodland Gardens in Hot Springs, Arkansas on October 20. A number of classmates were in attendance, including **Dr. Linh Hong** from the Class of '14; from the Class of 2015 **Drs. Andy Hawkins, Kaitlin Mayo Hawkins, Pinto Ng, Mark Miriello, Alanna Khattar, Carissa Chambers, and Jessica Haynes**, and **Dr. Emily Edwards** from the Class of 2016.



Michael C. Richardson, Jr., OD, and his wife, Sam, shared this photo of them with their sons, Paul, and

SCO will launch a new online alumni directory in 2019. The service is a great way for staying engaged with your classmates via your SCO email address. Records will only be available to fellow alumni.

Alumni can choose how much information you wish to share or opt out of sharing specific information with classmates. Look for more details as the new directory launch date nears.

Teddy, Dr. Richardson practices in Pensacola, Florida.



2016 Steven Blake, OD, and his wife welcomed a daughter, Hadley Grace, on September 22. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and was 19 inches long.

Kevin Davis, OD, and his wife, Amy, welcomed a son, Eli Patrick, on August 7. He weighed 9 lbs., 3 ozs., and was 20.75 inches long. Eli is the grandson of Michael Davis, OD '87, and the grandnephew of Peter Davis, OD '87.



Amy Sickman, OD, wed **Billy Parsley**, OD, on August 4, 2018 in Kansas City, Missouri. Members of the Class of 2016 in attendance included **Drs. Lauren Lusardi,**

Rebecca Wenig, Dahlia Haddad, Jamison Carr, Chris Connor, James Hoover, Mitch Brown, and Daniel Kelly, along with **Sara (Petska) Connor**, OD '17, and **Tri Nguyen**, OD '15.

Gerald Stinson, OD, and his wife welcomed a son, Kayden Akeem, born October 1. He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 20 inches long.

2017 Derek Hennig, OD, and his wife, Lauren, recently welcomed twin daughters, Clara Marie, who weighed 3 lbs., 1 ozs., and Adelynn Grace, at 2 lbs., 13 ozs.

Sarah Vrotsos, OD, and **James Jones**, OD, were wed on September 22 in Birmingham, Alabama. Several 2017 classmates were in attendance, along with faculty member **Pam Schnell**, OD '01.



2018 Jake Bowen, OD, recently joined Appalachian Eye Care in West Virginia.

Melinda Dang, OD, has joined Georgia Eye Institute's Hinesville office, and **Ryan Piche**, OD, joined the same practice's Glennville office.

Misty Lane, OD, recently joined Appalachian Eye Care in West Virginia.

Will Stringer, OD, recently joined Hattiesburg Clinic Eye Associates in Mississippi.

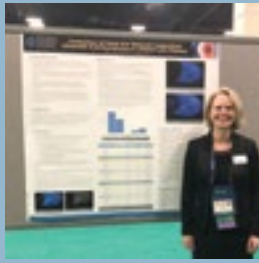
IN MEMORIAL

Roger L. Hiatt, OD '49, MD
John A. McCall, Sr., OD '49
James E. Wright, OD '50
Herbert C. White, OD '52
James A. Power, OD '53
Dale Diffie, OD '54
Marcus L. "Tom" Moss, OD '54
J. Keith Caldwell, OD '55
Jimmy McNeil, OD '58
George F. Gillespie, OD '60
Donald Ledbetter, OD '60
Robert P. Scholl, OD '60
James Hall, OD '63
James R. Goff, Jr., OD '67
Duane Lowry, OD '69
Jack W. Melton, Jr., OD '69
Mark Flora, OD '75
Terry W. Kuykendall, OD '75
Gerald Wickline, OD '78
John C. Bailes, OD '80
Roney V. Crews, OD '85

On Campus Focus

Faculty Briefs

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Chris Borgman, OD, has joined the Board for Eye Specialty Group's nonprofit Surgical Eyecare Foundation to serve as SCO's liaison/representative. Earlier this year, he was among those providing post-operative cataract surgery care to ESG patients in need.

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Chris Borgman, OD, **Michael Gerstner**, OD '97, and **Taylor Kiser**, OD '12, published an article about nonresponding conjunctivitis in *Primary Care Optometry News*.

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Mike Christensen, OD, PhD, was recently appointed Principal Investigator for two research protocols sponsored by Shire.

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Mike Dorkowski, OD '04, **Drew Rixon**, OD, and **Jim Williamson**, OD '97, wrote an article for *Review of Optometry* about applying IOP-lowering drugs.

Michael Gerstner, OD '97, and **Shaleen Ragha**, OD '16 were joined by Jessica Haynes, OD '15, and Mohammed Rafieetary, OD, in speaking at a Glaucoma Imaging Symposium hosted on campus by Heidelberg Engineering Academy.

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Whitney Hauser, OD '01, has been appointed to the steering committee of the ophthalmology Innovation Summit to be held next year in New Orleans.

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Kristina Haworth, OD, PhD, recently was invited to participate in the Fourth Annual Emerging Vision Scientists Day on Capitol Hill. Dr. Haworth, pictured with her poster 1, participated in a poster session designed to inform members of Congress and their staff about optometric research.

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Cynthia Heard, OD, recently joined students from SCO's 2 NOSA chapter at a health awareness event hosted at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library.

John Mark Jackson, OD '99, MS, and **Jessica Lam**, OD, Resident, published an article in *Contact Lens Spectrum* about contact-lens induced corneal warpage.

Chris Lievens, OD, MS, was a co-author on an article about dry eye recently published on PubMed.

Wil McGriff, OD, MPH, was named the Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians' 2018 TAOP Educator of the Year Award recipient. He's pictured 3 receiving his plaque from **Glen Steele**, OD '69.

Lewis Reich, OD, PhD, pictured 4 with his wife, Diane, was recognized as Alumnus of the Year by his alma mater, the University of California Berkeley School of Optometry.

Glen Steele, OD '69, received the American Public Health Association's 5 Vision Care Section Distinguished Service Award. Presented by Dr. Bhagya Segu, Vision Care Section Chair, the award recognized Dr. Steele's "demonstrated, continued, high quality service in public health eye and vision care."

Drs. **Glen Steele** '69, **Marie Bodack**, **Jason Duncan** '98, **Scott Ensor** '01, **Taylor Kiser** '12, **Chris Lievens**, **Jennifer Sanderson**, **Chuck Kinnaid**, **Kris May** '01, and **Jennifer Snyder**, '12, were among the faculty/adjunct faculty speakers at this year's Fall Homecoming and CE weekend.

Faculty in Spotlight at Academy



Dan Fuller, OD, was inducted as a Diplomate in the Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies section of the American Academy of Optometry.

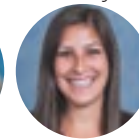
Darah Chandler, OD '16, **Halie Cottrill**, OD '16, **Julie Shalhoub**, OD, and **Amanda Tompkins**, OD '13, were named Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry



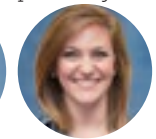
Dr. Chandler



Dr. Cottrill



Dr. Shalhoub



Dr. Tompkins

Morgan Ollinger, OD, coached SCO students **Sammy Lee**, **Kaitlin Philipsen**, and **Cori Jones** 6 for the inaugural Essilor Academic Challenge event at the Academy meeting. Congratulations to SCO's students for placing second!

Whitney Hauser, OD '01, 7 pictured center with fellow recipients, received *Women in Optometry's* new Theia Award at the Academy meeting.

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POSTERS

Andrea Wester; **Mike Christensen**, PhD, OD; **Chris Borgman**, OD
Tonometry Measurements Over Soft Contact Lenses in Healthy Subjects

Patricia Cisarik, OD, PhD
Comparison of Grit Survey Scores and Course Test scores in Two Classes of First Year Optometry Students

Comparison of MPOD by Heterochromatic Flicker Photometry and SWAP Global Indices in Young Healthy Adults

Patricia Cisarik, OD, PhD; nine faculty from other optometry institutions
Visual Symptoms in Individuals with History of Traumatic Brain Injury

K. Hill; **Patricia Cisarik**, OD, PhD; **Paul Harris**, OD
Exploring the Effect of a Notch Filter on Color Contrast Sensitivity in Color Normal and Color Deficient Young Healthy Adults – A Pilot Study

Meagan Miles, BS; **William Edmondson**, MAT, OD; **Mary Hoang**, OD
Comparing Multifocal Contact Lens Designs in Non-Presbyopes for Application in Near Point Problems

Jessica Lam, OD, Resident; **Daniel G. Fuller**, OD
Safety and Efficacy of Scleral Contact Lenses in Post-Surgical Patients in an Optometric Clinic

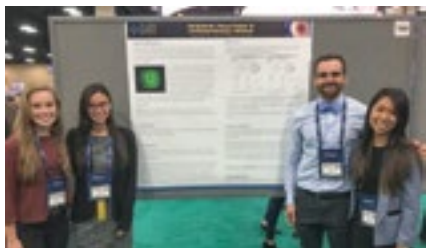
Yueren Wang, OD, Resident; **Daniel G. Fuller**, OD
Management of Neurotrophic Keratitis and Persistent Epithelial Defect with Scleral Lenses

Kristina Haworth, OD, PhD; Christianne Belair
Comparison of Nasal and Temporal Conjunctival Ultraviolet Autofluorescence in Contact Lens Wearers

Jake Weber; **Chris Lievens**, OD, MS; **Christina Newman**, OD; **Al Kabat**, OD
Repeatability of the Zeiss i.Profiler^{plus} Autorefractor in a Healthy Population

Chris Lievens, OD, MS
Minimal Cholesterol Extraction and Maintenance of Pre-lens Tear Film Stability Associated with an EOBO-Containing Lens and Lens Care Regimen

Morgan Ollinger, OD; Jessica Lam, OD, Resident; Sari Schwartz, OD, Resident; Cori Jones, BS
Peripheral Visual Fields in Orthokeratology Patients



Shaleen Ragha, OD
Papilledema Confounded by Chiari Malformation

Amber Delly, OD, Resident; **Pamela Schnell**, OD; **Jennifer Snyder**, OD
Unusual Presentation of Presumed Ocular Cystinosis in a Patient with Cystinuria

Carolyn Draude, OD, Resident; **Sylvia E. Sparrow**, OD
Possible Acquired Iris Coloboma with Angle Recession Glaucoma

Karen Squier, OD, MS
Reducing Student Anxiety Performing Low Vision Specific Tasks by Incorporating Low Vision Patients in a Non-Clinical Setting

Karen Squier, OD, MS; **Patricia Cisarik**, OD, PhD; **Cynthia Heard**, OD; **Gregory Wolfe**, OD, MPH; **Esla Speth**, OD; **Patricia Walker**, OD
Risk Factors for Malnutrition in the Elderly: What Do Students Know?

Emma Pope, OD, Resident; **Melissa Zarn**, OD
Removal and Management of Cat Claw Embedded in Conjunctival Sac of a Nine-Year-Old Boy

Lauren Plewes, OD, Resident; **Melissa Zarn**, OD; **Pamela Schnell**, OD
A Chromosomal Complication: Vision Perception-based Vision Therapy Increasing ADLs in a Genetic Condition

LECTURES/PAPERS

Daniel G. Fuller, OD
Basics of Scleral Contact Lens Fitting: It's as Easy as 1-2-3
G.P. Multifocal Lenses: A Fitting Workshop

Glen Steele, OD
The Critical Importance of Vision in Overall Development

Jennifer Sanderson, OD; **Scott Ensor**, OD; **Michael Dorkowski**, OD; Drew Rixon, OD
Injection Procedures for the Primary Care Optometrist

Gregory Wolfe, OD, MPH
The Fungus Among Us

Morgan Ollinger, OD
Ectatic, not Ectatic Congenital Keratoconus with Angle Anomalies

Melissa Zarn, OD; **Paul Harris**, OD; **Marc Taub**, OD, MS
Hospital Based Optometric Care for Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) / Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
Office Based Vision Therapy/Visual Training for Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) / Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Melissa Zarn, OD
Interprofessional Education (IPE) at a Single Purpose Institution

In Memory of Dr. Freddy Chang

Longtime optometric educator and retired Southern College of Optometry Professor Freddy Chang, OD, PhD, passed away on November 17, 2018 at the age of 83.

Freddy was born on September 18, 1935 in mainland China to Lennox Chang and Ulan Lai. In 1970, Freddy completed his optometry degree from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada followed by a PhD in 1976 from Indiana University.

After a short stint as Assistant Professor at the University of Alabama Birmingham, he returned to a faculty position at Indiana University where he earned tenure and raised his family. While his accomplished career also included serving as Associate Professor at Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton, CA, as Chief of the Optometry Section at the Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinics in Los Angeles and La Jolla, CA, and Director of Clinical Research at Vistakon in Jacksonville, FL, he was proud to retire in June 2017 from Southern College of Optometry after serving as professor for 15 years.

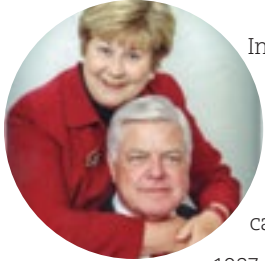
Freddy's contributions to the field of optometry as a highly published researcher and frequent presenter are significant, but his legacy lives on in the many students whose lives he touched. He loved teaching. It was truly his life's work and greatest passion. He once told a colleague, "If I teach the way I am supposed to, I'll be able to live on another 40-50 years through my students." He will forever be remembered as a favorite professor, respected mentor and colleague, generous friend, and beloved father and grandfather.

Freddy is survived by his children, David Chang (and wife Bee Ng) of Sunnyvale, CA, Warren Chang (and his children Caitlyn, Caroline, and Christopher) of Bloomington, IN, and Colin Chang (wife Joellan, and their sons Owen and Sam) of Bloomington, IN, wife Fleda Belcon-Chang of Memphis, TN, and nine brothers and sisters.

In honoring Freddy's wishes, there will be no funeral services but rather a family burial of his ashes in Trinidad. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to: The Freddy Wilfred Chang Scholarship, Southern College of Optometry, 1245 Madison Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104.



SCO Alumnus Makes Substantial Gift



In memory of one of his daughters who was killed in a tragic car accident in 1987, SCO alumnus **Joseph Crosby, OD '67**, along with his wife, Opal, made a substantial gift in their daughter's name for an entering scholarship endowment.

The now retired optometrist has always had a love for optometry.

"I had a brother-in-law who was an optometrist and I later became interested in the profession," said Dr. Crosby. "I was actually going into veterinary, but many of the veterinarians told me 'practice on people who can talk back to you.'"

After moving from South Carolina and serving in the U.S. Navy, Dr. Crosby attended SCO. He thoroughly enjoyed his experience and could recall studying a lot in order to pass his board exams.

Like many other alumni, SCO contributed to Dr. Crosby's success. With continuous education, Crosby earned the privilege to practice full scope optometry, including injections, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, and other licenses. He also served on several positions and was President of the Tennessee Optometric Association in 1982 and 1983. He also started an optometry company and served as the first President of Vision America.

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"I knew what I was doing and every time something new came up, I went back to school," said Dr. Crosby.

"I kept moving in my profession."

Dr. Crosby's scholarship is intended to assist Tennessee and South Carolina optometry students.

"I want to broaden the field of optometry and give students a chance to get into the field even if they are not a legacy."

After many years of practicing optometry, Dr. Crosby retired 21 years ago and he would not change his field for anything or anyone in the world. Dr. Crosby wants to motivate other alumni to support SCO in a similar fashion.

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A DAY OF SERVICE

Alumni Join Students in Giving Back to Community

With the Memphis Medical District, the volunteers participated in a beautification project in the Medical District area which included cleaning up blight in the area and painting a fence near St. Mary's Cathedral.

Another group of volunteers participated in another beautification in the Frayser area for Dorothy Day House. The volunteers performed some landscaping around one of the homes, which included mowing the grass and cutting unruly shrubbery.

"The place looked incredibly different and beautiful when we finished," said Dr. Kapperman.

Across town, another group teamed up with the Memphis Animal Shelter to cuddle up with some furry cuties and take them to Shelby Farms for some high-energy fun.

"My dog's name was Luna and was an adorable dog and I had a lot of fun with her," said Salman Bhatti, '22. I feel so fulfilled knowing that I made Luna's day and I plan on volunteering at Memphis Animal Shelter again."

At the Memphis Zoo, a group of volunteers donated their

time assisting with a number of projects which brought people from SCO into the orbit of one of the city's most popular nonprofits.

After the Saturday morning service events ended, volunteers networked and enjoyed a delicious lunch from SCO's Blink Diner back on campus.

"It's great to see the Southern College of Optometry community come together and work together to help others," said Dr. Kapperman.

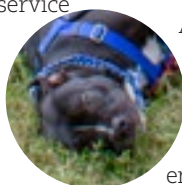
SCO plans to continue to positively impact the city with this annual event all the while connecting students with alumni.

"I really enjoy volunteering and being a part of something," said Bhatti. "Eye Serve Memphis is a great event and all students and alumni should join next year."

Dr. Kapperman also recommends Eye Serve Memphis from an alumni perspective.

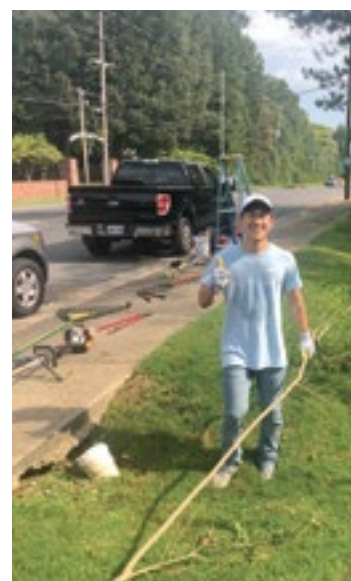
"Optometry is all about giving back and we do that every day in the exam room, but it's great to do that in other ways and to serve the greater Memphis community. It always a wonderful feeling," said Dr. Kapperman.

During Fall Homecoming and CE Weekend, alumni joined students and staff in participating in various service projects that positively impact the community. The inaugural Eye Serve Memphis community outreach event is an annual day of service.



Volunteers participated in various service projects with the Memphis Medical District Collaborative, Dorothy Day House, Memphis Zoo, and Memphis Animal Services.

"As a member of the alumni council, I think that this is such a neat opportunity for students and alumni to come together," said Mark Kapperman, OD, '87. "It was fantastic to see a group of about 20 students giving back."





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