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2009 Antoinette Molinari Memorial Scholarship Winner

The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) and the Molinari Family are pleased to introduce Erin D. Hocking, BA, from Southern College of Optometry, as the 2009 winner of the Antoinette M. Molinari Memorial Scholarship. Chosen from a very strong applicant pool, Erin not only shows commitment to academic excellence, she works as a research associate, an ophthalmic assistant and still finds time to tutor and participate in various professional organizations. •

Goldbergs and Rabin Join Presidents Circle

Please welcome Diane and Israel Goldberg and Jeff Rabin as new members of the Presidents Circle. The Presidents Circle was established in 1997 to distinguish donors who make gifts and pledges of \$10,000 or more to the Foundation. The Goldbergs, Rabin and the other four new members will be recognized at the AOF Celebration Luncheon on November 14th. •

So Many Ways to Contribute to the AOF During Academy 2009 in Orlando

By Mark A. Bullimore, AOF Development Director

The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) will feature prominently at Academy 2009 Orlando. The Foundation will be supporting more than fifty of optometry's brightest and best to attend the meeting including Ezell Fellows and Vistakon Residency Awardees. For the third year we will welcome Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows from each school and college of optometry. We have already received about \$5,000 in donations with registration. In addition, lecturers in the Academy's outstanding education program have donated over \$10,000 in honoraria. Kudos to the lecturers for their generosity, and to Dr. Tammy Than and her Lectures and Workshop Committee for making it happen!

At Saturday's Foundation Celebration Luncheon, we will be introducing 12 new Ezell Fellows and recognizing all our other awardees that have benefited this past year from the Foundation's \$400,000 portfolio of scholarships, grants, and fellowships. At the luncheon we will recog-

nize a number of generous supporters and will announce a number of new and substantial gifts to the Foundation.

The Foundation's Silent Auction begins in the Exhibit Hall and ends at the Celebration Luncheon. We have an exciting range of hand-made jewelry, wine from around the world, quilts for loved ones, plus a range of electronics. We will again be auctioning original paintings by Optometrist of the Century, Dr. Irvin Borish. Irv will be at the Foundation Booth and the Luncheon to pose for memorable photos, autograph books and paintings, and to recruit his next model!

In celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the first Varilux lens, Essilor has issued a very generous matching challenge. For every dollar up to \$25,000 donated at the AOF or Essilor Booth, Essilor will match it. So let's all work together to raise \$50,000 in the Exhibit Hall and at least \$100,000 overall. See you in Orlando! •



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2009 AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows

The third class of AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows will be recognized during Academy 2009 Orlando. The class consists of 19 third-year optometry students, one selected from every college of optometry in Canada, Puerto Rico and the U.S.

“This program is a great source of pride to us at Carl Zeiss Vision,” said Fred Howard, Carl Zeiss Vision’s President, Americas-Pacific. “We are now in our third year, and the community of Fellows is growing. We believe that we have planted a seed that will benefit the profession of Optometry and all of its industry partners.”

The 2009 AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows, and the schools they attend, are:

Nicole A. Henricksen
Illinois College of Optometry

Elizabeth J. Roush
Indiana University at Bloomington
School of Optometry

Danielle Gloster
Inter American University of Puerto Rico
School of Optometry

Aaron Stewart
Michigan College of Optometry
at Ferris State University

Yos Priestley
New England College of Optometry

2009 Vincent Salierno Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Adam T. Gorner, Pacific University College of Optometry, and Mary Alice Saluke-Portillo, New England College of Optometry, have successfully maintained the required academic standard to renew their Vincent Salierno Scholarships for 2009. •



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2009 Carl Zeiss Vision Fellow,
Chris Alferez

Ryan C. Emrick
Northeastern State University
College of Optometry

Sara J. Henney
Nova Southeastern University
College of Optometry

Kent Manville
Pacific University College of Optometry

Timothy Brown
Pennsylvania College of Optometry at
Salus University

Christopher Alferez
Southern California College of Optometry

Jessica Hollman Ellis
Southern College of Optometry

Marc Kenneth Lay
State University of New York
College of Optometry

Kara Williams
The Ohio State University
College of Optometry

Steven D. Bowser
University of Alabama at Birmingham
School of Optometry

Esther Nakagawara
University of California at Berkeley
School of Optometry

Brian Cox
University of Houston
College of Optometry

Whitney T. Coleman
University of Missouri at St. Louis
School of Optometry

Jean-Marie Hanssens
University of Montreal
School of Optometry

Alex Hui
University of Waterloo
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2009-2010 William C. Ezell Fellowships Awarded

The Ezell Fellowship Program, named after the founding President of the AOF, William C. Ezell, OD, is a prestigious honor given to select individuals. It was established to provide opportunities to talented postgraduate students who wish to pursue careers in optometric research and education. This year's list includes the first ever Merton C. Flom Ezell Fellow honoring the leadership of Dr. Flom.

The 2009-2010 AOF-William C. Ezell Fellows are:

CIBA Vision Ezell Fellow
Ravi Bakaraju, BSOptom
University of New South Wales,
Sydney, Australia

Merton C. Flom Ezell Fellow
Bradley Dougherty, OD, MS
The Ohio State University,
College of Optometry, Columbus, OH

Bausch & Lomb Ezell Fellow
Yiang Li, BSc
University of California,
School of Optometry, Berkeley, CA

George and Jill Mertz Ezell Fellow
Maria Markoulli, McOptom,
GradCertOcTher, Boptom (Hons)
University of New South Wales,
Sydney, Australia



2009-2010 American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow Dean VanNasdale with Dr. Mark Bullimore, Foundation Development Director

Borish Ezell Fellow
Tihomira Petkova, OD, PhD
University of Houston,
College of Optometry, Houston, TX

Alcon Foundation Ezell Fellow
Aleksandra Polosukhina, BSc
University of California,
School of Optometry, Berkeley, CA

Essilor Ezell Fellow
Nicole Putnam, MS
University of California,
School of Optometry, Berkeley, CA

VISTAKON® Ezell Fellow
Eric Ritchey, OD, MS, FFAO
The Ohio State University,
College of Optometry, Columbus, OH

CIBA Vision Ezell Fellow
Patrick Scott, OD, MS
Boston University, School of Medicine,
Boston, MA

VISTAKON® Ezell Fellow
Vidhyapriya Sreenivasan,
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University of Waterloo
College of Optometry,
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Bausch & Lomb Ezell Fellow
Johanna Tukler Henriksson, BSc
University of Houston,
College of Optometry, Houston, TX

American Academy of Optometry
Ezell Fellow
Dean VanNasdale, OD
Indiana University, School of Optometry,
Bloomington, IN •

Let's Set a New Standard in 2009!

Last year the Foundation raised over \$60,000 at Academy 2008 in Anaheim. Please help us to top \$100,000 in Orlando. The AOF Silent Auction is crammed with wonderful items and just in time for holiday shopping. Items will be on show at the AOF booth including original paintings by Irv Borish, holiday themed items, fine wines, an array of handmade jewelry, electronics and hotel packages for Academy 2010 San Francisco. Keep an eye on the website www.aaopt.org/aof/meeting/2009/index.asp to plan your shopping. •



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