American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is a philanthropic organization which develops and provides financial support for optometric research and education in vision and eye health.
What are you going to do?

The American Optometric Foundation, the American Academy of Optometry’s philanthropic arm, went from strength to strength in 2007. With a third of a million dollars given in scholarships, fellowships, and research grants and an endowment that grew 40% to $2.5 million, the Foundation is fulfilling its mission to provide financial support for optometric research and education. Some of last year’s highlights are featured throughout this report. I invite you to read on, to enjoy the photographs of Academy friends, and to learn more about the Foundation’s growing portfolio of programs.

The Annual Meeting in Tampa once again provided the Foundation with an opportunity to showcase our programs. Academy Fellows and Foundation supporters gave generously and $99,697 was raised including $20,000 in a matching challenge from CooperVision. As your President, I left Tampa exhausted, but with two vivid memories. The first was the inspiration of meeting the first class of AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows—19 of the best and brightest of our members in training. The future looks bright. The second was of 200 Foundation supporters singing happy birthday to Irv Borish. I thought that, for once, Irv would be left speechless, but I was wrong!

Both the Optometric Glaucoma Society Ezell Fund and the Merton Flom Ezell Fund have made excellent progress and are over halfway to their respective $200,000 goals. The OGS fund was boosted by a $50,000 donation from Allergan and $20,000 from OGS membership funds. The Flom fund was helped by a $20,000 gift from CIBA Vision and eight pledges of at least $10,000 from family and friends.

The Foundation needs and deserves the support of all Academy Fellows. We are on an upward trajectory, but can do more for optometry students and young researchers. I invite you to become a donor or to explore ways to expand your support. Including the Foundation in your estate planning can ensure your legacy as a supporter of optometry. Making a five- or ten-year pledge is a great way to invest in the future of our profession. You can look into the future and celebrate achievement on the following pages.

So….what are you going to do?

Mark Bullimore, MCOptom, PhD, FAAO
President

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ADVANCED MEDICAL OPTICS (AMO) – EZELL FELLOW
Subha Venkataraman, BSOptom, FAAO
University of Waterloo School of Optometry
Research Focus: Assessment of retinal vascular reactivity and systemic markers of endothelial function in response to isoxic hypercapnia in primary open angle glaucoma

“I am very grateful to the American Optometric Foundation (AOF) and Advanced Medical Optics (AMO) for their support of my research through this prestigious fellowship. I would like to thank the selection committee for once again choosing me as the recipient of this year’s William C. Ezell Fellowship. It is a great honor when I realize that I am one among the many illustrious scientists who have previously received this award. I will always strive to uphold the standards of excellence established by all Ezell fellows. This award has been a very positive encouragement and has improved my confidence and motivation in optometric research.”

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY – ACADEMY EZELL FELLOW
Jason Ng, OD, FAAO
University of California at Berkeley, School of Optometry
Research Focus: Prediction of local non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy by the multifocal electroretinogram with applications in risk stratification and surrogate outcome determinations in clinical trials of novel therapeutics

“I am honored to have been awarded an AOF Ezell Fellowship this year. It affords me more time to focus on my research, allowing me to make tangible steps towards a career in optometric research and education. Joining a group of individuals that have advanced every aspect of our profession is a humbling distinction. The AOF’s steadfast support of individuals in graduate training is invaluable to the future of optometry. I am grateful to the AAO for supporting my Ezell Fellowship and for making a continued commitment to the future of optometry through the AOF.”

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY SECTION ON CORNEA AND CONTACT LENSES– EZELL FELLOW
Jessica Mathew, OD
University of Houston College of Optometry
Research Focus: Histopathology of the keratoconic cornea using transmission electron microscopy and topographical and clinical analysis of the keratoconic cornea

“The Ezell Fellowship is a prestigious award that has supported many individuals who have entered a successful academic career and have become prominent members of the optometric profession. This award serves as a great encouragement to emerging researchers, such as myself, with the goal of becoming an optometric educator. To me, this award is a wonderful stimulus that will motivate me to work even harder to achieve my dreams. It undoubtedly provides a great financial relief which has allowed me to dedicate more time and energy to my research. I am extremely grateful to the AOF and the AAO Cornea Section for presenting me with this award, which is a stimulus to greater achievements.”
AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC FOUNDATION PRESIDENTS CIRCLE – EZELL FELLOW
Heather Anderson, OD
University of Houston College of Optometry
Research Focus: Investigation of differences in static and dynamic accommodative function between individuals with and without Down syndrome

“I am deeply grateful to the American Optometric Foundation for the recognition and financial assistance that comes with this Ezell Fellowship. This award is significant to me not only for the assistance which it provides, but also for the important step that it symbolizes in establishing my future career. Many of my research mentors began their academic careers as Ezell fellows and I am honored to follow along the same path. Thank you to the AOF for the encouragement this brings in my pursuit of a career in academic optometry.”

BAUSCH & LOMB – EZELL FELLOW
Michael (Joe) Phillips, BS
University of Houston College of Optometry
Research Focus: Investigating the potential of adult retinal Muller glia to de-differentiate into retinal stem cells for the treatment of retinal disease

“I am honored to receive the Ezell Fellowship from the American Optometric Foundation. This generous award will allow me to spend more time in the laboratory, conducting research. The travel funding will help me disseminate my findings and foster new collaborations. Beyond the financial benefits of the award, there is the prestige that accompanies the Ezell Fellowship. Past recipients have made lasting contributions to the field of optometry. With the support of AOF and the Ezell Fellowship, I hope to join this elite group.”

BAUSCH & LOMB – EZELL FELLOW
Kathryn Richdale, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Research Focus: To further evaluate the mechanism of presbyopia by studying age-related changes in: the dimensions of the lens and ciliary body, the elasticity of the lens, and the geometry of the entire accommodative system

“I am extremely grateful and honored to receive an American Optometric Foundation William C. Ezell Fellowship. I will do my best to meet the expectations associated with the Ezell Fellowship in my research, teaching and clinical work. I would especially like to thank Bausch & Lomb for supporting this award.”
BORISH – EZELL FELLOW
Tracy Nguyen, OD, FAAO
Indiana University School of Optometry
Research Focus: To study the transport of lactic acid across the corneal endothelium

“I would like to thank the American Optometric Foundation for awarding me the Ezell fellowship. I would also like to thank Dr. Irvin Borish and Essilor of America for their generous support of my fellowship. It is a great honor to receive such a prestigious award and particularly to receive an award named after Dr. Borish, a person I greatly admire and respect. This fellowship will provide me with financial support as well as moral encouragement towards achieving my goals as a researcher and optometric educator. I will strive to uphold the academic excellence expected of an Ezell fellow to the highest level possible.”

CIBA VISION – EZELL FELLOW
Sruthi Srinivasan, BS, FAAO
University of Waterloo School of Optometry
Research Focus: External ocular surface biochemical mediators involved in the pathogenesis of dry eye disease in post-menopausal women

“It is a great honor and privilege to receive the prestigious William C. Ezell Fellowship. I would like to sincerely thank the American Optometric Foundation committee and CIBA Vision for selecting me as an Ezell fellow and also take this opportunity to express my gratitude for their generous financial support. I am honored to join the company of many top researchers and educators who have been past recipients of this award in the field of Optometry and Vision Sciences. This fellowship is a great source of motivation and will assist me towards achieving my research goals.”

CIBA VISION – EZELL FELLOW
Wendy Harrison, OD, MS
University of California at Berkeley, School of Optometry
Research Focus: Use of multifocal electroretinograms (mERG) for evaluation and prediction of diabetic macular edema

“I want to thank the American Optometric Foundation (AOF) and Ciba Vision for their support of me through the William C. Ezell Fellowship. I am impressed by the AOF’s support of optometric research on so many different levels, and I am honored to be included. The support provided to me and my research through this fellowship has been so valuable. It has helped to me to reach research goals and contribute to our profession. I am very grateful to be chosen for such a prestigious honor, and will continue to work hard to uphold the ideals and goals set by the Ezell Fellowship.”
GEORGE MERTZ – EZELL FELLOW
Lakshman Subbaraman, MS, FAAO
University of Waterloo School of Optometry

Research Focus: Determination of the quantity and the conformational state of protein deposited on novel silicone hydrogel and conventional hydrogel contact lens materials

“I would like to thank the selection committee of the American Optometric Foundation for honoring me with the William C Ezell Fellowship and the George W Mertz Scholarship Fund for graciously sponsoring my Ezell Fellowship. I am indeed delighted and extremely honored to receive this prestigious award that many of our distinguished optometric deans, professors and researchers have also held. This coveted award provides invaluable encouragement and motivation to pursue my future academic and research goals. It will be my earnest aim and endeavor to further the cause of the Foundation, which will in turn serve the society and the world. Once again thanking you for the recognition accorded.”

VISTAKON® - EZELL FELLOW
Zan Pan, MS, MD
State University of New York, State College of Optometry

Research Focus: Activity of a novel ion channel receptor, TRPV4, in dry eye corneas

“It is a tremendous honor to receive the William C. Ezell Fellowship, presented by the American Optometric Foundation and Vistakon. I am thrilled to join a group of prestigious eye and vision scientists who are past Ezell fellows. Their pioneering efforts have enriched and improved the quality of optometric research. Their achievements spur me to commit myself to a career in this exciting profession. It is my hope to translate my findings to a clinical setting. Therefore, the AOF Ezell Fellowship has been of invaluable help in fostering my aspirations to become a productive researcher. I will always strive to uphold the standards of excellence that the Ezell fellowship represents.”

VISTAKON® - EZELL FELLOW
Rachel Redfern, OD
University of Houston College of Optometry

Research Focus: Toll-like receptors expression and the pathogenesis of dry eye inflammation

“It is a tremendous honor to receive the prestigious Vistakon Ezell Fellowship. This exciting opportunity supports my endeavors to cultivate a career as an independent clinician scientist. Through the generous support from AOF, the optometric community, and corporate sponsors, I will investigate the underlying mechanisms involved in ocular surface inflammation which may stimulate the advancement of novel therapeutic agents for the prevention and treatment of these potentially blinding conditions. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity. Your support not only encourages me to continue with my research career but also promotes other optometrists to pursue clinical and basic research to benefit the optometric profession.”
In 1947, inspired by the need to advance optometric research and education, William C. Ezell founded the American Optometric Foundation. As a means to fulfill his vision, AOF established the William C. Ezell Fellowship, which to this day continues to provide financial support to postgraduate students who plan to pursue an academic career in optometry and vision science.

Over the past half-century, AOF and the Ezell Fellowship program have helped make optometric education what it is today. AOF salutes all of the Ezell Fellows.

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2004: Loretta Szczotka-Flynn
2005: David A. Berentsen
2007: Jessica Mathew

GEORGE MERTZ EZELL FELLOWS
2005: Loretta Szczotka-Flynn
2006: Jennifer Choo
2007: Lakshman Subbaraman
AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows

In Tampa, we welcomed the first class of AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows—a student from every school and college of optometry in the US, Canada and Puerto Rico. These outstanding individuals represent the future of our profession and received a $5,000 fellowship and a travel award to attend the meeting in Tampa. Each will be sponsored to attend Academy 2008 in Anaheim where they will help welcome this year’s Carl Zeiss Fellows.

Carl Zeiss Vision President Fred Howard and Senior Director of Professional Relations and Clinical Affairs Mike Morris have shown extraordinary vision and leadership with this program and the Foundation is proud of this new partnership. It is the intent of the professional relations group at Carl Zeiss Vision to foster a long-term relationship among the Academy, Carl Zeiss Vision, and the Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows. This has tremendous implications for Academy membership and attendance. We are confident that the Academy, its Foundation, and Carl Zeiss Vision will collaborate enthusiastically to maximize the benefits of the Fellowship program to the Academy, the schools, and to the practice of Optometry.
Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses Completes Endowment

As often happens within the Academy, this Section has led the way by raising $200,000 to endow an Ezell Fellowship. The goal was reached in 2007, ensuring that every year there will be a Section Ezell Fellow. Over 20 diplomates attended the Foundation Luncheon in Tampa to celebrate this achievement and to honor their fourth Section Ezell Fellow, Jessica Matthew. Other groups are now following this excellent example of coordinated giving and leadership.

Doug Hopkins Remembered, Roberta Hopkins Honored

Douglas Hopkins, OD, FAAO, a leader with the Primary Care Section and the Academy passed unexpectedly in 2007. Family and friends established the Douglas Hopkins Primary Care Residency Award. Nearly $60,000 has already been donated or pledged, including a $40,000 pledge from Doug's widow, Roberta. Roberta was recognized at the AOF Celebration Luncheon in Tampa and also received Doug's Diplomate Award in Primary Care on his behalf at the Academy Banquet.

The Primary Care Section invites everyone who knew and loved Doug to make a donation in his memory to the Doug Hopkins Fund.
2007 GLENN A. FRY LECTURE AWARD
To recognize a distinguished scientist or clinician for her or his current research contributions. The recipient is invited to present a special paper at the American Academy of Optometry’s Annual Meeting.
Christine Wildsoet, OD, PhD, FAAO
University of California
School of Optometry

2007 ANTOINETTE MOLINARI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
A rotating, regional scholarship designed to assist an exceptional student who has extraordinary financial needs and, as such, would have difficulty meeting the financial requirements of attending optometry school. The student must maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average at the time of application.
Meredith Jansen
Indiana University
School of Optometry

2007 MICHAEL G. HARRIS FAMILY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN OPTOMETRIC EDUCATION
To recognize an optometric educator who has demonstrated ongoing and consistent excellence in education of optometry students and/or advancement of optometric education.
Karen Walker-Brandreth, OD, FAAO
University of California, Berkeley
School of Optometry

2007 VINCENT SALIERNO SCHOLARSHIP
A rotating scholarship that is awarded to the student chosen by the faculty as most deserving financially and educationally. The scholarship is renewed through the student’s fourth year of optometry school, provided that the student remains in good standing and maintains a 3.0 grade point average or higher for all course work in optometry school.
Kimberlee Sakai
Southern California College of Optometry
Irv Borish Celebrated, First Borish-Ezell Fellow Introduced

Optometrist of the Century, Irvin Borish, OD, FAAO was surprised with a birthday cake at the Foundation Luncheon in Tampa. Two hundred guests rose to their feet to sing "happy birthday" to Irv, who turned 95 in early 2008. Irv took a few minutes to share some wisdom while guests listened intently.

2007 marked the awarding of the first Borish-Ezell Fellowship to Dr. Tracey Nguyen of Indiana University. This endowed fellowship is funded from long-term gifts from Irv and a one-time $130,000 gift from Essilor. Essilor President Mike Daly was on hand to help Irv celebrate and to be recognized for Essilor’s support and generosity.

A number of Irv’s paintings will be auctioned at the 2008 Foundation Luncheon in Anaheim. Look for previews on the Foundation website later in the year.
2007 VISTAKON RESEARCH GRANTS
To support basic or clinical research in the area of soft disposable contact lenses.

$25,000 Grant
Nancy J. Keir, OD
Centre for Contact Lens Research, School of Optometry
University of Waterloo
Investigation of the Optical Performance of Silicone Hydrogel Contact Lenses

$10,000 Grant
P. Ewen King-Smith, PhD, FAAO
Ohio State University
College of Optometry
The Relation of Pre-Lens Tear Film Thinning to the Thickness and Distribution of the Lipid Layer

2007 GEORGE MERTZ CONTACT LENS RESIDENCY AWARD
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To promote the practice and development of the field of optometry by providing incentive and support to talented optometric residents who demonstrate a passion and commitment to practice, research and education.
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Annie Chang, OD
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New England College of Optometry

2007 TERRANCE N. INGRAHAM PEDIATRIC OPTOMETRY RESIDENCY AWARD
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To promote the practice and development of the field of pediatric optometry by providing incentive and support to talented optometric residents who demonstrate a passion and commitment to practice, research and education in the field of children's vision.
Lisa Edwards, OD
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New England College of Optometry
2007 VISTAKON® AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE
To recognize outstanding student clinicians who have demonstrated excellence in contact lens patient care during their optometric education.

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Total Assets $2,464,407 $1,805,536
Total Liabilities $19,712 $99,000

NET ASSETS
Board-Designated Endowments $420,889 $411,358
General Unrestricted $373,603 $212,359
Temporarily restricted $1,229,017 $902,308
Permanently Restricted $421,186 $180,511
Total net Assets $2,444,695 $1,706,536

REVENUE, SUPPORT AND GAINS
Unrestricted $277,943 $261,926
Temporarily restricted $677,984 $349,218
Permanently restricted $240,675 $656
Total Revenue, Support and Gains $1,196,602 $611,800

EXPENSES
Education and Research Support $337,983 $347,133
Fundraising $79,510 $87,178
General and Administrative $40,500 $37,746
Total Expenses $457,993 $472,057

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