Alex Hynes
OD, FAAO

Q: Where are you located?
A: Pikeville, Kentucky, United States

Q: What year did you earn your Fellowship?
A: 2018

Q: Where did you earn your doctorate?
A: University of Waterloo, Canada

Q: What inspired you to pursue optometry as a career?
A: Knowing how important sight is and growing up as a high myope who, without/before correction, struggled to see the board in class or the hockey puck.

Q: What is your most rewarding patient or professional experience?
A: During the initial COVID shutdown, treating (very grateful) ocular emergency patients and doing multiple online CE and AAO Student Online Clinical Case Education Program (SOCCEP) lectures.

Q: How did you become involved with the Academy?
A: Attending Academy conferences during optometry school, residency, and fellowship as well as giving three SOCCEP lectures during the initial COVID shutdown.

Q: What has your involvement meant to your career?
A: Staying current on disease knowledge and providing motivation to stay very involved with optometric education.

Q: What is the best part of being an OD?
A: Getting to keep up with the new technologies and procedures we’re able to utilize as ODs, as well as having the opportunity to provide patient and student education.

Q: Tell us a fun fact about you or an interesting hobby you have?
A: Trying to keep up with the Toronto/Canadian sports scene while teaching here in Kentucky.