Q: Where are you located?
A: Cleveland, Ohio, United States

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

Q: Where did you earn your doctorate?
A: Indiana State University School of Optometry

Q: What inspired you to pursue optometry as a profession?
A: The ability to help others and an interest in biology and physics.

Q: What is your most rewarding patient or professional experience?
A: Diagnosing vision threatening diseases that don’t generate symptoms, working with children and watching them grow up in my practice, helping parents navigate vision-related issues and parenthood in general, forming great relationships with my patients and their families — too many to count!

Q: How did you become involved with the Academy?
A: I strive for life long education within my field to ensure great care for my patients, and I enjoy teaching the next generation of eye docs. The Academy provides an avenue for me to do both.

Q: What has your involvement meant to your career?
A: A sense of accomplishment, improved outcomes for my patients, a more enjoyable and evidence-based practice than I would otherwise have.

Q: What is the best part of being an OD?
A: For me, it’s the patients. I feel especially blessed to have the opportunity to watch them grow up.

Q: Tell us a fun fact about you or an interesting hobby you have?
A: I play ukulele and sing. Ask my patients — I am always singing nursery rhymes and children’s songs to catch their attention during exams!