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**FRIDAY  
FELLOW  
Q&A**

**Q: Where are you located?**

A: Charlotte, North Carolina, United States

**Q: What year did you earn your Fellowship?**

A: 2011

**Q: Where did you earn your doctorate?**

A: University of Alabama School of Optometry

**Q: What inspired you to pursue optometry as a career?**

A: I've worn glasses since second grade and loved my optometrist and optician as a child.

**Q: What is your most rewarding patient or professional experience?**

A: Doing low vision rehabilitation and helping patients be able to do things they never thought they would be able to do again.

**Q: How did you become involved with the Academy?**

A: During residency, I was urged to become a Fellow and am so glad I did. Once I became a Fellow, I started volunteering at the Academy table at various CE meetings (SECO and Academy) and also have served as a mentor for those wanting to pursue Fellowship.

**Q: What has your involvement meant to your career?**

A: I feel privileged to belong to the Academy. It has helped me further my career, as it relates to education and networking.

**Q: What is the best part of being an OD?**

A: Serving others.

**Q: Tell us a fun fact about you or an interesting hobby you have?**

A: Fun Fact: I majored in Spanish in college and studied abroad in Spain.



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