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As I reach the end of my first year as President of the American Optometric Foundation (AOF), I must admit that it has been a year filled with both surprises and challenges. I have been surprised to discover that so few people are familiar with AOF and its mission to support optometric research and education. They, in turn, are surprised to learn that AOF provides over $190,000 each year in financial assistance through its scholarships, research grants, student and residency awards. It has been a challenge to educate others, both within and outside our profession, on the impact our mission has on optometry’s future.

When faced with this challenge, I think back to AOF’s early beginnings. Through his personal vision and determination, Dr. William C. Ezell enlisted the support of the profession to contribute to the creation of “a foundation to uphold, broaden, foster, promote and aid optometric education, the optometric profession and its practitioners.” It is said that Dr. Ezell “touched” everyone in his efforts to make AOF a reality. While AOF has undergone several transformations over the years, the heart of AOF remains the same. Now, it is our responsibility to “touch” others with AOF’s message.

I am pleased to report that the essence of AOF’s mission, and the focus of Dr. Ezell’s efforts, continues to be the William C. Ezell Fellowship Program. Since 1949, this program has provided support to post-graduate students who plan to pursue an academic career in optometry and vision science. AOF’s Board of Directors recently contacted former Ezell Fellows to inquire of the impact the Ezell Fellowship had on their professional development. Not only have these individuals helped to make optometric education what it is today, but their contributions have had a direct impact on patient care.

This year, AOF continued the tradition by awarding eight Ezell Fellowships from a highly competitive pool of applicants. I would like to express my gratitude to the following sponsors for their support of the 2003-2004 Ezell Fellowship Program: Bausch & Lomb, CIBA Vision, CooperVision, Inc., Essilor, Ocular Sciences, Inc., and Vistakon (2 Fellowships). One of greatest contributions that AOF receives is the personal commitment of these industry leaders. I am also pleased that, for the first time, the American Academy of Optometry’s Section on Cornea & Contact Lenses has sponsored an Ezell Fellowship. This kind of support “from within the ranks” demonstrates that there are those within the profession who are willing to give back.

Of course, none of AOF’s accomplishments would be possible without the team effort that includes the AOF Board or Directors, the American Academy of Optometry’s Board of Directors, Section on Cornea & Contact Lenses, Research Committee and Awards Committee. Finally, I want to thank everyone who has contributed to AOF. I hope you will continue to support our efforts and help us to raise awareness of AOF.

Sincerely,

Peter Bergenske, OD, FAAO
President
Inspired by the need to advance optometric research and education, Dr. William C. Ezell founded the American Optometric Foundation (AOF) in 1947. 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. AOF salutes the Ezell Fellows, past and present, for their continuing contributions to vision science and to the profession of optometry.

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Dr. Earl Smith (right), Dean, University of Houston College of Optometry, with Dr. Srihari Narayanan, 2003 Ezell Fellow.
2003-2004 Ezell Fellowships

Bausch & Lomb – Ezell Fellow
Andrew T.E. Hartwick, O.D., M.Sc
Dalhousie University
Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology

Research Focus: To understand the cellular mechanisms underlying retinal ganglion cell death and to assess potential neuroprotective therapies.

I greatly appreciate the effort put forth by members of the American Academy of Optometry's Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses to fund this fellowship. Their generosity has provided me with recognition and financial support that is especially encouraging as I complete my academic training.

CIBA Vision – Ezell Fellow
Robert Wojciechowski, O.D., M.Sc
Johns Hopkins University
School of Medicine

Research Focus: The genetic epidemiology of refractive errors and their anatomical determinants.

I would like to thank the AOF and CIBA Vision for their generous sponsorship of the William C. Ezell Fellowship. The Fellowship has provided tremendous encouragement and support for my career goal to become an optometric researcher and educator, and I aspire to the high levels of achievement that have been accomplished by prior Ezell Fellows. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the AOF and its supporters, and to Bausch & Lomb for their generous sponsorship of this award.

CooperVision – Ezell Fellow
Srihari Narayanan, B.Optom, M.S.
University of Houston
College of Optometry

Research Focus: The role of inflammation in the pathogenesis of dry eye disease.

The Ezell Fellowship has greatly increased my confidence and self-esteem since it has placed me on par with some of Optometry's greatest scholars. My happiness in obtaining this honor is shared by my family, friends, mentors and colleagues around the world. I would like to sincerely thank the AOF for this recognition and CooperVision for sponsoring this award.
Essilor – Ezell Fellow
Pete S. Kollbaum, O.D.
Indiana University
School of Optometry

Research Focus:
To characterize the optical characteristics of non-diseased and diseased eyes to enhance the optical quality and resulting vision of these eyes using novel optical devices.

The William C. Ezell Fellowship supported by the AOF and companies, like Essilor, is a tremendous opportunity and honor for me. It is very motivational and awe-inspiring to look through the list of past winners of this award as they are now leaders in their profession. The Fellowship not only provides great motivational support for me, but also provides tremendous financial support, allowing me to concentrate on my research and furthering my education.

Ocular Sciences – Ezell Fellow
Michael D.Twa, O.D.
The Ohio State University
College of Optometry

Research Focus: Relationship between structure and optical function of the cornea.

I am honored to receive support from the AOF as an Ezell Fellow. This fellowship provides me with an important source of financial support that is especially helpful in the early stages of my research and educational career. I am also grateful to Ocular Sciences for their generous investment in the future of this profession.

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Vistakon – Ezell Fellows
Sandara Block, O.D.
Illinois College of Optometry

Research Focus: Investigation of the visual performance of Fagile X adults pre- and post-pharmacological treatment for attention deficit disorders.

I would like to thank the AOF and Vistakon for their support as I work towards my Ph.D. Reaching for this higher level of education and knowledge has been a dream of mine for more than a decade. It is rewarding to know that AOF and Vistakon believe in me enough to support my work.

Susan Cotter, O.D.
Southern California College of Optometry

Research Focus: Clinical research in pediatric eye disease, particularly strabismus, amblyopia, and non-strabismic binocular vision anomalies

It is a tremendous honor to have been chosen to receive an Ezell Fellowship. The support and recognition has provided validation for my decision to shift the focus of my professional career to include more clinical research and pursue graduate school. I would like to express my appreciation to Vistakon and to all AOF supporters.
We are proud to recognize the outstanding students and researchers who receive financial support through the American Optometric Foundation’s scholarship, grant, and award programs. We also extend our appreciation to our sponsors and donors whose generosity made this funding possible.

2003 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.

Kristy Genurio, O.D.                Illinois College of Optometry
Creston Myers, O.D.                 Indiana University School of Optometry
Dean VanNasdale, O.D.              Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
Kristin Kenney, O.D.               New England College of Optometry
Joanna Chamberlain, O.D.           Northeastern State University College of Optometry
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Cherie Ann DelVecchio, O.D.       Pennsylvania College of Optometry
Joseph Carson Maycock, O.D.        Southern California College of Optometry
Jaime Watkins, O.D.                Southern College of Optometry
Helen Kim Gardiner, O.D.           SUNY College of Optometry
Meghan Geiger, O.D.                The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Candice Irene Turner, O.D.         University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Optometry
Yolanda Scheer, O.D.               University of California-Berkeley School of Optometry
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David Shumsky, O.D.                University of Waterloo School of Optometry
Juan D. Morales, O.D.              Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry

“Thank you to the American Optometric Foundation for the recognition and award. I know exactly how the $1,000 award will be spent… my first loan repayment! I will continue to honor this recognition in my everyday practice.”
2003 Vistakon Student Involvement Award
Awarded annually to a second or third year optometry student by the faculty of the Southern California College of Optometry for demonstrating a high degree of participation in professional and community service activities while maintaining a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average.

Dana Rasmussen
Southern California College of Optometry

2003 ACUVUE Eye Health Advisor Student Citizenship Scholarship
Recognizes outstanding student clinicians who best exemplify ideal eye care standards of practice.

Andrea L. McCann
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“Optometry is an exciting field to be involved in right now. With new glaucoma drugs, laser surgeries, and contact lenses on the market, there are many great fields to go into. It is a pleasure to be pursuing these new possibilities with an organization like the AOF that cares so much for not only students and optometrists, but also for our patients.”
“Because of my positive experiences in the area of contact lenses, I have decided to pursue further training in the cornea and contact lens residency program. My cash award will help purchase equipment and materials I may need in the coming year.”

2003 - 2004 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.

Felicia Taylor  Pacific University College of Optometry

2003 - 2004 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.

Ms. Tanya Hedman  Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
Mr. Kenneth Sawyer  NOVA Southeastern University College of Optometry

2003 George Mertz Contact Lens Residency Award
Financial support by Vistakon®
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.

Candice Turner, OD  University of Alabama – Birmingham School of Optometry

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David Bernsten, OD  The Ohio State University College of Optometry
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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.

Cara Frasco, OD, MS
University of Houston College of Optometry

2003 - 2004 Vistakon Research Grants - $25,000 and $10,000
To support basic or clinical research in the area of soft disposable contact lens.

$25,000 Grant
Suzanne M.J. Fleiszig, O.D., Ph.D, FAAO
University of California-Berkeley School of Optometry
Tear Cytoprotection and Bacterial Keratitis

$10,000 Grant
James Forrest, MSc, Ph.D and Lyndon Jones, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO
Center for Contact Lens Research, University of Waterloo School of Optometry
Novel Methods to Quantify Protein Adsorption and Desorption on Model Hydrogel Contact Lens

2003 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.

Dr. Kent Daum
University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Optometry

2003 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.

Dr. Gunilla Haegerstrom Portnoy
University of California-Berkeley School of Optometry
**Planned Gifts**

**Gifts By Will – Planning for Optometry’s Future**
Contributions received through bequests are a vital part of our planned giving program and help endow future programs and initiatives. A donor may choose to designate the American Optometric Foundation as the recipient of a bequest through his/her will by naming AOF to receive a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the residual estate. Gifts by will enable a donor to make a significant contribution to AOF while retaining full control of his/her assets.

To include a bequest to the American Optometric Foundation in your will, we suggest this simple statement: “I give, devise, and bequeath to the American Optometric Foundation, 6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 506, Rockville, MD, 20852, the sum of $_____ (or _____% of my residual estate, or otherwise describe stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets) to be used for general purposes (or describe a specific purpose).”

**Legacy Society**
The Legacy Society recognizes the following individuals who have informed us that the American Optometric Foundation is designated as a beneficiary of a bequest through their will:

- Anthony and Elna Adams
- Bill and Honey Baldwin
- Brett and Robin Bence
- Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish
- Bert and Lydia Corwin
- N. Rex and Sandy Ghormley
- Sidney and Martha Greenberg
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- Gerald and Andrya Lowther
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**Silent Auction**
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Dr. Sidney Greenberg participates in AOF’s silent auction. Research Luncheon attendees enjoyed the friendly competition that occurred during the auction.
**Major Gifts**

We express our deepest gratitude to the individuals and corporations whose support sustains the American Optometric Foundation.

**Founder’s Circle**
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AOF is pleased and honored to announce the establishment of a new scholarship fund in honor of Dr. George Mertz. Mrs. Jill Mertz graciously initiated the George W. Mertz Scholarship Fund and was joined by generous founding donations from Bausch & Lomb, CIBA Vision, and Vistakon. Together, they have built a lasting tribute to George Mertz from which young students and researchers will be supported in their innovation. AOF gratefully acknowledges the following individuals and organizations for their generous contributions to the George W. Mertz Scholarship Fund.

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**Ezell Club**

AOF’s Ezell Club is comprised of former Ezell Fellows who appreciate the importance of giving back to the program that had helped them during their post-graduate studies. As former Ezell Fellows, they understand how essential this program is in enabling deserving students to pursue their studies. AOF is grateful for the support it receives from this distinguished group of donors.

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- Gerald Troy

The 2002 Ezell Fellows (left to right): Drs. Pete Kollbaum, Andrew Hartwick, Wendy Davis, Jason Nichols, Michael Twa, and Melissa Bailey.
Dr. Donald Mutti sings “Happy Birthday” in honor of Dr. Irvin Borish’s 90th birthday.
Dr. Michael Harris (left) presents the 2002 Michael G. Harris Award for Excellence in Optometric Education to Dr. Douglas Penisten of Northeastern State University College of Optometry.
Dr. Irvin Borish blows out the candles on his birthday cake. Longtime friends and colleagues paid tribute to Dr. Borish at his birthday celebration, hosted by Essilor and AOF.
Financial Summary

July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

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*Certain 2002 amounts have been reclassified to confirm to the 2003 presentation.

Fiscal Year 2003 Expenses

- **General and Administrative** 11%
- **Education and Research Support** 60%
- **Fundraising** 29%

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