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Dear Colleagues,

We are eager to share that it has been another record breaking year for our Academy! Our Academy continues to grow in membership, annual meeting attendance, and manuscript submissions to Optometry and Vision Science.

Academy 2014 Denver was another exceptionally successful meeting. With 6,323 in attendance, including 3,858 optometrists and vision scientists and 995 students, this was the largest meeting in Academy history. Attendees chose from nearly 300 hours of continuing education and 450 Scientific Program presentations, and attended several memorable social events. Doctors earned more than 30,000 hours of continuing education and attendees explored more than 150 booths in the exhibit hall.

We admitted 242 new Fellows into our Academy at the Fellowship Banquet. In addition, seven individuals were awarded Diplomate status by Academy Sections. We also received a record 292 new candidate applications at the annual meeting. To top it off, the Student Fellowship program admitted a record total of 464 new Student Fellows in 2014.

Our American Optometric Foundation distributed more than $400,000 in scholarships, grants, and awards this year, received over $180,000 in donations and new commitments at the meeting, awarded seven coveted Ezell fellowships, and welcomed nine new President’s Circle members.

Optometry and Vision Science (OVS) had another tremendous year. Circulation was up almost 14% over 2013 and online usage was up 23% in 2014. The data for the 2013 impact factor revealed a 7.5% increase over 2012. Our publisher also continues to promote OVS for the iPad, allowing subscribers to access our journal’s clinical research on the go.

As always, we are deeply grateful to the remarkable Academy volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the success of the meeting program and to our diligent staff who work year round to make sure everything runs smoothly. We truly appreciate you for making our Academy the success it is today!

This annual report highlights our Academy’s work and accomplishments in 2014. We look forward to sharing our continued success next year!

See you in New Orleans!

Bernard J. Dolan, OD, MS, FAAO
President

Lois Schoenbrun, CAE, FAAO
Executive Director
Academy meeting attendees were bundled up and bustling around the snowy streets during the week of November 12-16, 2014, in beautiful but chilly Denver! The Academy’s 93rd annual meeting attracted a record 6,323 attendees for four days of high-quality continuing education, networking and camaraderie, and clinically relevant research.

Academy 2014 Denver was another record year for the Academy with the largest meeting attendance to date! In addition, the Academy inducted 242 new Fellows into the Academy along with seven new Diplomates.

During this year’s Plenary Session on “The Science of Cannabinoids: Medical Perils and Benefits,” Dr. Prakash Nagarkatti covered marijuana’s complex chemical makeup and varied effects on different systems within the body, including its ability to lower intraocular pressure and suppress immune system responses that contribute to inflammation. Dr. Staci Gruber shared the results of timed neuropsychological tests that concluded that marijuana smokers performed more slowly and made more mistakes than unaffected subjects, with early-onset smokers performing worse than late-onset smokers. Dr. Allan Flach closed the session with a talk on the connection between cannabinoids and ophthalmic disease management.

The annual Awards Ceremony drew a sizeable crowd as distinguished vision scientists were recognized for their cutting-edge work in the field. The Charles F. Prentice Medal recipient, Dr. Brien Holden, lectured on “Research and Innovation in the Measurement, Correction, Management, Treatment and the Social and Economic Impact of Refractive Errors.” The American Optometric Foundation’s Glenn A. Fry Award recipient, Dr. Lyndon Jones, presented “Soft Lenses: So Much More than Just a Piece of Plastic.”

The annual Fellowship Banquet concluded the annual meeting as the new Fellows and new Diplomates were recognized as they crossed the stage.

The image shows a bar graph titled “Annual Meeting Registrants” with data from 2006 to 2014, and a photo of Bernie Dolan (far left) and Brett Bence (far right) pictured with the 2014 Plenary Speakers (l to r) Prakash Nagarkatti, Staci Gruber, and Allan Flach.

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Congratulations  
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American Academy of Optometry (FAAO)  
Class of 2014!

Australia  
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Erica L. Fletcher  
Michael Kalloniatis  
Maria Markoulli  
Jack Phu  
Daniel Tilia  
Stephen J. Vincent  
Michael J. Yapp

Canada  
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England  
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Indonesia  
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Malawi  
Suraj Upadhyaya

Netherlands  
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Louise Lucia Arianne van Doorn

New Zealand  
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Nigeria  
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Hashim Ali Khan

Saudi Arabia  
Yousef H. Aldeebasi

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Alicia Feis  
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Richard Kalina  
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Ceclia C. Koetting  
Jaime R.K. Okamura

Arkansas  
Allicia Kellogg  
Mike R. McFarland

California  
Ketan Bakriwala  
Daniel Belajic  
Anne Chau  
Derek A. Gresko  
Silvia Han  
Maggie Jan  
David T. Kageyama  
Lisa Brianne Kamino  
Belinda Kuo  
Valerie E. Lam  
Karen Lai Yin Lee  
Rachelle Jessica Lin  
Alicia Xiaoii Liu  
Edeline J. Lu  
Linda Luong  
Diana Phuong-Anh Nguyen  
Kent Nguyen  
Katherine Hill  
Priscilla A. Lenihan  
Lindsay T. Gibney  
Julianne J. Jantzi  
Amanda R. Marks

Maine  
Katherine Hill  
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Kara E. Gerger  
Benjamin Klibanoff  
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Michigan  
Courtney Erin Andersen  
Meredith Conner Jeffrey  
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Minnesota  
Cherie B. Nau  
Trennda Rittenbach  
Andrea T. Rosso  
Matthew Simpson  
Megan Marie Sis  
Joshua Smith-Hansen  
Jenna Louise Softing Hataye

Mississippi  
Leslie Allyson Hackworth

Missouri  
Jeremy A. Beatty  
Robert Ensley  
Jordan K. Jones  
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Nebraska  
Joshua Graf  
Kyle D. Klute

New Jersey  
Jennifer Lynn Capstick  
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Mark R. Parsons  
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Erica N. Turner  
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Ohio  
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San-San Cooley  
Andria Nicole Demothenous  
Lauren E. Grillot  
Amla Uppard Herbert  
Erich A. Hinel  
Gregory R. Hopkins  
Jocelyn R. LaRoche  
Morgan Marshall Murphy  
Tamara Oechslin  
Renee Rambeau  
Erie Ruff  
Casandra Solis  
Heather Spaminato  
Emily Ufken  
Katie Wulff  
Susan Carol Zacateco  
Jenna L. Zigler
“Being the only person from New Zealand to be awarded a Fellow certificate at the Fellowship Banquet brought a huge sense of pride and achievement. To my surprise, I am the only female Fellow from New Zealand listed in the Fellow directory!”

Stuti Misra, BOptom, PhD, FAAO

President Bernie Dolan congratulates new Fellow Stuti Misra.

## Admittance Committee

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**Region 3C – Clinical Candidates**
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Emily Sprague

**Region 4B – Clinical Candidates**
David Yang, Vice Chair
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Robert Dister, Chair
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**Region 7 – Scientific Candidates**
Carol Westall, Chair
Steve Burns, Vice Chair
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Manoj Venkiteshwar

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**Oklahoma**
Lindsey A. Bull
Jackie Burress
Lauren Rachelle Cisper
Jessica Lucas

**Oregon**
Sarah A. Ciampa
Keirsten Eagles
Kristen Gaus
Samuel H. Kimball

**Pennsylvania**
Molly Ann R Clymer
Debra A. Lehr
Jenny Myung
Lauren Richards

**Rhode Island**
Greg R. Waldorf

**South Dakota**
Justin Alexander Schweitzer
Julie K. Williams

**Tennessee**
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Jill Pitts
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Daril Ray Bingham
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Michael J. Vernon

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Maritza Y. Grey
Laura Marie Suppa

**Wisconsin**
Jennifer M. Groehler
Kari Jones
Awards

ACADEMY AWARDS

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Brien A. Holden, PhD, DSc, FAAO
Research and Innovation in the Measurement, Correction, Management, Treatment and the Social and Economic Impact of Refractive Errors

Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award
Laura E. Downie, BOptom, PhD(Melb), FAAO

AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Optometry
Toné Garaas-Maurdalen

Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award
Ron Melton, OD, FAAO
Randall Thomas, OD, MPH, FAAO

Carel C. Koch Memorial Award
Serge Resnikoff, MD, PhD

Life Fellow Award
Satya Verma, OD, FAAO

Garland W. Clay Award
Neville A. McBrien, MCOptom, PhD; Andrew I. Jobling, PhD; Alex Gentle, PhD, FAAO

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC FOUNDATION AWARDS

Glenn A. Fry Invited Lecture
Lyndon W. Jones, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO
Soft Lenses: So Much More than Just a Piece of Plastic

Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
Edward J. Revelli, OD, FAAO

SECTION ON CORNEA, CONTACT LENSES & REFRACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AWARDS

Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award
Michel Guillon, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO
Contact Lens Clinical Research: From Observation to Measurement

Founder’s Award
Jean-Louis Blanchard, OD

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL VISION SECTION AWARD

Henry B. Peters Memorial Award in Public Health and Environmental Vision
Alden N. Haffner, OD, PhD, FAAO
Issues and Problems with the Affordable Care Act; A Personal Tribute to Dr. Henry B. Peters; Some Personal Thoughts on Present Day Optometry

“To be honest (as Earl would say), the Charles F. Prentice Award from the Academy is incredibly powerful because it says that our research is of the highest order. The comments that Tony, Ian, Nag and Earl made at the beginning of my presentation nailed the reason why I received it; which I call working with giants (on whose shoulders I could stand to see the future) and great collaborators (people that care, are immensely talented, diverse as the planet and giving). I have enjoyed 50 years of working with such people and as someone said to me at the Awards Ceremony, “I don’t like you that much but the people who work with you are absolutely fantastic.” The Academy is the spiritual home of optometry and to receive the Charles F. Prentice Medal is as good as it gets in science in our great profession. I am most grateful.”

Brien A. Holden, PhD, DSc, FAAO

Awards Committee
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Arol R. Augsburger
Jason Nichols
P. Sarita Soni
Michael D. Twa
Academy 2014 Denver saw the largest group of students ever participating in the Student Fellowship program with over 550 participating and 464 fulfilling the requirements. A total of 995 students attended the meeting – a striking 24% increase over 2013.

Student membership in the Academy continued to grow steadily in 2014, marking a 13% increase in student membership over 2013. Part of this growth can be attributed to the involvement of many schools and colleges of optometry in the Academy’s 100% class enrollment program, that offers a reduced membership fee when an entire class of optometry students become student members. In 2014, nine schools participated in the program:

- University of Houston College of Optometry
- University of California Berkeley, School of Optometry
- University of Alabama Birmingham, School of Optometry
- University of Missouri St. Louis, College of Optometry
- Southern College of Optometry
- NOVA Southeastern University, College of Optometry
- The Ohio State University, College of Optometry
- Northeastern State University, Oklahoma College of Optometry
- University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry

Also in 2014, the Academy authorized one new student chapter at Southern College of Optometry.
2014 New Student Fellows

Illinois College of Optometry
- Kiran Bandali
- Aimee Beluch
- Ashley Berens
- Rachel Berkowitz
- Christi Blood-White
- Rob Brenart
- Adrienne Chan
- Sara Davies
- Sarah El-Khazendar
- Marni Harris
- William Kusek
- Hara Lam
- Tiffany Lau
- Jenna Lemke
- Michael Lum
- Rachna Menon
- Megan Meyer
- Jaymeni Patel
- Alexandra Piper
- Rose Purdy
- Steven Quan
- Rachel Ruben
- Lee Schneider
- Scott Seaburg
- Katelyn Soder
- Poornam Sodhi
- Melissa Spalding
- Melissa Spaula
- Barbara Tylka
- Shannon Ver Woert
- Jenna Williams
- Lisa Wong
- Vivien Yip
- Patricia Zielinski

Indiana University
- Romina Andrei
- Hannah Downey
- Alice Grasso
- Josh Houston
- Brent Hume
- Sandra Little
- Angela Mouratides
- Kelsey Nurnberger
- Katherine Rachon
- Bryan Redick
- Kimble Slonaker
- Thomas Waetz
- Christina Welling

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
- Stephanie Agular
- Madika Amjed
- Keylee Brown
- Vanessa Chavez
- Coralyss Galloza
- Janis James
- Michelle Jhagroo
- Jacqueline Nickel
- Veronica Ramsarat
- Edgardo Raul Cintron Piñeiro
- Laheqa Suljuki

Marshall B. Ketchum University, Southern California College of Optometry
- Jessica Ballin
- Jacqueline Cavanaugh
- Jennifer Cordell
- Mario Cruz
- Flora Huang
- Sharon Huang
- Brianna Kebo
- Brianna Livingston
- Stephanie Loftus
- Joanna Ma
- Trang Nguyen
- Ashley Nickell
- Luqman Patel
- Emily Stephey
- Melinda Thomas
- Erin Tomiyama
- Elizabeth Tran
- Kevin Villarama
- Gloria Young

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- Heather Bell
- Laura Espinosa
- Withney Kelsey
- Michael Matherne
- Britanny Rutledge
- Detlef Sleichter
- Gloria Wu

Midwestern University, Arizona College of Optometry
- Ryan Capouche
- Mitchell Chong
- Leah Collison
- Devany Daugherty
- Kristen Davison
- Celine Gabai
- Steven Giang
- Jaclyn Johnson
- Camtu Le
- Elizabeth Ledezma
- Cassondra Lux
- Elizabeth Murray
- Klauba Nicholas
- Kurt Olson
- Jarred Perkins
- Malikc Raju
- Jeffrey Scott
- Madhiha Tehseen
- My Ton-Nu
- Galina Vardanyan
- Mariam Warsi-Zehri
- Lauren West

New England College of Optometry
- Talish Aghababayan
- Ekaterina Beglova
- Kayla Brenden
- Lauren Freeland
- Blair Germain
- Laura Goldberg
- Hilary Hamer
- Cindy He
- April Johnson
- Florence Lee
- Kate Maloney
- Aimee Mesenburg
- Katherine Schmidt
- Alexandra Sexton
- Ashley Stevens
- Pearl Thai
- Craig Volpe

Northeastern State University, Oklahoma College of Optometry
- Jordyn Barnwell
- Allison Brewer
- Jennifer Chang
- Sarah Cook
- Alichia Cox
- Amy Field
- Lana Fisher
- Phillip Ford
- Jessica Greene
- Rebecca Heath
- Jaclyn Hicks
- Reed McAtee
- Erica Ngo
- Thien Nguyen
- Charles Philpy
- Haley Wilson
- Kristen Worthen

NOVA Southeastern College of Optometry
- Naomi Clay
- Lawrence Cruz
- Jessica Darby
- Angela Diamantakos
- Natalie Diaz
- Jonathan Dizon
- Heather Gauger
- Rene Gonzales Camacho
- Alyssa Keating
- Puja Koirala
- Joanna Komar
- Cristina La Rosa
- Meagan Lincoln
- Samantha McIntosh
- Denise Meyer
- Michael Murphy
- Belks Perez
- Bridget Staab

Pacific University
- Michael Bagley
- Yeuk Hang Cheng
- Prajkta Ingle
- Brian Ki
- Samantha Lohse
- Emma Lundien
- Lena Nguyen
- Michael Olma
- Lindsey Ostler
- Kendra Weiler
- Cathy Yuen

Salus University, Pennsylvania College of Optometry
- Roma Desai
- Jannelle Engel
- Victoria Galbreth
- Mary Gouris
- Meghan Graveline
- Paige Mullins
- Nicole Rist
- Jennifer Turano
- Ashley Verdon
- Kelci Walters
- Heather Whyte

Southern College of Optometry
- Heather Atcherson
- Andrew Brown
- Katherine Brown
- Inen Cheng
- Mark Curtis
- Shalini Dave
- Daniel Geary
- Angela Haas
- Dahlia Haddad
- James Hoover
- Devin Jackson
- Alanna Khattar
- Newton Lee
- Benjamin Nielson
- Daniel Nielson
- Eleanor Null
- William Smith
- Jessica Ward

State University of New York
- Rebecca Charlop
- Eric Chow
- Kim Duong
- Vanessa Fimreite
- Celia Gong
- Kalynn Good
- Beth Kuhrt
- Stella Lee
- Natalie Nguyen
- Jason Ning
- Matthew Roe
- Elsa Sheerer
- Lisa Steele
- Anna Yun

The Ohio State University College of Optometry
- Erin Andrews
- Joyce Cater
- Marisa Ciamacca
- Jeffrey Fardink
- Danielle Orr
- Lauren Pallet
- Winston Posvar
- Kimberly Renner
- Rawzi Baik
- Harmin Chima
- Melissa Eckes
- Bradley Kubis
- Erik Kuntzsch
- Kate McClure
- Bridget McMurray
- Jeffery Fardink
- Marisa Ciamacca
- Joyce Cater
- Erin Andrews
- Andrew Brown
- Katherine Brown
- Inen Cheng
- Mark Curtis
- Shalini Dave
- Daniel Geary
- Angela Haas
- Dahlia Haddad
- James Hoover
- Devin Jackson
- Alanna Khattar
- Newton Lee
- Benjamin Nielson
- Daniel Nielson
- Eleanor Null
- William Smith
- Jessica Ward

University of Alabama
- Birmingham
- Jeremy Barron
- Mary Bowen
Students and residents had the opportunity to attend any of the educational offerings and events at Academy 2014 Denver. A total of 289 students and residents received a $750 travel fellowship to help defray the cost of attending the meeting. Five students and residents also received a travel fellowship to attend the 2014 ARVO meeting in Orlando, FL.

**Student Travel Fellowships**

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**Florida Chapter Student Travel Fellowships**
- Rene Gonzales Camacho
- Daniel Miller
- Lillian Trinh
- Genny Vo

**Heart of America Chapter Student Travel Fellowships**
- Kelly Freeborn
- Emily Heard
- Jamie Weiser

**Elmer H. Eger Memorial Student Travel Fellowship**
- Laura Ann Goldberg

**Michael G. Harris Student Travel Fellowship Award for Leadership**
- Devin Sasser

**Robert D. Newcomb Student Travel Fellowship Award for Leadership**
- Amy Lam

**Allergan Resident Travel Fellowships in Disease**
- Laura Addy, OD
- Amy Aldrich, OD
- Pathik Amin, OD
- Sherree Ashley Fetkin, OD
- Amy Atherton, OD
- Lauren Barnhart, OD
- Brady Betten, OD
- Corinne Blum, OD
- Kelly Boucher, OD
- Matthew Bovenzi, OD
- Cynthia Brown, OD
- Savannah Brunt, OD
- Mark Buboltz, OD
- Kristen Buskirk, OD
- Connie C Lee, OD
- Kevin Chuang, OD
- Allyson Chun, OD
- Katie Connolly, OD
- Ashley Craven, OD
- Alexandra Cross, OD
- Ashley Deemer, OD
- Brooke Donaher, OD
- Lisa Draper, OD
- Kristie Draskovic, OD
- Lyndsey Ferris, OD, FAAO
- Konstantin Fishlievich, OD
- Hanna Froehlich, OD
- Faye Gamboa, OD
- Cory Grifka, OD
- Tina Grosshans, OD
- Rahul Gupta, OD
- Alisa Kourtney Hickman, OD

**New Jersey Chapter Student Travel Fellowships**
- Natalie Nguyen
- Jason Ning
- Nura Salameh
- Payal Thakkar
- Poonam Varsani

**Irvin M. Borish Student Travel Fellowship**
- Anna Ablamowicz, OD
- Emily Pike, OD, MPH

**Brazelton Low Vision Student Travel Fellowship**
- Tyler Tai Phan, OD

**Edward I. Goodlaw Student Travel Fellowship**
- Katherine Bickle, OD, MS

**N. Rex Ghormley Student Travel Fellowship**
- Kristina Haworth, OD, MS, FAAO

**N. Rex Ghormley Student Travel Fellowship**
- Eddie Siemens, OD

**Funded by an educational grant from The Vision Care Institute™, LLC**
- Kathleen Abarr
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- Phillip Thomas Yuhas, OD, MS

**Student Travel Fellowships**
- Stuti Misra, PhD
- Ziewi Wu, PhD

**Frank W. Weymouth Student Travel Fellowship**
- Anna Ablamowicz, OD
- Emily Pike, OD, MPH

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- Emily Pike, OD, MPH

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- Jerome Oza
- Nabin Paudel
- Roberto Saenz
- Kaitlyn Sapoznik, OD
- Patrick Shorter
- My Tho Karin Tran, OD, MS
- Phillip Thomas Yuhas, OD, MS
“I want to thank the Heart of America Chapter for my chance to attend the Academy meeting. From my experience learning and networking this year in Denver, I look forward to making the American Academy of Optometry meeting a staple of my continuing education commitment in optometry for years to come. I am pleased with the philosophy of the Academy and am also encouraged to pursue Fellowship in my optometry career.”

-Emily Heard, Class of 2014, UMSL
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The exhibit hall at Academy 2014 Denver was standing room only! The hall was bursting with exhibitors offering the latest products and technologies and attendees eager to learn about new products and technologies.

The exhibit hall gives meeting attendees an opportunity to learn and test the newest products and learn about services provided by over 150 exhibiting companies, while also contributing to the financial health of the Academy. Thank you to all Academy 2014 Denver sponsors and exhibitors for their generous support.
Once again Optometry and Vision Science (OVS) has seen a dynamic change in its activities in 2014:

- A record number of manuscript submissions (up from a record breaking number in successive years since 2011)
- The journal has maintained a high impact factor in terms of citations
- Appointment of an OVS Associate Editor, Michael Twa, OD, PhD, FAAO, July 1, 2014
- Addition of two OVS Board members, Andrew Mick, OD, MS, FAAO and Algis Vingrys, OD, PhD FAAO
- The introduction of an OVS iPad App in October 2012 allowed quick download of an entire issue of OVS for later viewing without an Internet connection. Use by the membership, 50% of whom own an iPad tablet, has grown slowly and was a target for 2014 promotion at Academy 2014 Denver
- Three outstanding 2014 feature theme issues: Age-Related Macular Degeneration (August), Wavefront Correction and Refraction (October), and Cornea and Contact Lenses (December)
- A first online-only OVS Supplement focused on Clinical Care (April 2014)
- Increased enriched online clinical content: “Clinical Communications,” including video clips and free full color opportunities for authors and “Clinical Pearls” for our readers
- A strong international public media outlet for our authors’ publications and a monthly Editor-selected article for a medical writer (LWW) press release to 5,000 international media outlets
- Continued to offer an immediate open access Feature Article (Editors choice) each month
- Made free and open access the “Clinical Pearls” to any clinician in the world
- Highlighted the free “open access” availability for OVS Announces, Editorials, Guest Editorials, In the News/New Products, and Book Reviews led by two OVS Book Review Editors
- Called for papers for two exciting 2015 feature theme issues, “Dry Eye Disease” and “Revolutionary Future Uses of Contact Lenses”
- Conducted two OVS Workshops for Authors at Academy 2014 Denver
- Completed the 10th successive year of a CE course at the Academy “OVS Presents: Macular Degeneration”

Optometry and Vision Science thanks all who contributed to its success in 2014. First and foremost we appreciate our authors, but we also recognize the tremendous contributions made by reviewers, Topical Editors and the Managing Editor. They invariably strengthen manuscripts and provide critical input on publication priorities. As a result, both your Editor in Chief and Managing Editor each saw and acted upon all 2200 manuscripts from about 640 initial submissions in 2014.

Tony Adams, OD, PhD, FAAO
Editor-in-Chief

Optometry and Vision Science for the iPad
As of October 2012, Optometry and Vision Science can now be accessed on the iPad. This dynamic OVS journal “app” optimizes the best in digital technology to enhance a print-like reading experience with article-sharing features, multimedia links, and more. For more information on how to download the app, visit the journal website at www.optvissci.com.
Research and Science
at Academy 2014 Denver

The Academy’s aphorism of Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice® was prominent at Academy 2014 Denver. This year’s meeting continued to provide attendees with the large number of informative symposia, innovative paper presentations, and interactive poster sessions that define the meeting.

This year’s Monroe J. Hirsch Symposium, presented by the Academy’s Research Committee on Thursday morning, was titled, “Mechanisms of Presbyopia Correction – Beyond Benjamin Franklin” and concentrated on this tremendously relevant area of active research. The symposium was kicked off by Dr. Susana Marcos, Professor at the Institute of Optics, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas in Madrid, Spain, who discussed some of the cutting-edge imaging technologies that are used to evaluate contemporary designs and drive new concepts in presbyopic correction. This was followed by Dr. Paul Kaufman, Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, who gave an enlightening presentation on the extralenticular aspects of accommodation and presbyopia. The session concluded with a presentation by Dr. Stephen McLeod, Professor and Chairman at the University of California San Francisco, Department of Ophthalmology, who reviewed the current and potential future surgical options for the management of presbyopia.

While the Hirsch Symposium was underway, the Scientific Program Committee was highlighting some of the best research submissions in three “Hot Topic” paper sessions. These one hour programs delivered to large audiences were unopposed by other continuing education courses on the schedule and addressed the latest experimental discoveries in the area of ocular surface disease, glaucoma diagnosis, and sensory adaption. These were just three of the twenty total paper presentations selected by the committee and available to attendees during the four day meeting. Another relatively recent change to the scientific program was the invitation of keynote speakers to select paper sessions. These speakers have a specially designed role to summarize our current knowledge in their area of expertise and give the audience perspective on the papers that are to be presented. This year, Dr. William Swanson, Professor at the Indiana University School of Optometry, served as the keynote speaker for a paper session entitled “Optimizing the Use of Macular Thickness in Glaucoma.”

Two other symposia remain focal points of the meeting. The ARVO/AAO Joint Symposium on Thursday afternoon concentrated on our current knowledge of the melanopsin-containing retinal ganglion cells. Presenters included Drs. Ann Elnser, Laura Frishman, Ignacio Provencio, David Copenhagen, Paul Gamlin, and Andrew Hartwick. On Friday morning, another trademark program, the “Ezell Fellows Present” Symposium, where prior fellowship recipients share their latest research, centered on Low Vision. At the symposium Dr. Robert Massof discussed the relationship between low vision and contributing factors such as patient demographics, environmental variables, and chronic systemic diseases. Dr. Susana Chung presented her research on improving visual function through perceptual learning. Finally, Dr. Brad Dougherty outlined factors that affect safety in drivers with bioptic telescopes.
Another important piece of the Scientific Program at the annual meeting is the posters. Like last year, authors had the opportunity to interact with attendees on two separate days, including the highly attended Thursday evening session. On Friday the poster hall was again accessible for the entire day allowing a second set of authors to present their work to an engaged audience. Over the course of two days, over 350 authors were able to showcase their work through this important medium. During the scientific poster and paper sessions, the Academy was again able to deliver the ability for attendees to accrue continuing education credit in fifteen minute increments.

Supporting research, cultivating interaction between potential collaborators, and providing a place for the dissemination of the resulting knowledge have always been core values of the American Academy of Optometry. These special scientific programs, combined with top-notch continuing education, are what make the annual meeting unique for all those who attend.

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The Academy Membership Committee’s slogan is “Advancing All Optometry – one optometrist at a time.” We want prospective candidates to know that the process of becoming a Fellow is more than a test. The annual meeting is also more than just a meeting. When working to recruit new Candidates over the last ten years, it has been easy for me to talk about what a difference Fellowship would make in an optometrist’s career because it has made a huge difference in my own career. I never pictured myself leading an Academy Committee, nor did I ever picture myself leading a major recruitment/advertising/marketing campaign for any organization, let alone the Academy. In the end, however, my service to the Academy has advanced my career as well as the visibility of the Academy! What optometrist in your corner of the world could advance his or her career through Fellowship in the Academy? Make sure you encourage him or her to apply and complete the process!

The Academy is growing by leaps and bounds! Starting in 2008, the Membership Committee began several programs that were designed to increase candidacy applications and our organization’s visibility. Each spring at graduation time, the Faculty Liaison at each optometric institution recruits new graduates through the Conversion of Students to Candidates (CSC) Program. At the Residents Day program held on Saturday during the annual meeting, our committee educates the residents of our profession about the Academy and the process of becoming a Fellow. Finally, we also recruit seasoned practitioners through a program called Wine and Wisdom.

All of these efforts have led to a dramatic and unprecedented increase in Academy membership. Since 2010, we have had a 14%+ increase in the number of Academy Fellows and a 302% increase in the number of student members. We also have 1000+ Candidates in the pipeline to become Fellows at an upcoming banquet! With all of our success, however, I still know optometrists who would make great Fellows but have not yet started the process. We have more work to do.

Please make sure to promote Fellowship throughout our profession whenever you have the chance. It has been my pleasure to recruit new Candidates for the last ten years because I know the process always advances each optometrist’s career and our profession.

Melissa Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO
Membership Committee Chair

**Fellowship Growth**

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*Image: Melissa Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO, Membership Committee Chair*
Geographic Distribution of Fellows

Active Fellows by State and Country (as of December 31, 2014)

Alabama ................. 70
Alaska .................. 13
Arizona ................. 109
Arkansas ................. 12
California ............. 600
Colorado ............... 85
Connecticut .......... 32
Delaware ............... 9
Florida ................. 311
Georgia ................. 72
Guam ..................... 2
Hawaii ................... 27
Idaho ..................... 15
Illinois ................ 188
Indiana .................. 92
Iowa ...................... 32
Kansas ................... 32
Kentucky ................ 27
Louisiana ............... 12
Maine ..................... 21
Maryland .............. 90
Massachusetts ......... 170
Michigan ............. 113
Minnesota .......... 61
Mississippi .......... 9
Missouri ............. 74
Montana ............. 12
Nebraska ............ 24
Nevada ............. 32
New Hampshire ....... 24
New Jersey .......... 96
New Mexico .......... 33
New York .......... 282
North Carolina ...... 126
North Dakota ...... 8
Ohio ..................... 199
Oklahoma .......... 68
Oregon ............. 76
Pennsylvania ......... 169
Puerto Rico ........ 7
Rhode Island ....... 20
South Carolina ...... 34
South Dakota ..... 15
Tennessee .......... 90
Texas ............. 300
US Military ....... 17
Utah ............. 22
Vermont ........ 8

United States ....... 4208
Other Countries ........ 570
Grand Total ....... 4778
Fellows must successfully complete rigorous written requirements before they take and pass an oral examination to be a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO). Fellows are practitioners, vision scientists, and educators in vision science; they work in various capacities including the federal government. 242 Fellows inducted in 2014 included representatives from 15 countries and 38 U.S. states.

### Member Categories

- **Fellows**: 51% (4778)
- **Candidates for Fellowship**: 12% (1109)
- **Students**: 37% (3403)

### Geographic Distribution of Fellows

- **United States**: 88.1%
- **Other**: 4.6%
- **Australia**: 1.8%
- **Canada**: 3.9%
- **United Kingdom**: 1.6%

### Fellows’ Professional Setting

- **Private Practice**: 43%
- **Other**: 8%
- **Multidisciplinary**: 11%
- **Federal Service**: 14%
- **Educator**: 15%
- **Vision Scientist**: 5%
- **Retired**: 6%

### Fellows Who See Patients

- **No**: 13%
- **Yes**: 87%
This year, the Academy added one new state chapter, the Tennessee Chapter, and one new student chapter at the Southern College of Optometry.

### International Chapters
- Great Britain
- Quebec
- South Africa

### United States Chapters
- Arizona
- California
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Heart of America
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Minnesota
- New England
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Northeastern Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- Tennessee
- Virginia

### Student Chapters
- Illinois College of Optometry
- Indiana University School of Optometry
- Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
- MCPHS University
- Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State
- Midwestern University, Arizona College of Optometry
- New England College of Optometry
- Northeastern State University College of Optometry
- Nova Southeastern College of Optometry
- Ohio State University College of Optometry
- Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
- Pacific University College of Optometry
- Rosenberg School of Optometry
- Marshall B. Ketchum University, Southern California College of Optometry
- Southern College of Optometry
- SUNY College of Optometry
- University of Alabama School of Optometry
- University of California, Berkeley, College of Optometry
- University of Houston College of Optometry
- University of Missouri – St. Louis, College of Optometry
- Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry

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- Richard Trevino, RSO
- Vikki Yu, UCBSO

### Updates

#### Arizona Chapter

The Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry (AZ-AAO) held its first ever Anterior Segment Symposium on September 13, 2014 where 70 attendees earned 6 hours of COPE-approved CE featuring topics concentrated in anterior segment disease and contact lenses. The AZ-AAO will be holding its Spring Meeting on February 7, 2015 where 6 CE hours can be earned. For more information, please contact the AZ-AAO at arizona.aaopt@gmail.com.

#### Hawaii Chapter

The Hawaii Chapter is semi-active and working to encourage potential candidates to become Academy Fellows and Diplomates. Hawaii added a new Diplomate, Dr. Randall Sakamoto, a few years ago in the CCLRT Section and Dr. Karen Lee recently became a Fellow. Any questions regarding the Chapter can be directed to Chapter President Dr. Dennis Kuwabara at Dmkuwabara@aol.com.

#### Illinois Chapter

2014 was a very busy year for the Illinois Chapter. In January, through the support of the Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies Section and Johnson and Johnson Vision Care, Inc., the Chapter hosted Dr. Clarke Newman. He lectured on the topic of “Medical Coding and Billing of Specialty Contact Lenses.” The Spring Rosenbloom Lecture was given by Drs. Charles Kinnaird and Leonard Messner. They compared OCT technology to FANG technology: “To Stick or Not to
Chapter Updates (cont’d)

Stick.” Recently, Drs. Pamela Lowe and Louise Sclafani participated in the fall Rosenbloom Lecture. This lecture highlighted “Top 10 Cases That Should Be Referred.” The Chapter’s annual business meeting and reception held at Academy 2014 Denver was well attended. The Chapter presented two student travel awards to Michelle Kwon, student chapter president, and Steven Quan, 3rd year student from ICO. The Chapter also held elections for our upcoming executive board.

New Jersey Chapter
The New Jersey chapter continued its high level of activities throughout 2014. A total of 24 hours of high quality CE lectures were offered with a record attendance at the chapter’s 12th Annual Myrtle Beach Education Conference in April 2014. Subsequently, the funds raised not only allowed the Chapter to provide five travel fellowships for optometric students and residents to attend Academy 2014 Denver, it also afforded the Chapter the opportunity to carry on its mission to enrich educational experiences by providing scholarship support to both Salus University and SUNY University. An annual scholarship contribution in the amount of $10,000 was given to each institution by the Chapter in 2014. To date, the Chapter’s endowment donation to Salus University has a cumulative total of $156,000.

New York Chapter
The New York Chapter proudly maintained our goal of providing our members with the highest level of continuing education by hosting nine dinner lecture meetings this past academic year. Presently helmed by Dr. Jennifer Colavito, the New York chapter meets monthly, scheduling a guest speaker to keep members apprised of the latest optometric practice advancements. In June, through the support of the Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies Section and Johnson and Johnson Vision Care, Inc., the Chapter was honored to have Dr. Jeffrey Walline, FAAO, from The Ohio State College of Optometry offer insights into the challenges of myopia control. This past spring, our chapter hosted a SUNY Student Fellow meeting to provide an open forum meant to encourage students interested in becoming Fellows of the Academy. The Chapter’s goal for this upcoming year is to bolster student involvement so as to promote excellence in education, clinical practice and Academy Fellowship. It is the Chapter’s distinct pleasure to give a heartfelt thank you to our past president, Dr. Jerome Garber. Under his outstanding leadership, steadfast dedication and service, the New York Chapter continued to excel. Most recently, Dr. Garber facilitated the establishment of the Hersh Memorial lecture beginning this upcoming year. Peter Hersh, MD, an internationally recognized major researcher in developing new techniques for corneal and refractive surgery in conjunction with extensive work on collagen cross-linking, will present every March in perpetuity honoring his deceased father, Dr. Donald Hersh. For further information about the New York Academy of Optometry, please contact Dr. Colavito at drjennifercolavito@gmail.com.

North Carolina Chapter
The North Carolina Chapter has had a busy 2014! In May the chapter held the 2nd annual Roger Cummings Resident Symposium at the Salisbury VAMC, which included case presentations from 8 optometry residents from the Salisbury, NC VAMC, Fort Bragg Womack Hospital Army Medical Center, and the Greenville, SC VAMC. In August 2014 the chapter held a Summer CE Symposium at the National Board of Examiners in Optometry in Charlotte, NC. The final event for 2014 was in Winston Salem, North Carolina, where Dr. Jason Sanders and Dr. Charles Richards of Piedmont Retinal Specialists spoke on retinal vitreous surgery, peripheral retinal disease, and ocular imaging. The North Carolina Chapter’s next event is currently scheduled for May 2nd at the Salisbury VAMC for the 3rd Annual Roger Cummings Resident Symposium, with 8 resident doctors scheduled to give case presentations, as well as a keynote speaker, Dr. Joseph Shovlin, Diplomate in Cornea and Contact Lenses.

Quebec Chapter
The Quebec Chapter had its annual meeting highlighting the 25th year anniversary of Dr. Daniel Brazeau earning his Academy Fellowship. He has been a strong advocate of the Academy and continues to influence students, clinicians, new grads and many colleagues on the benefits of attending the annual meeting. Congratulations Dr. Brazeau!

Tennessee Chapter
The Tennessee Chapter, which was approved by the Academy Board of Directors in March 2014, hosted a reception and had a meeting at the Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians meeting in Gatlinburg, TN. The chapter also met at Academy 2014 Denver and is planning on hosting the poster session for CE at the Southern College of Optometry’s spring meeting.

Virginia Chapter
The Virginia Chapter met approximately every other month in 2014 in the Eye Clinic of Veterans Administration Hospital in Hampton, Virginia. The meeting format is a clinical grand rounds with patient examination and case presentations by attending optometrists, residents, and students. After each patient has been seen by all of the doctors and students, the patients are dismissed and an in depth case presentation and discussion of each case is led by the OD or student presenting the patient. Cases presented in 2014 include Macular Holes, Vernal Keratoconjunctivitis, Retinal Branch Vein Occlusion, Multifocal IOLs in Patients with Visual Impairment, Convergence Insufficiency, Red Eye, Primary Acquired Melanosis, Von-Hippel Lindau Syndrome.
The Sections and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are groups of Fellows who wish to gather and communicate about specific areas of interest within optometry and vision science. In 2014, the Glaucoma SIG was authorized by the Board of Directors to become a Section:

- Glaucoma Section provides the leadership and mentorship that is necessary to enhance and optimize clinical management of glaucoma throughout the optometric profession.

The current SIGs include:
- Academic Medical Center Optometrists (AMCO)
- Fellows Doing Research
- Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry
- Nutrition, Disease Prevention and Wellness
- Retina
- Vision in Aging

The current Sections include:
- Anterior Segment (AS)
- Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry (BVPPO)
- Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies (CCLRT)
- Glaucoma (GL)
- Low Vision (LV)
- Optometric Education (OE)
- Primary Care (PC)
- Public Health & Environmental Vision (PHEV)
- Vision Science (VS)

2014 Annual Meeting Symposia

One of the primary goals of the Sections and SIGs is to create programs for the Annual Meeting.

The Academic Medical Center Optometrists SIG presented “Issues at Academic Medical Centers.”

The Anterior Segment Section presented “MGD: The Science under the Glands.”

The BVPPO Section presented “Affordable Care Act.”

The Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Symposium, “Keratoconus - Lasers, Lenses & Boomerangs!” The symposium was sponsored by Bausch+Lomb.

The Glaucoma SIG presented “The Implementation of Optical Coherence Technology (OCT) in Managing Glaucoma.”

The Low Vision Section presented “There's Nothing Dry About Dry AMD: New Perspectives on an Old Problem.”

The Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry SIG presented the 2014 Lawrence G. Gray Memorial Symposium: Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders.

The Ocular Nutrition SIG presented two symposia titled “Current Nutrition Controversies Affecting ECP Recommendations to Protect Against Ocular Disease” sponsored by Bausch + Lomb and Review of Optometry, and “Sugar - More than Meets the Eye.”

The Optometric Education Section presented “Point/Counter Point: Does Presentation Style Make a Difference in Outcomes? (Do Different Learning Styles Exist?)”

The Primary Care Section presented “Primary Care of the Posterior Segment.”

The Public Health & Environmental Vision Section presented “Is there a Place for Prevention, Public Health, Public Assistance, and Providers in Optometric Practice in an Era of ACA?”

The Retina SIG presented “Innovations in Retinal Care.”

The Vision in Aging SIG presented “Vision in Aging Grand Rounds: Multidisciplinary Health Care and Insights.”

The Vision Science Section partnered with the Low Vision Section to present “ARVO/AAO Joint Symposium: Why Do We Need Another Photoreceptor? Clinical Implications of Melanopsin-Containing Retinal Ganglion Cells.”
“Becoming a Diplomate has been a goal of mine for a long time and I consider it the crowning achievement in my optometric career to date. Being a part of such a select and high powered group is a privilege and will allow me to continue to build my career in new ways through the relationships it provides. “

- Jason Jedlicka, OD, FAAO
The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is the Academy’s philanthropic arm. While the annual meeting provides a forum for the presentation of research and Optometry and Vision Science promotes the publication of new research, it is the AOF that directly supports research. By funding the future of optometry through its scholarship and awards programs, the AOF gives exceptional students a chance to continue their education and propel the field of optometric science forward.

The AOF is also the proud sponsor of the Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award, the Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education, Henry B. Peters Memorial Award in Public Health and Environmental Vision, and the Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics. The 2014 awardees are listed on page 8 in this annual report.

With assets exceeding $5.2 million and an endowment of more than $4.3 million, the AOF hopes to award more than $400,000 in Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants in 2015. This is your investment in the future leadership of optometry.

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The Allergan Foundation Research Program is Created
The Allergan Foundation established the Allergan Foundation Research Program in 2014. The program supports talented optometry and vision science faculty and researchers for innovative research in the area of glaucoma or anterior segment. One, one-year award or $60,000 and travel grant(s) to attend Academy 2015 New Orleans were offered. The American Optometric Foundation is pleased to announce Dr. Nancy A. McNamara as the recipient of this prestigious grant. The AOF is pleased to administer this program and looks forward to continuing its relationship with The Allergan Foundation.

Beta Sigma Kappa International Optometric Honor Society Makes an Impactful Gift
Beta Sigma Kappa (BSK) has added to its already large investment in the BSK Research Fellowship program. BSK originally created this program with a $50,000 gift in 2010. In 2014, BSK graciously donated $28,000 to bring the program to a new level. The BSK Research Fellowship program supports new optometric and vision science faculty research and optometric resident research. The program’s funding is designed to benefit individuals early in their career whose academic curiosity leads them to seek answers to a vast variety of professionally-based questions covering a wide area of vision science, clinical practice, or eye related public health. Learn more about this program and BSK at http://betasigmakappa.net or www.aaopt.org/AOF/Programs/Faculty/BSK.

VSP Global® and the American Optometric Foundation Announce the 2014 Practice Excellence Scholarship Recipients
VSP Global® and the AOF announced the 44 recipients of this year’s Practice Excellence Scholarships. $166,000 was distributed among top-performing fourth-year optometry students in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Canada. The scholarships and travel grants to attend Academy 2014 Denver were funded through the VSP Global Eyes of Hope® Global Charitable Fund in collaboration with FYidoctors in Canada. Two students from each school or college of optometry were selected by nomination of their individual institutions to receive the scholarship. Some of the key criteria for selecting the scholarship recipients included the student’s commitment to enter the independent practice of optometry, clinical performance, and academic performance.
Academy 2014 Denver

The annual Academy meeting provides the AOF with a forum in which the AOF Board, staff, and award recipients can connect with our donors on a personal level. It is the focal point for the largest fundraising drive of the year. With your support, the AOF received more than $180,000 in gifts and pledges at Academy 2014 Denver. Donations made through registration, the exhibit hall, lecture honoraria, continuing education, the Evening of Music and Celebration of Vision event, the silent auction and the annual Celebration Luncheon epitomize how well optometry works together to invest in its future.

AOF Scholarship, Grant, and Fellowship Recipients

2014 Allergan Foundation Research Program
Nancy A. McNamara, OD, FAAO
University of California, San Francisco
Defining the Role of Corneal Epithelial Progenitor Cells in the Pathogenesis of Immune-mediated, Aqueous-deficient Dry Eye Disease

2014 Beta Sigma Kappa (BSK) Research Fellowships
Melanie Akau, OD, FAAO
New England College of Optometry
Quality of Life, Macular Thickness, and Central Visual Field Characteristics in Primary Open Angle Glaucoma
Kristine Dalton, OD, PhD, FAAO
University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science
Examination of the Effects of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury on Visual Function, Visual-motor Coordination and Postural Stability in Adolescents

2014 Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., Innovation in Education Grants
James Kundart, OD, MEd, FAAO
Pacific University College of Optometry
Using the RAPID Method and Google Hangout for Small Classes in Optometric Education
Richard C. Trevino, OD, FAAO
University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry
The Effectiveness of an Educational Game in Teaching Optometry Students Basic and Applied Science
Matt S. Valdes, OD, FAAO
University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry
Evaluating the Effectiveness of Application Software in Low Vision Education

2014 Antoinette M. Molinari Memorial Scholarship
Rebecca Moran
New England College of Optometry

2014 Frederic Rosemore Low Vision Grant Recipients
Tracy Matchinski, OD, FAAO and Karen Squier, OD, FAAO
Illinois College of Optometry
Enhancement of Clinical Low Vision Rehabilitation Skills in the Laboratory Setting with Experienced Patients with Visually Impairment

2014 Vincent Salierno Scholarships
Keller Hopkins
University of Missouri – St. Louis, College of Optometry
Stephanie Uchida
Northeastern State University, Oklahoma College of Optometry
Sarah Vrotsos
Southern College of Optometry

2014-2015 William C. Ezell Fellowships
Alcon Foundation Ezell Fellow
Julie Mocko-Strand, BS
University of Houston, College of Optometry
American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow
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Tan Ngoc Truong, OD, MPH
University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry
American Optometric Foundation – Ezell Club
Anthony J. Adams Ezell Fellow
Rose Reins, BA
University of Houston, College of Optometry
Irvin M. Borish - Essilor Ezell Fellow
Renfeng Xu, MD, MS
Indiana University, School of Optometry
Mike Daley – Essilor Ezell Fellow
Cristina Llerena Law, OD
State University of New York, College of Optometry
Michael G. Harris Ezell Fellow
Wing “Eric” Li, OD, FAAO
University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry

The AOF also administered other private endowment and industry-sponsored awards to an additional 90 deserving students in 2014. They are the Douglas Hopkins Primary Care Residency Award, the VSP Practice Excellence Scholarships, three Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc., sponsored programs, the Awards of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care, the J. Pat Cummings Scholarships, and support of advanced practice residents in the areas of contact lens and pediatrics. For a complete list of recipients visit www.aaopt.org/AOF/Programs.
## REVENUE, SUPPORT, AND GAINS

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Total Revenue, Support, and Gains: 5,548,767 (17,211) 1,906 5,533,462

## EXPENSES

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Total Program Expenses: 4,178,637 - - 4,178,637

**Fundraising Expenses:**

- - - - - - 105,362 - 105,362 - - 105,362

**Management And General Expenses:**

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Total Management and General Expenses: 637,398 - - 637,398

Total Expenses: 4,816,035 - - 4,816,035

## CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

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## NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR

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| - | - | - | - | - | 601,059 | - | - | 601,059 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 281,128 | - | - | 281,128 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 187,478 | - | - | 187,478 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 69,569 | - | - | 69,569 |
| 379,752 | - | - | 379,752 | - | 558,566 | - | - | 558,566 |
| - | - | - | - | (217,330) | - | - | - | - |
| 379,752 | - | - | 379,752 | (217,330) | 4,341,059 | - | - | 4,341,059 |

| 105,362 | - | - | 105,362 | - | 105,362 | - | - | 105,362 |

| 58,363 | - | - | 58,363 | - | 608,200 | - | - | 608,200 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 87,561 | - | - | 87,561 |
| 58,363 | - | - | 58,363 | - | 695,761 | - | - | 695,761 |
| 543,477 | - | - | 543,477 | (217,330) | 5,142,182 | - | - | 5,142,182 |

| 330,907 | 355,853 | 809 | 687,569 | - | 1,063,639 | 338,642 | 2,715 | 1,404,996 |
| 1,119,132 | 3,246,872 | 199,977 | 4,565,981 | - | 6,032,377 | 3,801,960 | 440,522 | 10,274,859 |
| $ 1,450,039 | $ 3,602,725 | $ 200,786 | $ 5,253,550 | - | $ 7,096,016 | $ 4,140,602 | $ 443,237 | $ 11,679,855 |
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