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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY ANNOUNCES 2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS

ORLANDO, FL (July 18, 2024) – Each year the American Academy of Optometry recognizes distinguished individuals who have made countless important contributions to advancing the profession of optometry.

“Inspiring Excellence in Eye Care: The Academy’s awardees are nominated by Fellows who were inspired by the amazing achievements each awardee attained in research, education, leadership, and/or service to our profession. Come join us in Indianapolis to celebrate and inspire the next generation of optometrists and vision scientists,” said Melissa D. Bailey, OD, PhD, FAAO, Awards Committee Chair.

The Academy is pleased to announce the 2024 award recipients:

Nathan Efron, PhD, DSc, FAAO

Charles F. Prentice Medal and Lecture Award

Geunyoung Yoon, PhD

Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture

(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)

Safal Khanal, OD, PhD, FAAO

Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award

Godwin Overseri-Ogbomo, OD, MPH, PhD, FAAO, FNCO, FHEA

*American Academy of Optometry - Essilor Award for Outstanding
International Contributions to Optometry*

Lotfi Merabet, PhD, OD, MPH

William Feinbloom Award

Barbara Cohn, OD, FAAO

Brien Holden Humanitarian Award

Lyndon W. Jones, DSc, PhD, FAAO

Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal Award

Andrew Rixon, OD, FAAO

Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award

Sidney Parks

*Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)*

Vinita Henry, OD, FAAO

Danica J. Marrelli, OD, FAAO

*Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)*

Ruth Y. Shoge, OD, MPH, FAAO

AAOF Excellence in Diversity Awareness and Education Award

Stuti Misra, PhD, BOptom, FAAO

AAOF Outstanding Emerging Leader Award

Barbara Caffery, OD, PhD, FAAO

Tony Adams Eminent Service Award

Lan G, Aglyamov SR, Larin KV, Twa MD. In vivo human corneal shear-wave optical coherence elastography. OVS2021;98:58-63
Garland Clay Award

Join us for the Awards Ceremony on Friday, November 8, at 8:00 am during Academy 2024 Indianapolis in Sagamore Ballroom 1&2 of the Indiana Convention Center. One hour of CE credit can be accrued during this two-hour event.

Awards of the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

James Wolffsohn, BSc, MBA, PhD, FAAO

Founders' Award

Barbara Caffery, OD, PhD, FAAO

Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award

The Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Awards will be presented during the Section Awards Ceremony and Max Schapero Lecture on Wednesday, November 6, at 5:00 pm at the Indiana Convention Center. Half an hour of CE credit can be achieved during this one-hour session.

Award of the Public Health and Environmental Vision Section

Timothy A. Wingert, OD, FAAO

*Henry B. Peters Award for Public Health and Environmental Vision
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)*

The Public Health and Environmental Vision Section will hold their Section Awards Ceremony and Henry B. Peters Lecture on Thursday, November 7, at 5:00 pm at Indianapolis Marriott. Receive an hour of CE credit by attending this event!

About the American Academy of Optometry

The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) inspires excellence in optometric practice by fostering research and disseminating knowledge in vision science through its journals, *Optometry and Vision Science* and *Clinical Insights in Eyecare*, and the continuing education presented at its annual meeting. Fellows of the Academy are committed to the premise that learning is a lifelong obligation of a professional, as is the commitment to expand the profession's knowledge base through ongoing fellowship and exchange. For more information, visit the website: www.aaopt.org.

About Academy 2024 Indianapolis

Academy 2024 Indianapolis will be held at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, IN, on November 6-9, 2024. The American Academy of Optometry's annual meeting will welcome optometrists, vision scientists, vision care professionals, students, residents, support personnel, and media from around the world to explore the forefront of optometric education and advancements while enjoying the vibrant city of Indianapolis. For more information, visit www.aaopt.org/2024.

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