



Illinois College of Optometry

The One Hundred Eighty-first Commencement

Saturday, May Eighteenth Two Thousand and Twenty-four Ten o'clock

Symphony Center
Chicago, Illinois



The Profession of Optometry

Today's optometrist is a vital member of a comprehensive health care team. The optometrist delivers full scope eye care in a variety of practice settings. These range from solo, associate and group modes, as well as interdisciplinary environments like hospitals and health maintenance organizations. Other opportunities include a career in academics, research or health care administration. All 50 states now authorize optometrists to utilize pharmaceutical agents in the diagnosis of ocular disorders and diseases and authorize optometrists to medically treat eye diseases. All 50 states and the District of Columbia require that licensed optometrists regularly attend continuing education programs for license renewal.

As primary care providers, optometrists offer patients a wide range of services, including diagnosis and management of anomalies of visual functions, diagnosis and participation in the management of various ocular and systemic diseases and the provision of general health screening, education and counseling. Optometric care provides for the maintenance and enhancement of visual efficiency and ocular health which are so important to people of all ages. The profession offers a humanistic, intellectually stimulating and financially secure position as a valued member of the community.

"Doctors of Optometry (ODs) are the primary health care professionals for the eye. Optometrists examine, diagnose, treat and manage diseases, injuries and disorders of the visual system, the eye, and associated structures as well as identify related systemic conditions affecting the eye."

-The American Optometric Association

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Order of Exercises

I. PRELUDE Walter Whitehouse, M.Div., Ph.D.
Organist

Organ Concerto in B-Flat, Op. 4 No. 2

George Frederic Handel

Please stand as you are able for the processional. Candidates for degrees, after reaching your seat, face the closest aisle as a sign of respect while the faculty and trustees proceed to their places on the stage.

II. PROCESSIONAL
Scotland the Brave Doonaree Pipe Band

*Fanfare and Processional
Prelude to Te Deum*

Douglas Wagner
Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Walter Whitehouse

III. PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME Mark K. Colip, O.D.
President

IV. CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR
OF SCIENCE IN OPTOMETRY Dr. Colip
Sandra S. Block, O.D. will be hooded by Scott Jens, O.D., Chair of the Illinois College of
Optometry Board of Trustees and assisted by Stephanie S. Messner, O.D., Vice President
and Dean for Academic Affairs.

V. COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Tracy Matchinski, O.D.
*Associate Professor of Optometry & Coordinator,
Low Vision Rehabilitative Services*

VI. VALEDICTORY RECOGNITIONS Stephanie Messner, O.D.
Parker Monsen *Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean*
McKenzie Stewart
Gabriella Vivacqua

VII. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH Raman Bhakhri, O.D.
Associate Professor of Optometry

The audience will please refrain from applause until the degrees are conferred by President Colip.

VIII. CONFERRING OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY Dr. Colip
Dr. Stephanie Messner will hood the candidates, assisted by Erica Ittner, O.D., Associate Professor of Optometry and Elizabeth Wyles, O.D., Associate Professor of Optometry. Erik Mothersbaugh, O.D., Dean of Student Affairs, will present the candidates.

IX. WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Moe Eid, O.D.
President, Alumni Council

All who are able, please stand.

X. INTRODUCTION OF THE ALMA MATER Graduate & Faculty Chorus

Please be seated.

XI. CLOSING REMARKS Dr. Colip

The audience is requested to stay seated during the recession.

XII. RECESSIONAL Walter Whitehouse
Toccata in F Major Charles-Marie Widor

Congratulations to the ICO Class of 2024!

Commencement Speaker

Tracy Matchinski, O.D., F.A.A.O.

Dr. Matchinski graduated from Illinois College of Optometry in 1995 and then completed a Vision Rehabilitation residency at the Dr. William Feinbloom Low Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Salus University. Upon completion of her residency, she returned to Chicago and provides clinical vision rehabilitation care at both the Illinois Eye Institute and The Chicago Lighthouse.

She has published and lectured both nationally and internationally on Low Vision Rehabilitation. She has traveled to 15 countries providing low vision rehabilitation education, workshops and devices to assist in setting up low vision clinics. In 2021, Dr. Matchinski received the Vision Excellence Award from the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness for her commitment to low vision education and the development of eye health resources in the U.S. and around the world.

While Dr. Matchinski has a special interest in pediatric Low Vision Rehabilitation, through Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH), she has participated in 25 international clinics and numerous local clinics providing eye care to people of all ages that do not have access or cannot afford eyecare. She has also been president of both VOSH Illinois and VOSH International. Additionally, Dr. Matchinski is a Low Vision Diplomate of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) and has held leadership roles in the Academy Low Vision Section as well as the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) Low Vision Educators Special Interest Group.

Dr. Matchinski is dedicated to both providing Vision Rehabilitation care and community service. She has endowed scholarships in both these areas for students at the Illinois College of Optometry.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Matchinski as our commencement speaker today.

About the Commencement Ceremony

The pageantry enacted each year on campuses all over the world is the solemn climax and recognition of the graduates' years of study and preparation for responsibility. To help spectators understand the significance of the ceremonies, the following description is furnished.

Procession

The Grand Marshal leads the procession, bearing the ceremonial Mace, emblematic of the authority of the college. The climax of the processional brings to the platform the Trustees of the college, the Dean, honorary degree recipients, college officers, and finally the President of the college. As his badge of office, ICO's President wears a medallion, emblematic of the history of the college.

Caps

Candidates for degrees wear the regulation cap. Those who already hold doctoral degrees or who are heads of institutions wear gold tassels.

Gowns

The doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front, and voluminous bell-shaped sleeves on which there are three velvet bars. The velvet is usually black but may be blue for philosophy or green for medicine and optometry.

Hoods

The doctor's hood is easily recognized by the width of the velvet edging, the wide panels at either side, the greater length, and the full exposure of the lining. The hood is also lined with the color of the college or university granting the degree (the holder of a degree granted by Illinois College of Optometry wears a hood lined in blue and white).

The list of hood colors most frequently viewed in ICO's ceremony are: Optometry is seafoam green, Library Science is lemon yellow, Philosophy is dark blue, Social Work is citron, Science or Honorary degree is gold, Arts, Letters, Humanities is white, Education is light blue, Business Administration is drab, Medicine is green, Theology is scarlet, and Law is purple.

Diplomas

The word "diploma" for graduation originated in the mid-17th century. Specifically, diploma means "double folded paper" in Greek and Latin. Unlike the cap and gown, awarding a diploma to a graduate began in the United States.

The tradition of awarding graduates a diploma originated at Harvard College. Harvard's first commencement took place on September 23rd, 1642. The nine graduates received "a Book of Arts" to represent their achievement. After the ceremony, the school took back each book. The first known graduate to have a diploma was in 1645. It wasn't until 1813 that Harvard College graduates received a uniformly sized, textually common diploma they could keep. Until then, diplomas were different shapes and sizes.

Original diplomas used thin sheepskin (parchment) because, unlike paper, they were quite resilient to being rolled and unrolled countless times without it breaking or tearing. Rolled and tied with a ribbon made it easy for traveling scholars to pack it as they needed it for proof of their education.

Gonfalons

Often known as a banner, the gonfalon is commonly seen at commencement ceremonies in modern times. However, their roots date back to the 3rd century BC. It is commonly thought that gonfalons had their origins in the Roman vexillum. The gonfalon was adopted over time and "used in religious processions and ceremonies, or as the banner of a city or state or military order. This year, ICO is debuting new gonfalons in the procession and recession.

The Graduating Class of 2024

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Lydia Ann Bouman	Alison Yiting Ou
Meaghan Marie Devany	^ Dhruvi N. Patel
Nicole Collette Lang	Grace C. Sigler
Donna Li	+ Petkana Staleva
+ Jiani Serena Lin	+ McKenzie Stewart
^ + Diana Nicole Masolak	+ *Claire Jesse Tashner
+ Parker Todd Monsen	*Madalyn Rose Thorp
^ + Sarah Elizabeth Neidermann	^ *Gabriella Vivacqua

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

^ *Christian James Crawford	*Ekta K. Patel
Aleksandra Maria Czyz	+ Megan Kathleen Piraino
^ *Hollie Alexis Doyle	*Anna Marie Plant
Frankie Ho	+ Reneta Stef Nashelle Simeon
^ + Edem Mardona Jongue	+ *Emily Rose Strand
Zachary Nading	*Benjamin G. Verkuilen
+ Lauren Wai Ying Ng	+ <i>p</i> Christina H. Wentz

CUM LAUDE

+ *Salma Abouassaf	+ Bethany B. Li
Francia Deanna Baez	Nicole Freeman Margason
Brianna Aponte Bravo	Colin Patrick McCambridge
+ <i>p</i> *Rachel Breliant	Andrew Nguyen
Gurjivan Singh Dhaliwal	Grady Mahalia Oller
Nhung Kim Dinh	Aaron Tyler Palmeri
Mahek N. Firasta	<i>p</i> Manisha Parikh
*Jordyn Cassandra Fregonese	Jackson Roland Pond
Christine Jane Le	Vinamrta Saini
*Thy Le	

+ - These graduates have distinguished themselves by being accepted into post-doctoral programs.

^ - These graduates have distinguished themselves by completing three years in the Accelerated Clinical Program.

√ - These graduates have distinguished themselves by completing requirement of the Bachelor of Science in Visual Science Degree.

p - These graduates have distinguished themselves by graduating with Research Honors

* - These graduates will be hooded by family members who are also O.D.s or mentors who are graduates of ICO.

The Graduating Class of 2024

Continued

Nada Abdallah
David Olutomi Adeyeye
Limu Ahmed
*Adam Oliver Alpert
√ Luma Alsamarai
Maliha Asadullah
Brian Wen Jian Au
Kristijan Balan
Stark Adam Bishop
Shehnaaz Brar
Elizabeth Jepngetich Butuk
Jacqueline Cooke Cammarata
+ Shannon Kay Carmo
+ Amina Nasr Cheema
Melanie Chiu
*Annika Christine Crawford
+ Cindy Dang
Samantha Davidson
Sandy H. Doan
Andrew Thomas Dust
Rawan G. El Omari
*Liam James Ferguson
Ateet Singh Gill
Sydney Goldstein
Idelish Gonzalez
*Tayler Ann Greenagel
+ *Karly Rose Gruett
Brian Huang
Brianna Lynn Idell
Sandra John
Ashleigh A. Johnson
Kasem Ata Kasem
Elizabeth Yeojung Kim
Christine J. Lee
David Minh Lee
*Julia L. Maida
Jasdip Kaur Mann

Tijana Markovic
Alyza Apostol Medina
Smruti Mehta
Zammad Mohammad
Stanislav Mordarskiy
Maria J. Pappas
Daniel S. Park
^ Priyanka M. Patel
*Daniel Richard Peterson
*Melisa Stacey Philogene
Arub Qureshi
+ Samantha Arlene Rivet
Rachel Rita Ryan
Shivani Thakkar Sampat
Prabhpal Kaur Sandhu
+ Allison Mara McCain-Schroeder
Jacob Nicholas Schumacher
Karlee Nicole Seawell
Vishwa Sheoran
+ Katherine Emma Simko
+ Kennedy Morgan Simmons
Tavleen Singh
Caitlyn Sudkamp
Calvin Sun
Yu Sun
Roselyn Thomas
Reeham Tineh
+ *Ani Tokhmakhian
Amna Vahidy
*Federica Violi
Joel Steven Wagner
*Frank C. Wang, Jr.
+ Rebecca Marie Williams
*MacKayla Elizabeth Wolfe
Cheuk Man Silishia Wong
*Jakob Tivis Zigulis

Honors & Awards

Salma Abouassaf
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

David Olutomi Adeyeye
Clayton Powell Scholarship

Luma Alsamarai
AAO Travel Grant

Maliha Asadullah
AAO Travel Grant

Francia Deanna Baez
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Stark Adam Bishop
Gold Key Honorary Society
Exceptional Tutor/ Academic Coach Award
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented Populations
Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence

Lydia Ann Bouman
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented Populations
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Brianna Aponte Bravo
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Rachel Breliant
ICO Research Award
ICO Research Honors
Optelec Excellence in Low Vision Award
Drs. Leonard and Stephanie Messner Scholarship

Shannon Kay Carmo
COVID Excellence in Vision Therapy Award
Dr. Darrell G. Schlange Scholarship
Dr. Henry J. Luckhardt Memorial Award
Trustee Scholarship (1 year)

Amina Cheema
AAO Student Fellow (2023)

Christian James Crawford
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Tsang Family Scholarship

Aleksandra Czyz
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Cindy Dang
Eschenbach Low Vision Student Award

Meaghan Marie Devany
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
AAO Student Fellow (2021)
Dr. and Mrs. Jasper Gulotta Award for Excellence in
Optometric Research
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Gurjivan Singh Dhaliwal
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Nhung Kim Dinh
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Hollie Alexis Doyle
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Andrew Thomas Dust
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Liam James Ferguson
Faculty Scholarship
Floyd & Shirley Mizener Scholarship
Good-Lite Pediatric Equipment Award

Mahek N. Firasta
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Jordyn Cassandra Fregonese
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. Deanna Roder Memorial Scholarship
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Sydney Goldstein
Rosenbloom-Matchinski Endowed Scholarship

Frankie Ho
Trustee Scholarship (1 year)

Edem Mardona Jongue
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. Derrald Taylor Low Vision Residency Award
Natelle and Curt Brown Endowment

Kasem Ata Kasem
Natelle and Curt Brown Endowment
Trustee Scholarship (3 years)

Nicole Collette Lang
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Christine Jane Le
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Honors & Awards

Thy Le

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Bethany B. Li

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Exceptional Tutor/ Academic Coach Award

Donna Li

Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Jiani Serena Lin

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Cribb Leadership & Service Award
E. Richard Tennant Memorial Scholarship
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)
Copper Vision 4th Year Contact Lens Clinical
Excellence Award

Nicole Freeman Margason

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Diana Nicole Masolak

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Cooper Vision Rising Star Award
2023 Cooper Vision Contact Lens Award
Cribb Leadership & Service Award
Drs. Elliot and Lorayne Politser Scholarship
GSLs Travel Grant from Scleral Lens
Education Society
Johnson & Johnson Award of Excellence in
Contact Lens Patient Care
Southwest Contact Lens Scholarship

Colin Patrick McCambridge

Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Parker Todd Monsen

Tomb & Key Honorary Society
2024 Dr. Robert B. Mandell GP Clinical
Excellence Award
Lawrence P Feigenbaum Clinical Optometry
Memorial Award
Southwest Contact Lens Scholarship
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)
Valedictory Award

Zachary Nading

Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Sarah Elizabeth Neidermann

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Elmer & Blanche Pieper Memorial Scholarship
Faculty Scholarship
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Lauren Wai Ying Ng

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship

Andrew Nguyen

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
AAO Travel Grant

Grady Mahalia Oller

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Alison Yiting Ou

AAO Travel Grant
Presidential Scholarship

Aaron Tyler Palmeri

Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Manisha Parikh

ICO Research Honors
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Travel Grant
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
AAO Travel Grant
ARVO Travel Grant

Dhruvi N. Patel

Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship

Ekta K. Patel

Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Daniel Richard Peterson

Floyd & Shirley Mizener Scholarship
Good-Lite Pediatric Equipment Award

Melisa Stacey Philogene

Gold Key Honorary Society
2023 Black Student Union Leadership Award
Scholarship for Underrepresented Populations
E. Richard Tennant Memorial Scholarship
Exceptional Tutor/ Academic Coach Award
ICO Alumni Association Scholarship
Dr. Marvin R. Poston Leadership Award
NOSA Executive Board Award
Walmart Scholarship

Megan Kathleen Piraino

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. Deanna Roder Memorial Scholarship
Dr. and Mrs. Jasper Gulotta Award for Excellence in
Optometric Research

Anna Marie Plant

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Darrell G. Schlange, OD Scholarship for Excellence in
Pediatric Optometry
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Jackson Roland Pond

Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Rachel Rita Ryan

Exceptional Tutor/ Academic Coach Award

Honors & Awards

Vinamrta Saini
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Shivani Sampat
AAO Student Fellow (2023)

Allison Mara McCain-Schroeder
Gold Key Honorary Society
Drs. Elliot and Lorayne Politser Scholarship
Exceptional Tutor/ Academic Coach Award
Polly Flink Eastland Memorial Award
William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

Jacob Nicholas Schumacher
Trustee Scholarship (1 year)

Vishwa Sheoran
AAO Travel Grant
Trustee Scholarship (1 year)

Grace C. Sigler
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship
Philip E. Wells Trust Award

Reneta Stef Nashelle Simeon
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
BSU Founder's Book
AAO Student Fellow (2021)
AAO Travel Grant
Heart of America Travel Grant
Faculty Scholarship
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented Populations
National Optometric Association Travel Grant
National Vision NOSA Scholarship Award
Richard J. O'Brien, II Memorial Award
Rosenbloom-Matchinski Endowed Scholarship
Clayton Powell Scholarship
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Katherine Emma Simko
ARVO Travel Grant
Exceptional Tutor/ Academic Coach Award
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Kennedy Morgan Simmons
Cribb Leadership & Service Award
Drs. Elliot and Lorayne Politser Scholarship

Tavleen Singh
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Petkana Staleva
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship
Presidential Scholarship

McKenzie Stewart
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Good-Lite Pediatric Equipment Award
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)
Valedictory Award

Emily Rose Strand
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
AAO Student Fellow (2023)
Exceptional Tutor/ Academic Coach Award
VSP/AAOF Practice Excellence Scholarship
VSP/AAOF Travel Grant
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Calvin Sun
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Claire Jesse Tashner
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Madalyn Rose Thorp
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Thaddeus E. and Virginia E. Urbanek
Memorial Scholarship
Dr. and Mrs. Jasper Gulotta Award for Excellence in
Optometric Research
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Ani Tokhmakhian
Gold Key Honorary Society
AAO Student Fellow (2021)
ARVO Travel Grant
VOSH/AAO Travel Grant
Cribb Leadership & Service Award – 4th year
ICO Alumni Association Scholarship

Benjamin G. Verkuilen
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)

Federica Violi
Trustee Scholarship (2 years)

Gabriella Vivacqua
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship
Valedictory Award

Christina H. Wentz
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
AAO Travel Grant
ARVO Travel Grant
Trustee Scholarship (4 years)
ICO Research Award
ICO Research Honors

Rebecca Marie Williams
Drs. Elliot and Lorayne Politser Scholarship
Dr. Richard Newth Memorial Scholarship
Exceptional Tutor/ Academic Coach Award
ICO Alumni Association Scholarship

Cheuk Wong
AAO Student Fellow (2023)

Graduates who are members of an honorary society wear colored cords to signify their society. ICO Beta Sigma Kappa chapter members wear solid gold cords and four year members also wear a black/gold intertwined cord. ICO Tomb & Key members wear gold and blue cords. ICO Gold Key members wear gold stoles with a black key.

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Low Vision Rehabilitation & Ocular Disease

Illinois Eye Institute

Chicago, IL

Steven Sargent, O.D., '23

Cornea & Contact Lens

Illinois Eye Institute

Chicago, IL

Marin Nagelberg, O.D.

Pediatric Optometry, Vision Therapy and Vision Rehabilitation

Illinois Eye Institute

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Alami Wateen, O.D.

Primary Care & Ocular Disease

Illinois Eye Institute

Chicago, IL

Moheera Athar, O.D., '23

Sarah DeVries, O.D.

Michaela Ford, O.D., '23

Lucas Rockne, O.D., '23

Alexander Wong, O.D., '23

Ocular Disease & Low Vision Rehabilitation

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center & Edward Hines Jr., VA Hospital

Chicago, IL

Kashifa Ansari, O.D., '23

Dac-Nha Trong, O.D.

Primary Care Optometry & Ocular Disease

Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center

North Chicago

Mark Debano, O.D.

Yumna Zaidi, O.D., '23

Ocular Disease

University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Riddhi Patel, O.D., '23

Participants in Ceremony

Chief Marshal

John Baker, O.D., M.S.Ed
Associate Professor of Optometry

Marshals

Alaina Bandstra, O.D.
Assistant Professor of Optometry

Brittney Brady, O.D.
Assistant Professor of Optometry

Aubrey Breithaupt, O.D.
Assistant Professor of Optometry

Greta Gregg, O.D.
Assistant Professor of Optometry

Harneet Randhawa, O.D.
Assistant Professor of Optometry

Patricia Salazar, O.D.
Assistant Professor Optometry

William Skoog, O.D.
Assistant Professor of Optometry

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ICO Flag
Christopher Cook
Second Professional Year

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Karli Clark
Third Professional Year

The Optometric Oath

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

- I affirm that the health of my patient will be my first consideration.
- I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.
- I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.
- I will provide professional care for the diverse populations who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.
- I will work to expand access to quality care and improve health equity for all communities.
- I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.
- I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.
- I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.
- I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.
- I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow doctors of optometry and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.
- I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as a doctor of optometry.
- I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this solemn oath and obligation.

Alma Mater

Let our voices loudly ringing
Echo far and near
Songs of praise thy children singing
To thy memory dear.

Alma Mater, Alma Mater
Tender, fair and true
Gratefully with love unfailing
All our vows renew.

Years may dim our recollection
Times its change may bring
Still thy name in fond affection
I.C.O. we sing.

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Illinois College of Optometry

The Illinois College of Optometry has the reputation and distinguished legacy of being among the world's leading optometric institutions. Since its founding in 1872, the college has educated and trained optometrists to become independent primary health care providers who not only examine, diagnose, treat and manage eye diseases and vision disorders, but are capable of diagnosing related systemic conditions in which vision problems are often an early symptom. ICO is also home to the Illinois Eye Institute. The heart of the college's clinical division, the IEI is a nonprofit multi-specialty eye center with more than 100,000 annual patient visits.

Throughout its history, ICO's evolution has closely paralleled the development of the profession of optometry and, the dedicated efforts of ICO leadership, faculty, staff, students and alumni have propelled the institution to remain at the forefront of optometry. From admission to commencement and beyond, ICO is committed to preparing aspiring optometrists to succeed in today's health care environment by providing excellence in optometric clinical education.



