



Foundation Focus Newsletter

Excellence in Eye Care

Fall 2015

Virginia S. Boyce Humanitarian Award



Beth Colon

The Education and Research Foundation is pleased to announce the 2015 recipient of the Virginia S. Boyce Humanitarian Award: Beth Colon, Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT). The Virginia S. Boyce Humanitarian Award was established in 2000 in honor of Virginia Boyce, CEO of Prevent Blindness from 1972 to 1982, who gave eighteen combined years of devoted volunteer service to JCAHPO and the Foundation.

Beth was selected as the 2015 Boyce Award recipient in recognition of her many years of volunteerism. She has worked hard to support eye care technicians locally and also served with enthusiasm in Latin America. She has been a long time member of the Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology and served in leadership roles in Cleveland Ophthalmic Personnel Society. Beth has participated in eight mission trips to El Salvador to provide eye care to villagers in remote areas. She also spent a month in Guatemala working with a local orphanage.

Harold A. Stein, MD, FRCS(C) Award

Sonia Zhu, COMT, is the 2015 winner of the Harold A. Stein, MD, FRCS(C) Best Scientific Paper. Her paper, "Electrophysiology and Imaging Techniques in the Evaluation of Congenital Nystagmus" was selected from several quality submissions. She will receive a \$2000 award at the November Annual Continuing Education Meeting in Las Vegas and her paper will appear in several upcoming publications.

New Scholarship Available



The Education and Research Foundation is pleased to announce that Local Eye Site will fund a new scholarship for Ophthalmic Medical Technicians seeking certification. The application period will run from

August to November and Technicians seeking certification will be able to apply by completing an application form and submitting a brief essay. The grants will be awarded in January 2016 and cover the cost of a certification exam. Link: <http://www.jcahpo.org/foundation/scholarships-grants-and-awards-available/>.

Brad McCorkle, Founder of Local Eye Site, said "We understand the important role that well-equipped Technicians play in the delivery of quality ophthalmic care. Our goal with the Local Eye Site grant is to support continued advancement in the quality of ophthalmic patient care available, and hopefully to encourage more Allied Health professionals to consider a career in Ophthalmology."



Water Bottles

A handy collapsible water bottle is the perfect accessory for a busy Technician. It holds up to 18 oz. of water and folds flat for easy storage. For a \$5 donation to the JCAHPO Foundation, plus the cost of shipping, the water bottle can be yours. Your donation will be matched by JCAHPO through November 20, 2015. Your donation is doubled to support grants and scholarships for Technicians' continuing education and certification exams, and to advance their careers.

You can purchase a water bottle when you register for ACE. They will be available for sale at the bookstore at ACE as well. A great way to stay hydrated in the desert.

Link: www.jcahpo.org/marketplace/detail.aspx?id=H2OBTLG-FD



Deadlines for Scholarship and Grant Applications

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| ◆ Local Eye Site Certification Grants | November 30 |
| ◆ Certification Grants | April 25 |
| ◆ Virginia Boyce Award | May 2 |
| ◆ ATPO Continuing Education Grants | July 31 |
| ◆ Harold A. Stein Paper | July 31 |
| ◆ Continuing Education Grants | July 31 |



Scholarships & Grants - Foundation Scholarships & Grants Awarded 8-1-2014 to 7-31-2015

- ◆ \$31,130 in scholarships to 136 students in training programs throughout the United States and Canada
- ◆ 22 grants totaling \$3,800 to certificants for certification and continuing education
- ◆ Awarded 160 scholarships, totaling \$37,850



In Appreciation - Previous Fiscal Year Contributions 8-1-2014 to 7-31-2015

American Association of Certified Orthoptists
American Orthoptic Council
Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology
Association of Veterans Affairs Ophthalmologists
Consortium of Ophthalmic Training Programs

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
Local Eye Site
Ray of Hope Eye Care, Inc.
The Canadian Orthoptic Society

Invest in Eye Care Excellence

Please consider making a donation today to invest in Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP). Your donation helps provide program scholarships to students in accredited training programs, and helps provide continuing education and certification grants for AOP who wish to increase their knowledge and advance their careers.

Link: www.jcahpo.org/marketplace/Donation.aspx

The Impact

Scholarship Received

"Thank you for the scholarship voucher. The Foundation's generosity has played an important role in my education in becoming an Ophthalmic Tech. I am truly grateful for the support and financial help." — *Anonymous*

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