

# Foundation Focus Newsletter

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### Scholarship Recipient Testimony

*"Thank you so much! I was not expecting a scholarship voucher to use toward my certification test! I continue to feel supported as I work toward a rewarding career in ophthalmology. I could see my six classmates were equally excited to receive their vouchers!" — M. D., Maple Grove, MN*

*"This scholarship has made a difference for me during the school year because I no longer had to work three jobs to help pay for my school tuition. It has given me more free time/study time so I could focus more on school." — A. V., Morganton, NC*

### Local Eye Site Certification Grant Essays Being Accepted Through Nov. 30, 2018

Visit our website for an application form and instructions at <http://www.jcahpo.org/foundation/scholarships-grants-and-awards-available/>.

### Bianca Blaha Receives Harold A. Stein, MD, FRCS(C) Scientific Paper Prize

The Harold A. Stein, MD, FRCS(C) Prize for Best Scientific Paper is awarded to the author of an original scientific paper on any ophthalmic topic. Bianca Blaha received recognition for her paper, "Fixation Preference and Visual Acuity Testing in Non-Verbal Children," which was published by ATPO in the Fall 2018 Viewpoints magazine. Watch for our next scientific recognition and publishing coming soon!

### Milestone for JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation

The level of cumulative disbursements by the Foundation exceeded one million dollars this fiscal year! Hundreds of deserving ophthalmology students have been helped since 1990 with the generous support of our donors. You DO make a difference with your gifts!

### Elizabeth Affel, CDOS, ROUB, FOPS, Recognized with Virginia S. Boyce Humanitarian Award



The Virginia S. Boyce Humanitarian Award is granted to ophthalmic medical personnel who have made outstanding voluntary service contributions to eye care. This year's recipient is Elizabeth Affel, CDOS, ROUB, FOPS.

Elizabeth was selected as the 2018 Boyce Award recipient in recognition of her many years of volunteerism both here in the USA and abroad. For over 30 years she has volunteered with the Philadelphia Regional Ophthalmic Society, and for the past ten years she has been an Advisory Board Member for the COT program at Camden College. Elizabeth regularly volunteers at the annual Give Kids Sight Day, Wills on Wheels eye screening bus, and the Wills Eye Van glaucoma and school vision screening program. She has traveled to Ecuador and Cameroon, offering her services to the underprivileged. According to Jessica Barr, COMT, ROUB, Elizabeth "embodies everything it means to be a true leader. She gives more than she takes, gives so much, so freely, and so willingly, simply for the good of others and the world."

### GIVING TUESDAY is November 27, 2018

Please consider making a donation during this year's Giving Tuesday. Your gift helps provide scholarships to students in accredited ophthalmic training programs and supports continuing education certification grants for Allied Ophthalmic Personnel who wish to increase their knowledge and advance their careers. To donate online, visit our website and find the convenient online form at <http://store.jcahpo.org/Donation.aspx>.

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