



We are forever grateful for your support.

What we all in the eye care field had hoped would be a celebration of the extra meaning of the year 2020, turned instead into one that tested our strength and showed our resilience. It proves that the importance of the Foundation's mission – to expand and strengthen the delivery of eye care – is ever widening. Helping Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) who have been impacted by COVID-19 is a new need, and along with all others, continues to fuel the passion of the Foundation to support AOP and those who desire to become one.

It is only made possible through the generous support of contributors like you. **Thank you!**

The Loss of an Icon

It is with great sadness we share the passing of Peter Evans, MD, on Thursday, December 17, 2020. Dr. Evans was one of IJCAHPO's (formerly JCAHPO) founding members, a Past President, the first Executive Vice President, and a true champion of technician education. He was also the architect of the Georgetown University Ophthalmic Medical Personnel Training Program in Washington, DC. We are so grateful he was able to celebrate IJCAHPO's 50th anniversary with us in San Francisco, CA, at the 2019 ACE program.



Peter Evans, MD

His family has asked that anyone wishing to celebrate Dr. Evans' life with a memorial donation should give to the JCAHPO Foundation's Peter Y. Evans, MD, Scholarship Fund, or the Marina V. Evans Armstrong, COMT, Memorial Endowment Fund, which honors his late daughter.

Delta Gamma Foundation Grant

Virginia S. Boyce, a Delta Gamma member and our Foundation's Chair for many years, was a tremendous visionary in bringing our Foundations together by recognizing the synergy in missions and ability to achieve important results in vision care. This year, the Foundation received an unrestricted educational grant from the Delta Gamma Foundation to develop and deliver two complimentary webinars on women's health. The first one offered on August 18, titled *Studying Women's Eye Health Across the Lifespan*, was presented by Janine Clayton, MD. The second one offered on September 1, titled *Building Awareness: Women's Eye Health and Safety*, was presented by Eydie Miller-Ellis, MD.

Foundation Annual Report and Initiatives FY 19-20:

Grants

11 certification and continuing education grants were awarded.

2019 Harold A. Stein, MD, FRCSC, Prize for Best Scientific Paper

One first place and two second place prizes were awarded.



Xiaosong (Sonia) Zhu



Wanda Lynn Ottar Pfiefer



Liam Redden

First place: *Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) as an efficient, non-invasive tool for use in differential diagnosis of unexplained pediatric vision loss* by Xiaosong (Sonia) Zhu, COMT, Children’s Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Second place: *Pediatric Electoretinograms: The Diagnostic usefulness of the Electronegative Electoretinogram in Children* by Wanda Lynn Ottar Pfiefer, OC(C), COMT, CO, University of Iowa Hospitals, IA

Second place: *Mechanisms of Dry Eye Disease: Current Understanding, Treatment and Future Direction* by Liam Redden, COA, OSA, Halifax Eye Institute, Nova Scotia

Virginia S. Boyce Humanitarian Award

This award recognizes an ophthalmic assistant, ophthalmic technician, or ophthalmic medical technologist who demonstrates leadership and a commitment to volunteerism and public service, going above and beyond their technical daily duties to do so.

The 2019 recipient was Laura Rafferty-Mazzei, COT, OSA.



Laura Rafferty-Mazzei

The 2020 recipient was Michelle Pett Herrin, COMT, Orthoptist, (F)ATPO.

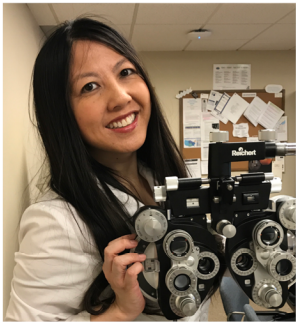


Michelle Pett Herrin

Scholarships

The Foundation awarded over 150 Training Program scholarships in FY 19-20 to support technicians applying for the certification examination(s). The Foundation also awarded four orthoptist scholarships.

The Foundation provided over \$20,000 in support across all areas in FY 19-20.



Hoang N.

“During my days of ophthalmic medical technology schooling, I would go to classes or clinical rotations during the day, and then go to work in the evening and weekends. Finances were always on my mind. Receiving the Budd Appleton, MD, Memorial Scholarship gave me more peace of mind, helped me finish my ophthalmic program, and

allowed me to become a Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist in the end. I am forever grateful for the scholarship.” — Hoang N., COMT, OSC, Past Scholarship Recipient

Fall 2020 ACE Scholarship Campaign

This September, a campaign for AOP who were adversely affected and severely financially impacted by COVID-19 was launched to raise funds for full scholarships to the ACE 2020 Virtual Broadcast 3-Day Program. All eligible AOP who applied received a full scholarship.



Ruben E.

“This scholarship allowed me to learn a lot from ACE. I would not have been able to do any part of the program without it. I have been a COA for many years now. The scholarship allowed me to get my CE credits but also increase my knowledge. Thank you so much for this opportunity.”
— **Ruben E., COA**

Thank you all for your support. It is truly making a difference in the lives of the recipients who greatly benefit from your generosity.

We wish you a happy and prosperous 2021!



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