INFANTSEE STUDENT EVENTS

We have 5 InfantSEE student workshops this fall.

• Midwestern Regional Conference – September 16 in Chicago, IL
• Western Regional Conference – October 7 in Los Angeles, CA
• Three virtual events that will be hosted on EyeLearn

During each of these workshops, a doctor of optometry gives a short educational presentation that includes an overview of the InfantSEE program as well as tips and tricks for pediatric comprehensive vision exams. The educational presentation is followed by a live InfantSEE exam demonstration on an infant. These events are generously sponsored by Johnson and Johnson Vision.

OPTOMETRIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S BLAST FROM THE PAST CHALLENGE

On Wednesday, May 3, the Optometric Historical Society hosted the Blast from the Past Challenge. Four student finalists presented on optometric history topics they were passionate about. The student finalists were awarded cash prizes based on an audience vote. This event was included as a virtual AOA+ event leading up to Optometry’s Meeting® and 535 students were in attendance.

Below are the student finalists that presented and the awards they won:

• First place ($1000 cash prize) – Faye Nie from Southern California College of Optometry presented on Otto Wichterle
• Second place ($500 cash prize) – Trevor Phillips from Indiana University School of Optometry presented on Women in Low Vision
• Third place ($250 cash prize) – Karli Clark from Illinois College of Optometry presented on Bess Coleman
• Fourth place ($100 cash prize) – Jared Denton from Arizona College of Optometry presented on Johannes Kepler

OPTOMETRY’S FUND FOR DISASTER RELIEF

Optometry’s Fund for Disaster Relief has changed the lives of many optometrists by providing immediate financial relief for critical and urgent needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter.

Disasters are unpredictable and can be life-altering; it is our goal to ensure that the fund is always poised and ready to help, so doctors can get back to doing what they do best – providing eye and vision care to their community.

Doctors and students who have property damage to their home or practice can apply for a disaster relief grant at aoafoundation.org/ofdr.

NATIONAL OPTOMETRY HALL OF FAME 2023 INDUCTEES

Since 1998, the National Optometry Hall of Fame has recognized and honored optometrists who are luminaries of the professions — those who have made significant and long-lasting contributions to the optometric profession.

During Optometry’s Meeting® in Washington, D.C., we were able to celebrate the 2023 National Optometry Hall of Fame Inductees. Our 2023 Inductees are Dr. Siu Wong, Dr. Mitchell Scheiman, and Dr. Joseph Shovlin.