

## AOCLE is Hanging at the Beach!

NOVA Southeastern University is looking forward to welcoming AOCLE members to Fort Lauderdale, Florida for next year's AOCLE summer workshop. The team at NOVA has put together an exciting meeting agenda for May 2020. The theme this year is "Keratoconus: What's the Rub?" The agenda will feature dynamic speakers and wetlabs on related topics.

Attendees will be able to spend time not only on the NOVA campus, but also at B Ocean Resort Fort Lauderdale. If you want a sneak peek at the amenities, accommodations, and world famous Mermaid Show, visit the resort website at <https://www.bhotelsandresorts.com/b-ocean-resort>

The meeting is being held during the sea turtle nesting season, the peak of which begins in May. According to the Sea Turtle Conservancy, "about 90% of all sea turtles nesting in the United States takes place on Florida beaches..." So as not to disorient the hatchlings who need to follow their mother to the ocean, beach front properties must dim external lights in the evenings. Fun facts can be found at <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/news/june15/sea-turtles.html>

### Schools with AOCLE representatives:



### Next AOCLE Workshop: May 28–May 31, 2020

*NOVA Southeastern University  
College of Optometry & B Ocean Resort  
Fort Lauderdale, FL*

Arrivals: Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Departures: Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood Int'l Airport

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## **Campus News – Fall 2019**

### ***Illinois College of Optometry:***

Dr. Jan Jurkus retired from ICO as Professor Emeritus this month. She celebrated her “going away” party in Orlando at the American Academy of Optometry Meeting.

Dr. Jennifer Harthan was promoted to Professor of Optometry as of July 1, 2019.

Dr. Harthan and Dr. Sicks teamed up to present another successful GPLI workshop this summer as part of the specialty contact lens course. Highlights included hands-on evaluation of 18 specialty lens patients and a presentation by the sMap team at Visionary Optics.

### ***Southern California College of Optometry at MBKU:***

Jennifer Coyle, OD, MS, FAAO has been named Dean of Optometry at Ketchum. She will assume her new position on December 1, 2019. As many AOCLE members know, Dr. Coyle taught in the contact lens didactic, laboratory, and clinical curriculum for 14 years at Pacific, serving as Dean there for the past 11 years.

### ***Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry:***

Dr. Joshua Baker has been promoted to Vice President and Chief Academic Officer for Pharmacy and Optometry Education. He will oversee both the Midwestern University

Arizona College of Optometry and Midwestern University Chicago College of Optometry.

Dr. Alicia Feis has been promoted to Dean of the Arizona College of Optometry and Dr. Eric Woo has been promoted to Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Grace Liao became a Fellow of the Scleral Lens Education Society in May 2019.

### ***Midwestern University Chicago College of Optometry:***

The CCO contact lens faculty welcomed two new members this summer: Jessica Jose, OD, FAAO, FSLs and Vaki Nadarajah, OD, FSLs (pictured left and right, respectively).



The Midwestern 3<sup>rd</sup> year optometry students have finished their first quarter at the MWU Eye Institute. They also participated in a meet and greet event with local externship sites to discuss more about the practice and clinical experiences.

This past summer, CCO hosted its first Summer Eye Experience (SEE) Program.

This was a three-day program to expose undergraduate students to the Doctor of Optometry degree and offer hands-on labs, discussions, tours and clinical shadowing.



### ***Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences:***

Following a national search, Maryke N. Neiberg, OD, FAAO, Associate Professor in the MCPHS School of Optometry, was appointed Dean effective July 1, 2019.

### ***New England College of Optometry:***

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (Canada Day) NECO welcomed a new Canadian into their midst – Dr. Lance McNaughton started as Associate Professor of the Specialty and Advanced Care Department. The move back to Lance’s alma mater was indeed a big one. After 10 years with Western University, he left his role as Chief of Contact Lens Clinical Services to enjoy living closer to his kids (in Spain) and take on this exciting new position with NECO.

### **Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry:**

After 23 years as Cornea & Contact Lens Chief of Service, Dr. Andrea Janoff will be retiring from her administrative position. She is looking forward to spending more time with students in the CL laboratory and Industry Programs, and being more available for her specialty contact lens patients during clinical care. She will remain the Coordinator for the Primary Care with Emphasis in Cornea & Contact Lenses residency program. Her colleague, Dr. Thuy-Lan Nguyen, a graduate of NOVA's optometric and contact lens residency programs, and instructor of record for the 4<sup>th</sup> year Practice Management course, will take over the Chief position in mid-December.



Dr. Arnie Patrick, a long time course master for ophthalmic optics and contact lens laboratories, has retired from NOVA. In addition to family visits, he will be spending his free time pursuing three main passions: cars, aerospace and sports (he's been a die-hard fan of the New York Jets and Mets since their inception in the early sixties!). He will be missed, as will his many jokes and sarcasm.

### **University of Alabama at Birmingham College of Optometry:**

Following nearly five years of service to the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry, Michael Twa, OD, PhD, FAAO, received the Dean's Distinguished Service Award in 2019. (See also UHCO News)

### **University of Houston College of Optometry:**

University of Houston College of Optometry mourns the loss of friend and colleague, Dr. Judy Perrigin, who passed away suddenly on July 1, 2019. Her husband, Dr. David Perrigin, has requested in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her memory through the Foundation for Education in Research in Vision, UHCO's 501c3 organization. (See also In Memorium)

Michael Twa, OD, PhD, FAAO became Dean of the University of Houston College of Optometry on June 1, 2019.

### **University of Montreal:**

Claude J. Giasson OD, PhD, an expert in corneal physiology, retired from U de Montréal last June, after a successful and distinguished career. His recent work and publications were focused on the cornea's physiological response to scleral lens wear. He pioneered clinical research at the school by initiating an annual scientific meeting, now well established. Dr. Giasson looks forward

to enjoying his other passion (outside optometry) in retirement: playing and composing music. Best wishes are extended.

Dr. Langis Michaud reports that Université de Montréal, École d'optométrie has founded IRLCM (Institut de la Recherche en Lentilles Cornéennes de Montréal) and he will serve as his director. With a focus on clinical research in the contact lens department, the school recently recruited six Masters candidates, one Ph.D student, and one resident involved in clinical research. Additionally he has 5 projects being run by undergraduate students - it is certainly an exceptional year. The group presented results from their most recent work at the American Academy of Optometry meeting and will present again at the Myopia International Congress in Japan, and the GSLs in Las Vegas.

The IRLCM will focus on scleral lenses (ocular physiology, fitting) and myopia management, including participation in a major clinical trial using a soft multifocal lens whose design is based on one created by the U de M team. They will also be involved in the development of a new soft lens material with scientists from the U de Montreal Pharmacy department, funded by a federal government grant (CRSNG).

### **University of Missouri-St Louis College of Optometry:**

Dr. Ed Bennett has retired from UMSL and now maintains the title of Professor Emeritus. A retirement celebration was held during this year's Optometry's Meeting in St. Louis to

commemorate Dr. Bennett's 37 years of service.

### **University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Optometry:**

KYCO is excited to now have all four class years in session. To accommodate a full house, they have opened the Dr. Jerald F. Combs Eye Clinic and added 2 new residency-trained faculty ODs: Dr. Samantha Myers (Cornea & Specialty Contact Lenses), and Dr. Ryan Kern (Primary Care with an Emphasis in Ocular Disease), pictured below left and right, respectively.



Dr. Renee Reeder presented a workshop called "Let's Fit Sclerals" at the BCLA meeting in Manchester, UK earlier this year. Additionally, she was elected to the AOA Contact Lens and Cornea Section Council at Optometry's Meeting in June.

Drs. Donald Egan, Michael Bacigalupi, Crystal Yu, and Ben Konig presented in Beijing China at the first Myopia Control

Institute meeting sponsored by the Bayannaoer D.P.F. Eye Hospital.

Adjunct faculty member, Dr. William Reynolds, serves as the current president of the American Optometric Association.

### **Southern College of Optometry:**

The SCO faculty welcomes Dr. Laurel Roberts (SCO '18). Dr. Roberts completed the Cornea and Contact Lens Management Residency at Illinois College of Optometry in 2019.

### **University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science:**

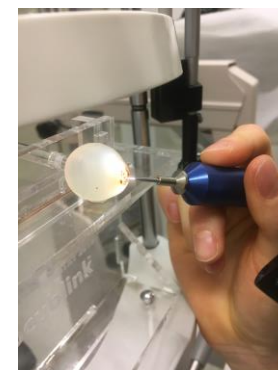
OcuBlink (a CORE-affiliated start-up) has recently created an educational eye model, OcuBall, which replaces animal-based methods for foreign body removal training. It can be used in educational settings to perfect the removal of foreign bodies while eliminating safety concerns related to handling, disposal, and storage of biological tissue



OcuBall comes premade with carbon/mild steel particles inserted on the surface of the eye to provide a realistic, safe, and inexpensive clinical scenario for the practice of foreign body removal.

Over time, the metal pieces can rust, forming a typical rust ring as found in the human eye.

Made of a biocompatible polymer-based material, OcuBall is less costly compared to traditionally sourced animal models, and eliminates concerns of cross-contamination and biological waste. It can be stored in saline for several weeks without spoilage and has no odor.



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## **IACLE**

IACLE had a high profile at the Academy 2019 Orlando/3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress of Optometry Meeting. Presenters included IACLE board and staff: Dr. Shehzad Naroo, Professor Philip Morgan, Dr. Luigina Sorbara, Dr. Etty Bitton, Dr. Janice Jurkus, and Lakshmi Shinde.

IACLE Vice President Professor Philip Morgan was this year's recipient of the Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award from the AAO Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies.

Over 100 new members joined IACLE in the first six months of 2019, more than doubling their target to attract 40 new recruits in the first half of their 40th year. In December they launched a campaign to bring the many valuable benefits of IACLE to even more educators worldwide. As of June 30, 2019, IACLE had gained 102 new members this year to make a total of 869 active members in 79 countries.

IACLE has introduced a new logo for use exclusively by their members for personal presentations and e-signatures. Contact Director of Administration Siobhan Allen at [s.allen@iacle.org](mailto:s.allen@iacle.org) to request the logo. Note that the IACLE brand, including their name and logo, is the sole property of IACLE. Unauthorized use – such as by commercial organizations or events – is prohibited. Anyone desiring permission to use the IACLE name or logo, other than for personal use, should contact Executive Director Bonnie Boshart at [b.boshart@iacle.org](mailto:b.boshart@iacle.org).

## The GP Lens Institute (GPLI)



Join the GP Lens Institute at the 2020 Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLs). GPLI will provide registration for one CL educator from each school of optometry. Save the date for the GPLI Annual Contact Lens Educator

Advisory Luncheon on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Contact [pwitham@clma.net](mailto:pwitham@clma.net) for more information.

The GPLI and CLMA hosted 40 attendees at their 21st annual GPLI Cornea and Contact Lens Resident Symposium at The Ohio State University from August 1-4, 2019. There were 18 CLMA companies represented: ABB Optical Group, AccuLens, Acuity Polymers, Advanced Vision Technologies, Art Optical, Boston Sight, Contamac US, EyePrint Pro, Essilor Contacts, Euclid Systems Corp., Menicon, Metro Optics, Synergeyes, TruForm Optics, Valley Contax, Visionary, Visionary Optics, and X-Cel Specialty Contacts.

The symposium offered 33 hours of lectures and workshops on GP materials, evaluation and fitting, corneal reshaping, contact lens corneal topography application including topography-designed contact lenses, scleral lenses, custom soft and hybrid lenses, presbyopic GP fitting, myopia management, writing for publication, public speaking, and being an effective clinical instructor. Additional topics included GP toric fitting, billing and coding for the irregular cornea, fitting the irregular cornea with corneal GP lenses, and case studies.

### Save The Date:

The 2020 GPLI Cornea and Contact Lens Resident Symposium will be held  
August 6 - 9, 2020  
at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

The Cornea and Contact Lens Residents, educators/speakers and CLMA industry representatives who attended the 2019 event are pictured below.



GPLI.info is your one-stop source for specialty lens education. The website is the access point for downloading or ordering educational resources such as:

- Patient brochures for Scleral Lenses, GP Multifocals, Corneal Reshaping and GP Lens Care and Handling;
- Scleral Lens Care Tips, Application and Removal Cards to instruct patients on scleral lens use
- GP Lens Management Guides
- Toric/Sphere lens calculators
- Conversion charts

Monthly webinars (usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month) are presented by industry leaders, featuring the latest advancements in customized contact lenses. Additionally, over 90 archived webinars are available for viewing. Student webinars are offered quarterly and archived. Students can view the following 2019 archived webinars:

“Return to the Basics on GP Design and Fitting” by Dr. Ed Bennett; “NBEO Part One: Contact Lens Review” presented by Dr. Stephanie Fromstein; “Introduction to Billing and Coding” by Dr. Stephanie Woo, and “Improving Scleral Lens Fitting through Understanding Scleral Shape” by Dr. Jason Jedlicka. Go to [ursula@winkproductions.com](mailto:ursula@winkproductions.com)

## 2020 Global Specialty Lens Symposium

[www.GSLSymposium.com](http://www.GSLSymposium.com)

The 2020 Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLS) continues to be the premier contact lens educational event in the U.S. Hot topics in specialty contact lenses, such as scleral lenses and myopia control, will be featured in the upcoming program, January 22-25, 2020.

Additionally, the International Forum for Scleral Lens Research (IFSLR) will be held just prior to the GSLS meeting on Wednesday January 22, 2020 from 12pm-4:30p (lunch provided), and will conclude with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres hour for arriving GSLS attendees.

## STAPLE Program

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The STAPLE (Soft Toric and Presbyopic Lens Experience) program, a collaborative effort on the part of Alcon, Bausch + Lomb,

CooperVision, and Johnson & Johnson Vision, celebrated its 300th workshop on Friday, May 3, 2019 at the SUNY College of Optometry. STAPLE is very grateful to SUNY, Dr. Libassi and his students for their hospitality, making this milestone an educational and fun day.

STAPLE workshops bring educators and industry together to provide 2nd and/or 3rd year optometry students with generic hands on experience fitting soft toric and soft multifocal lenses on patients in a noncompetitive environment. To schedule an event at your school, please contact the program administrators, Ursula Lotzkat and/or Jill Lopa. Ursula and Jill look forward to working with you toward the common goal of increasing students' confidence level and skill with soft lenses.

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## Industry News – Fall 2019

### Acculens

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The training team at AccuLens had a very busy summer sponsoring Scleral Academy Workshops, providing real hands-on training where actual fittings and follow up evaluations were performed on patients with ocular surface issues. This educational forum has been very successful in giving new, specialty lens fitters practical experience with a myriad of different patient types.

Scleral Academy events and registration are available at [www.acculens.com/scleral-academy-registration.html](http://www.acculens.com/scleral-academy-registration.html)



Scleral Academy Western University Pomona CA

AccuLens welcomed a new Director of Clinical Affairs to the team, Sean Masler, who brings 23 years of medical experience and management to AccuLens. Sean will be focusing on clinical trials and education on the latest innovative advancement in specialty lens products and technologies.



Sean Masler, Director of Clinical Affairs

## Advanced Vision Technologies

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Advanced Vision Technologies' custom lens manufacturing has been enhanced by adding another DAC computerized lathe. Equipped with robotics and special milling tool capabilities, this lathe greatly increases the number of lenses that can be manufactured at AVT; expands the unique parameter capability of their custom lens designs; enables micron level precision; and ensures reproducibility of all prescriptions.

Custom designs include spherical GP, Scleral and Soft lenses made in any base curve, sphere power, toric power and axis; a multifocal lens with a center distance correction; a therapeutic lens; and a prosthetic lens for disfigured eyes. Custom designs are available in all GP approved, Definitive (74% water) Silicone Hydrogel, or Hefilcon A (45% water) hydrogel materials.

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PRECISION1® was designed to address the common reasons why 1-in-5 new wearers discontinue contact lens wear within the first year: poor vision, poor comfort and handling issues. The new lens is currently available for purchase from select Eye Care Professionals and will become more widely available across the U.S. in early 2020. Visit [Alcon.com](http://Alcon.com) to learn more.

## Art Optical

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To explain the simplified diagnostic fitting process of the Ampleye scleral lens, Art Optical has produced a 7-minute instructional video. The video explains the benefits of the 150-micron toric haptic on Ampleye trial lenses, as well as the consistent limbal lift (LLZ) and scleral landing (SLZ) zones. These diagnostic lens features result in the application of just one diagnostic lens for accurate on-eye assessment, which reduces chair time, minimizes patient stress, and leads to more accurate Rx lens orders. In addition to defining the diagnostic set and walking practitioners through the diagnostic assessment steps, the video also explains Ampleye lens construction, adjustments and lens customization options. View the video at <https://www.artoptical.com/ampleyequickfit/>. Pictured below are Erik and Mike at AOCLE 2019:



## Bausch + Lomb Vision Care

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For the estimated 32 million people in the U.S. living with both astigmatism and presbyopia, there have been few readily available soft contact lens options without compromise. That's why Bausch + Lomb recently launched Bausch + Lomb ULTRA® Multifocal for Astigmatism contact lenses, the first multifocal toric contact lens available as a standard offering in eye care professionals' fit sets. The lens combines the company's unique 3-Zone Progressive™ multifocal design with the stability of its OpticAlign® toric design, providing doctors an advanced technology that offers convenient same-day fitting. The company also introduced OcuVite® Eye Performance eye vitamins in July, which help nourish the eye's natural filter. For more Bausch + Lomb news visit: [bit.ly/BauschLombNews](http://bit.ly/BauschLombNews).



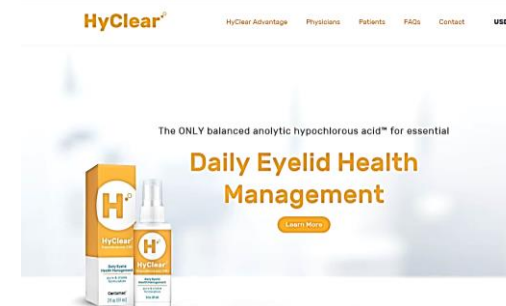
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Contamac is excited to announce their newly updated website for HyClear (balanced anolytic hypochlorous acid™ .01%). Gethyclear.com now features a patient landing page that includes information about the benefits of hypochlorous acid for eyelid hygiene, as well as detailed instructions on how to use HyClear. The updated physicians' page also includes information about HyClear, as well as links to additional educational content.



Class (Contact Lenses of the Americas Specialists Symposium) 2019 will be held November 15-17<sup>th</sup> in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Visit [class-symposium.com](http://class-symposium.com) for information on the program. Special registration rates are available for students and educators, contact Jess Labriola for more information.

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CooperVision featured on Forbes.com

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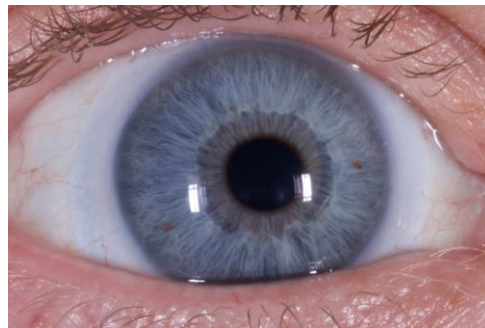
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Onefit MED on eye. Courtesy of Dr. Tom Arnold

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Johnson & Johnson Vision is excited to unveil the first-ever extension of the ACUVUE® brand name beyond contact lenses with the launch of ACUVUE™ RevitaLens Multi-Purpose Disinfecting Solution (MPDS). ACUVUE™ RevitaLens MPDS delivers exceptional disinfection and all-day comfort for reusable contact lens wearers.

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Metro Optics provides eye care professionals with quality custom contact lens designs and expert consultation services to enhance their practices' profitability and improve their patient's quality of life.

By offering a comprehensive line of scleral, corneal GP, and soft lens designs, Metro Optics aims to help you easily manage any refractive error, presbyopia or highly irregular cornea due to surgery or keratoconus. Fit matters when it comes to custom contact lenses, thus Metro Optics makes learning how to fit their custom lenses easy through online videos, workshops and hands-on staff training options. To schedule a custom learning session, contact Metro Optics at 800-223-1858 or send an email request to [info@metro-optics.com](mailto:info@metro-optics.com)

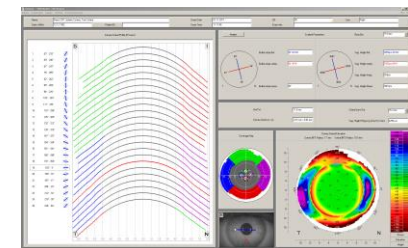
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With the CSP Report, the OCULUS Pentacam® now measures the sagittal height for scleral lens fitting! Unlike other scleral topographers, the CSP scan process is minimally invasive and does not require fluorescein dye added to the patient's eye.



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## Synergeyes

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The successful SynergEyesVS lens, available in Menicon Z, is now offered in Optimum Extreme with Tangible HydraPEG. Since all parameters work independently, most fitters report the need for only 1 trial lens. The partnership with Brien Holden Vision Institute gives Synergeyes an exclusive world-wide licensing agreement to use an Extended Depth of Focus design on their hybrid platform. They are preparing for an alpha launch now, with a national launch in 2020. Additionally, they are in the final stages of a new generation hybrid lens, more personalized to patients, providing greater anatomical alignment.

Finally, regarding their hybrid designs for the irregular cornea, they are in the process of developing a more sophisticated empirical system to design lenses that will include UltraHealth, FC and legacy designs.

**ULTRAHEALTH**  
CONTACT LENSES

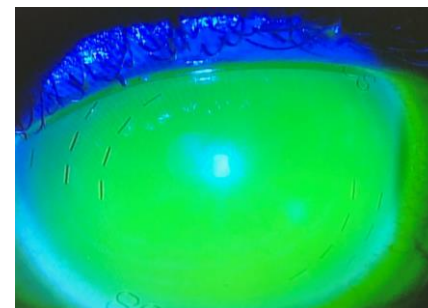
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TruForm recently participated in workshops at several Schools of Optometry, including KYCO, ICO, UIW, UH, and UMSL. They are always excited for the chance to share their DigiForm Scleral lens designs, with built in fitting scales, with the students.



Additionally, in an effort to continue to offer cutting edge technology they have recently added the ALMe with FT3 Edge lathe from DAC, with 3 oscillating tools.

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Valley Contax is happy to announce the winners of the 2019 AOA CS Cup were SCO in 1<sup>st</sup> & UMSL 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to all participants and our co-sponsors, Medmont, TelScreen, Menicon, and the AOSA!



Valley Contax has also added to its irregular cornea design Custom Stable portfolio with the CS Prolate Elite. This lens utilizes a steeper central profile with reduced reverse geometry to achieve more clearance over steep cones while contrjooling clearance over the limbus. Inquire with Jennifer at Valley for sets for your schools.

Valley Contax has overhauled its warranty policies in 2019! We now offer a 6-month warranty to all schools as well as comp shipping, design upgrades and remakes for the entire six months — the 50% discount on the initial lenses you have always enjoyed remains.



## X-CEL Specialty Contacts

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XCel Specialty Contacts recently addressed a need in the contact lens market with its launch of the XRP Toric. This soft lens offers an extended range of sphere powers, from +10.00 to -10.00, in 0.25D steps; cylinder powers up to -5.75D, in 0.50D steps; and axes around the clock, in 5 degrees steps. It is sold in six packs, with diagnostic trials available upon request. The XRP Toric is manufactured in two diameters, 14.4mm and 15.0mm, with the larger lens demonstrating improvement in both patient comfort and lens stability. All of these extended range lenses come with a delivery guarantee which states that any trial or revenue order will leave the manufacturing facility within 5 days or the product is free. Learn more at [www.xcelspecialtycontacts.com](http://www.xcelspecialtycontacts.com) or call 800.241.9312.

## In Memoriam:



AOCLE members were profoundly saddened by the loss of Professor Judy Perrigin, her sudden death occurring shortly after the AOCLE 2019 meeting in Portland. She was a wonderful, caring person with a charming laugh she shared often. Judy was very active in AOCLE, having served on the Executive Committee as Chair and Immediate Past Chair from 2014-2018. Her husband, Dr. David Perrigin, said that "AOCLE was hands down Judy's favorite group of people to go spend time with". Though she struggled with the loss of her beloved son Davey since his death in the spring of 2018, Judy continued to attend the AOCLE summer workshops, finding comfort with her "AOCLE family".

It's difficult to imagine AOCLE 2020 without Judy. The following excerpt from a poem (author unknown) captures the sentiments of her many AOCLE friends:

*If tears could build a stairway  
and memories a lane,  
I'd walk right up to heaven  
and bring you home again.*

Rest in peace dear friend, for you are with  
your son again, but you will be missed.

**Dr. Judy Perrigin – good times at  
AOCLE summer workshops –  
leading, learning, and laughing:**



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