

AACLE 2024

The Team at the Michigan College of Optometry (MCO) is excited to host you in a few short weeks for the 41st Annual AACLE Workshop. Below is a quick overview of events:

Dates: June 6th – 9th, 2024

Topic: Managing Kids with Contact Lenses & More

Thursday: The Executive Board meets with Sponsors starting at 6:00pm. The rest of the attendees and hosts won't wait to start the party/Welcome Reception, which will go from 6:00-9:00pm across the street from the hotel. Dress will be casual, so plan for comfort according to the weather. There will be snacks, with beer and wine for this fun social time.

Friday: The meeting will be held at MCO in Big Rapids, meaning we will be bussing for 1 hour to the school in the morning. We will have CE, Sponsor presentations, and workshop rotations. Dress attire for the day at MCO will consist of Business Casual for the tour of our clinic during operating hours. We will bus back to Grand Rapids for dinner at a nice Italian Restaurant, Bistro Bella Vita.

Saturday: We will be at Grand Rapids Community College a few blocks away from the hotel for the morning events of CE, Sponsor presentations, and the Educators' Business Meeting. Afternoon activities include Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park or an Escape Room.

Schools with AACLE representatives:



2024 AACLE WORKSHOP

Ferris State University

Michigan College of Optometry

Grand Rapids, MI

June 6-9, 2024

The Michigan College of Optometry will be hosting this year's AACLE Workshop in Michigan and have a topic of "Managing Kids with Contact Lenses & More." The MCO Team of Josh Lotoczky, Chad Rosen, and Chris Albright, and resident Helene Pippin, have been working hard to bring you relevant CE content for this meeting, along with helpful workshop rotations, and of course, great food and fun for the weekend!

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Workshop Preview – June 2024

The Michigan College of Optometry (MCO) welcomes attendees in-person to the AOCLE Summer Workshop in Grand Rapids and Big Rapids from Thursday, June 6th through Saturday, June 8th, 2024. This year's theme is "Managing Kids with Contact Lenses & More."

Attendees will receive welcome bags with goodies to make their stay at the Residence Inn Downtown Grand Rapids more comfortable. Having opened in 2020, this location and the various spaces it offers will create a comfortable and enjoyable stay for this year's Workshop. The hotel will supply linens, pillows, soft towels, shampoo/conditioner, and other amenities one typically sees at a hotel. The rooms are spacious and contain a mini kitchenette with a fridge larger than typically seen.

Thursday night will kick off with a tame and quiet reception. Just kidding! Knowing this host, participants will be quick to realize that these are not accurate descriptors of their personalities. The reception will be at the Beacon Corner Bar, located directly across the street from the hotel. This will make it very easy for everyone to join the party after checking into their rooms and getting settled. The time at Beacon will allow for reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones.

The after party will move back across the street to the Residence Inn Downtown Grand Rapids on the main floor where there is a social space and a small outdoor patio. There will be snacks, drinks, and Detroit-style pizza from Jet's, a Michigan staple.

Friday morning will start early (especially if participants run on West Coast time), as attendees will be spending the entire day in Big Rapids at MCO, an hour drive from the hotel in

Grand Rapids. Upon arrival at MCO, the group will take its annual AOCLE photo and then have breakfast. If anyone needs a spritz of caffeine prior to the photo, they are welcome to grab it in the hotel breakfast area in the main lobby before loading the bus. After the photo, breakfast, and a short welcome, the meeting will start off with COPE-approved continuing education from Samantha Rosen, OD (Helen DeVos Children's Hospital). Sponsors will also kick off their presentations in ten-minute rounds so participants may hear the latest industry updates. Lunch will be provided in the MCO Atrium by Pere Marquette Catering and then it will be back into the clinic and lab spaces for the Workshop Rotations.

There will be breaks and snacks throughout the day including a water bottle filling station right outside the lecture room. For the afternoon, attendees will be able to enjoy a tour of MCO, as well as rotations working with the onsite biometry instruments, applying contact lenses on little ones, and performing anterior segment imaging. Once the afternoon events are finished, everyone will load the buses and ride back to Grand Rapids for a nice meal.

Dinner on Friday will be at Bistro Bella Vita – a Modern French & Italian cuisine restaurant a few blocks from the hotel. Participants will enjoy a family-style dinner to build up energy for Saturday's events and may even have a couple of drinks to cool off from what hopefully will be warm weather.

On Saturday, attendees will walk off the dinner from Friday night by holding the morning events at Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC), a few blocks away from the hotel. Breakfast will be provided in the ATC Building Room 168 of GRCC before lectures start. Continuing education presentations from Lauren Fletcher-Morehouse, DO (Helen DeVos Children's Hospital) and Stephanie Ramdass,

OD (EyeCademy) will start the morning, followed by more sponsor presentations. After lunch, the educators will attend the AOCLE Business Meeting, while the sponsors will be excused. Everyone will gather again for activities afterwards in the lobby of the hotel and begin their travel to chosen locations around the city: Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park or an Escape Room located close to the hotel. Others may just spend time on their own to rest, shop, or enjoy Beer City, USA! There will be some time to freshen up before the evening networking event at Founders Brewing Co.

Sunday is reserved for departures. A spreadsheet will be on-site to help coordinate rideshares for those going to the same airport(s) at the same time(s).

The MCO Team is very excited to welcome everyone to Michigan – where the Rapids are Big & Grand (pun intended), the beer is plentiful, and the weather in June is typically incredible.

Campus News – Spring 2024

Illinois College of Optometry:

On Saturday, Dec. 16, ICO hosted a group of visiting practitioners from China who traveled to Chicago to learn more about orthokeratology. ICO's contact lens faculty partnered with Euclid China to provide an advanced orthokeratology training program for the top five winners from across China in a year-long Euclid-sponsored orthokeratology competition. The group spent a day touring in Washington, DC before they arrived in Chicago. The day-long program included lectures as well as a hands-on workshop with live patients. Drs. Jennifer Harthan and Lindsay Sicks developed and delivered the program. Drs. Will Skoog and Marin Nagelberg helped with the hands-on

workshop. Students Wendy Zhang, Catherine Liu, and Yu Ki Chan assisted with translation. Participants were delighted to receive certificates upon completion of the day's activities.



Midwestern University - Chicago College of Optometry:

Drs. Jessica Conroy and Vakishan Nadarajah gave a student webinar for GPLI titled "DED from A to Z: Managing Dry Eye in a Primary Care Setting to Troubleshooting Tips for Dry Eye Specialists" in October 2023.



Midwestern University, Chicago College of Optometry is pleased and excited to welcome Dr. Mitchell Kanellis. Dr. Kanellis completed his

optometric education and received his Doctor of Optometry from The Chicago College of Optometry. He then went on to further his training in cornea and contact lens as a resident at Southern College of Optometry. There he enjoyed opportunities to diagnose and manage various corneal conditions as well as fit specialty contact lenses. When Dr. Kanellis is not in clinic he enjoys indoor rock climbing, hiking, playing the trumpet and spending time with his 2 dogs.



CCO CL faculty had several posters accepted at AAO 2023 including: 2023 AAO: Dr. Jessica Conroy's "The Great Masquerader: A Case of an Atypical Conjunctival Squamous Cell Carcinoma", Dr. Vaki Nadarajah's "Retrospective Study of Progression in Axial Length Among Myopia Control Managements in a Real World Setting", Dr. Danny Deligio's "Performance of Lehtfilcon A Sphere in Current Comfilcon A Sphere Wearers", and Dr. Yianni Gialousakis's "The Effectiveness of VR Slit Lamp in Optometry Education". Great job!

Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry:

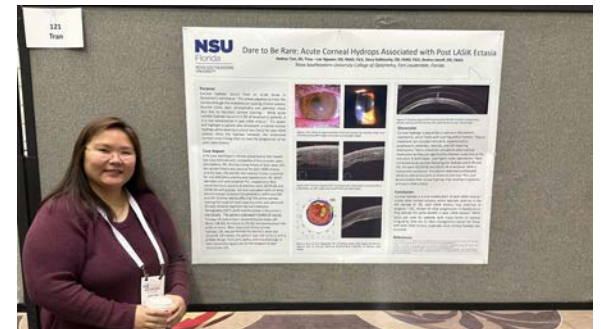
Construction is progressing nicely at the new site of the NSU Oklahoma College of Optometry on the Tahlequah, OK campus. The building is

projected to be completed for occupation in fall of 2025.



Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry:

The number of posters presented at GSLS by NOVA students and residents (8) was the highest in NSUCO's history, thanks in part due to Dr. Thuy-Lan Nguyen's motivational messages. Hoping for an even higher number next year.



Two Contact Lens faculty won teaching awards this year: Dr. Zoe Schinas for "Favorite Professor" from the 3rd year class and Dr. Stacy Zubkousky for "Favorite Preceptor." The honors were announced during the Eye Ball at the Hard Rock Hotel. Congratulations Drs. Schinas and

Zubkousky! In North Miami Beach, the NSU Health Eye Care Clinic moved from its original location to a temporary swing space while awaiting completion of a new facility early this summer.

Southern College of Optometry:



Dr. Michael T Christensen will be celebrating retirement at the end of the Spring semester

The Ohio State University College of Optometry:

On the first day of 2024, The Ohio State University named Karla Zadnik, OD PhD, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost. As Interim Provost, Dr. Zadnik serves as the Chief Academic Officer for the entire university. Accordingly, Jeffrey J. Walline, OD PhD was named Acting Dean of The Ohio State University College of Optometry. When the national search for a provost is completed, Dr. Zadnik will return to the College of Optometry as Dean and Dr. Walline will return to his position as Associate Dean for Research.



University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry:

The UCB faculty is pleased to announce that Dr. Jeffrey Krohn has joined their contact lens clinical faculty! Dr. Krohn is a managing partner in Family Practice Optometry with Dr. Alesha Jensen in Fresno, CA (Fig Garden Village Area). He has served the families of Fresno with complete eye and vision care for over 35 years and has recently stepped into a part-time role in the practice upon taking a position on the clinical faculty at the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry & Visual Science at the University of California, Berkeley. He is a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry, and a Diplomate in the Cornea, Contact Lenses, and Refractive Technology section. He has ascended through all positions of the Section and is currently completing his service as the Immediate Past Chair. He is also a board-certified Diplomate with the American Board of Optometry. As an experienced lecturer, he has given presentations at local, state-wide, and national optometric conferences. Currently, he serves as an “Administrator” for the Vision

Source network – representing the Central California offices. He has also been engaged in clinical research for the contact lens and pharmaceutical industries.



IACLE

The International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE) has announced the opening of registration for its 7th Virtual Conference. The ‘Lifestyle and Ocular Surface’ themed event takes place on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 12 noon – 3 pm UK (BST).

The conference will feature leading authors from the TFOS Lifestyle Reports, who will share their thoughts on the research and discuss how to integrate this information into teaching.

IACLE members can register [here](#). Non-members and students are invited to tune in to the livestream of this event via their [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) accounts.



IACLE membership is comprised of contact lens educators from all eye care professions including optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians and others, as well as industry representatives involved in education. As of January 2021, IACLE has had over 2,700 educators hold membership. Since November 2021, they have 869 active members (624 of these teach at academic institutes) in 79 countries worldwide.

To join IACLE, please visit: <https://iacle.org/membership/>

The GP Lens Institute (GPLI)



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The GP Lens Institute (GPLI) has hit the ground running in the new year, propelled by its dedicated team consisting of Executive Director Dr. Ed Bennett, Associate Director Dr. Tom Quinn, Administrative Director Beth Anderzhon, and the dynamic duo of Special Events Coordinators Ursula Lotzkat and Jill Lopa. But the GPLI doesn't just rely on its in-house experts - it also has the support of a vast network of dedicated professionals across the country and around the world, many of whom are currently serving on program committees. With this valuable team behind it, the GPLI is poised for an impactful and productive year ahead.

In January the GPLI was proud to, once again, support the Global Specialty Lens Symposium meeting in Las Vegas as a gold sponsor. GSLS continually proves to be an ideal occasion for the GPLI to hold its annual in-person Board of Directors, bring together the optometry contact lens educators for an advisory luncheon, connect with professionals and students alike at the GPLI booth, and honor several deserving individuals at the annual GPLI Rising Stars Reception. We are proud to announce that the 2024 Dr. Edward S. Bennett GPLI Educator of the Year Award was presented to the highly esteemed Dr. Jason Jedlicka.



GPLI Educators' Advisory Luncheon Attendees



Left to right: Drs. Ed Bennett, Jason Jedlicka (recipient of the Dr. Edward S. Bennett GPLI Educator of the Year Award), and Tom Quinn

The 26th annual GPLI Cornea and Contact Lens Resident Symposium will be held August 15-17, hosted by Michigan College of Optometry. Like recent years, it will feature several hours of online education and a live webinar prior to the in-person, primarily workshop-based educational program. The Contact Lens Manufacturers Association (CLMA) ambassadors will join once again, providing valuable education and insight to the fitting of various specialty contact lenses.

700+ strong and counting, the GPLI Student Membership enjoys complimentary access to the GPLI Eye Care Professional (ECP) Member benefits such as: webinar archives, *The Advisor by GPLI* educational journal, *GPLI Radio* podcast, free printed materials, presentations from the most recent residents symposium,

coding and billing module, staff training tools, and more! Students can become members by completing the form at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/gplistudentmember>. The GPLI's new Rising Stars Academic Resources Committee has been working on the development of a series of supplemental resources to be available this Fall, which will be provided to every student member, in addition to the ECP member benefits.

As 2024 graduation ceremonies quickly approach, the GPLI is again providing the Dr. Robert Mandell GP Clinical Excellence Award to one graduating student at every School and College of Optometry. This award is presented for outstanding achievement with GP contact lenses. Recipients of this award receive a plaque and a certificate granting them a complimentary fitting set from a sponsoring CLMA laboratory. Winners of the award are to be submitted here: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/CEA2024>.

Coming soon, the following programs will be beneficial to student education as it pertains to GP lenses: the "I Have a GP Wearer in My Chair: What Do I Do?" module is a comprehensive, interactive educational tool pertaining to spherical and toric corneal GP lenses, and GP Eye Rounds will offer concise cases and descriptions of conditions for all areas managed by the fitting of corneal and scleral GP lenses. Also, expect upcoming announcements of a new symposium for new graduates and "Rising Stars" in contact lenses as well as a new school workshop series in a format proven to engage and excite students in the fitting of contact lenses.



Join everyone at the premier Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLs) from January 15-18, 2025, at the Horseshoe Las Vegas! Hosted by the Contact Lens Spectrum, this top-tier international conference will showcase cutting-edge topics in cornea and specialty lenses, featuring posters, papers, workshops, networking opportunities, and breakout sessions.

Take advantage of this opportunity to network with international colleagues from around the world.

Registration is opening soon at www.gslsymposium.com.

STAPLE Program

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The STAPLE (Soft Toric and Presbyopic Lens Experience) program, a collaborative initiative on the part of Alcon, Bausch + Lomb, CooperVision, and Johnson & Johnson, has presented over 600 workshops since its beginning in 2012. The goal of these workshops is to provide 2nd and/or 3rd year optometry

students with generic education that will benefit them through a valuable lens fitting experience in the soft toric and multifocal lens category.

To schedule an event, 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 skills when fitting soft contact lenses.

iCKC Program



The iCKC program is an educational initiative to help optometry students bridge didactic knowledge with the evolving standard of care to optimize keratoconus management. Attendees learn about the continuum of treatment spectrum available to customize optometric care for these patients over their lifetimes.

The program features Module 1: KC Detection, Diagnosis, Monitoring Progression, and Patient Education and Module 2: Surgical Management of Keratoconus. Additionally, Module 3: Case-Based Journey of KC Patient Management and/or a Hands-on Workshop of Diagnostic/Surgical Technologies are available upon request.

For information to schedule contact Dr. Clark Chang or Ursula Lotzkat at info@iCKCeducation.com. This educational initiative is supported by Glaukos.



In addition to the iCKC program for SCO students presented by Dr. Tracy Swartz in March 2024, Dr. Clark Chang also presented “Stop Ghosting Keratoconus Patients - New Era of Wavefront Guided Optics” for the SCO faculty during a Visiting Professor lecture series on the same day as the iCKC student program.

American Academy of Optometry - Cornea, Contact Lens, and Refractive Technologies Section



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The AAO CCLRT Speakers' Bureau allows Diplomates the ability to share their knowledge and expertise with optometry programs and state Academy chapters. Any optometry school or Academy chapter can request a Diplomat speaker on any Section-related topic at no cost to the school.

When planning the 2024-2025 contact lens curriculum, please consider inviting a CCLRT Diplomat to help teach a particular topic during class time and/or present a guest lecture at lunch or in the evening. An email with a list of Diplomates and their potential topics can be emailed to interested parties. Please feel free to utilize all of the expertise available in the CCLRT section to help educate students, residents, and faculty!

Industry News – Spring 2024



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Congratulations to the 9th Annual Optometry Student Challenge winners: Riley Parker, Nhi Nguyen, and Mary Avisado! Be on the lookout for details about the next Optometry Student Challenge and a chance for students to win a \$1,500 travel grant to the Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLs) in Las Vegas and the honor of presenting a poster. Click [here](#) to learn more.

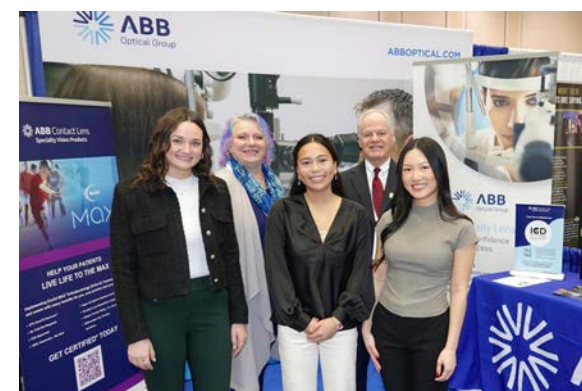
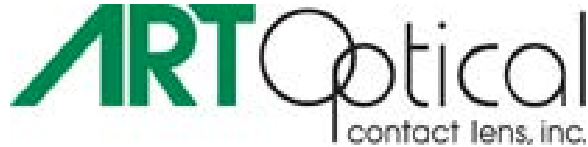


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ABB Optical Group is proud to launch Focus on What Matters Most, a campaign highlighting ABB's mission of managing and mitigating common challenges practices face so they have more time for their patients. Be on the lookout for as more stories are shared from others in the industry on how ABB helps them Focus on What Matters Most. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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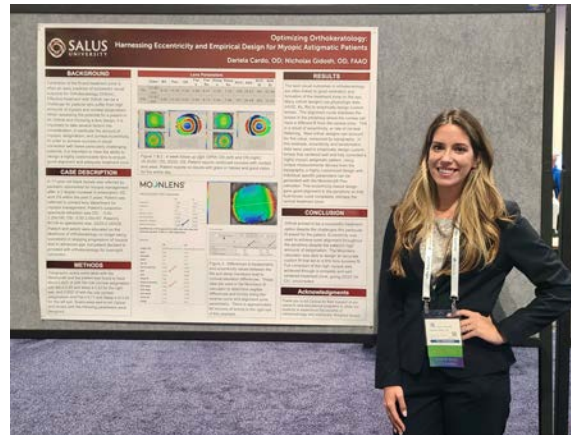
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In partnership with the KATT Design Group, Art Optical launched the KATTCloud™ platform to further support their MOONLENS® Ortho-K Lens. The KATTCloud makes it easy to design, troubleshoot, order and track lenses, offering an efficient digital hub for MOONLENS fitters.

Art Optical awarded \$750 travel grants to Dr. Dariela Cardo (Vision by Design) and MCO 3rd Year students Riley Parker & Tania Styma (GSLs). Dr. Cardo is a PCO resident and co-authored a poster on Ortho-K for Myopic Astigmats with Nicholas Gidosh, OD, FAAO. Ms. Parker & Ms. Styma's cases featured MOONLENS and Ampleye® respectively. Travel grants are still available for 2024 meetings – find details and applications [here](#).



Dr. Cardo with her poster at Vision by Design in Chicago



Pictured with GSLs Travel Winner Riley Parker is Jill Anastos, Art Optical President, and Dr. Bruce Morgan, Art Optical Executive Director of Research and Clinical Support



Pictured with GSLs Travel Grant Winner Tania Styma is Erik Anderson, Art Optical Executive Director of Professional Services, and Dr. Bruce Morgan



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Advanced Vision Technologies (AVT), a leading innovator in manufacturing and customized contact lens designs, announces the recent approval from Bausch & Lomb's VST (Vision Shaping Treatment) for the Naturalens CRL Ortho-K design. AVT is dedicated to pushing the boundaries of technology to enhance the way people see the world. With a commitment to

innovation, quality, and customer satisfaction, AVT strives to provide cutting-edge designs that improve the lives of their customers' patients. A key feature of the Naturalens CRL design is the customizable options for individualized fitting and vision correction. The Naturalens CRL design will revolutionize the orthokeratology landscape, offering wearers a natural and comfortable vision correction option. For more information call 303-384-1111.

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Bausch + Lomb launched its 2024 Academic Consulting Expert (ACE) program, which is designed to educate optometry students, faculty and residents in the U.S. and Canada about the company's latest contact lenses. The program's educational events feature a Bausch + Lomb ACE, an established private practice optometrist, who shares their practical, real-world experience. For the first half of 2024,

Bausch + Lomb ACE's will discuss caring for presbyopic patients, and they will also present the science behind Bausch + Lomb's latest multifocal contact lenses - Bausch + Lomb INFUSE®. Bausch + Lomb looks forward to scheduling these events at U.S. academic institutions throughout the year. For more information on the ACE program and to schedule an event, email Mia Jones (mia.jones@bausch.com).



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Euclid and Visionary Optics (VO) continue to support residents by sponsoring AAO and GPLI events aimed at fostering discussions on networking, career opportunities, and professional growth. VO launches scleral profilometry workshops and new scleral lens educational fitting card (scan QR code to download). Fitting cards can be shipped directly to schools and provide high resolution slit lamp and OCT imagery of scleral contact lenses.

VO continues to provide one-on-one sessions with Dr. Lynette Johns for students and residents to learn about scleral lenses and troubleshoot difficult cases. Sessions can be scheduled through this link:
<https://www.visionary-optics.com/learning-with-ly>

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Johnson & Johnson is supporting the profession by strengthening the patient-doctor relationship through advocacy, serving communities and championing diversity, equity, and inclusion in healthcare. Dr. Charissa Lee, Head of

Professional Affairs, went to Capitol Hill in April to meet with legislators to discuss issues that matter to doctors and patients, including: protecting the patient-doctor relationship, promoting the importance of comprehensive eye exams, honoring prescriptions as written and raising awareness of the myopia epidemic and children's vision issues.

J&J has a dedicated team focused on advocating to improve patient outcomes, strengthen the patient-doctor relationship, and safeguard patient health. J&J is a long-standing Visionary sponsor for AOA and is a founding and leadership member of HCAPS.



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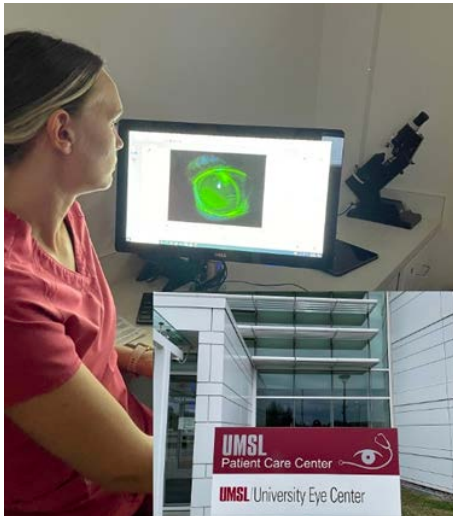
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Hands-on segmented multifocal workshop at UMSL

TruForm Optics has been active with hands-on workshops (Scleral and Multifocal lenses) at several Schools of Optometry, including: UMSL and SCCO/MBKU. TruForm is available to participate in workshops for the schools and colleges of optometry and encourages faculty members to reach out to schedule.

For Spring 2024 TruForm Optics is a proud sponsor of the annual AOCLE meeting. TruForm hopes to see friends and familiar faces in September at CLASS 2024 in Dallas, Texas, and at Vision by Design in October, also in Dallas, Texas! Consultation is always available to faculty and students to answer questions about any of TruForm Optics' specialty lens designs.



SCLERAL program at SCCO/MBKU



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Valley Contax is excited to offer a unique opportunity for students to experience a virtual

manufacturing tour of their state-of-the-art facility. Students will have the chance to see firsthand the precision and care that goes into creating each custom lens, showcasing their dedication to quality and innovation at every step—email education@valleycontax.com to schedule a tour.



Valley Contax recently launched a new website with a user-friendly interface that provides an enhanced user experience with a clean, modern design that is easy to navigate. Visit valleycontax.com to explore.



With student workshops in mind, Valley Contax created the Custom Stable Workshop Fitting Set providing duplicates of the lenses used most often. Contact jennifer@valleycontax.com for more information.



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WAVE Contact Lens System® is excited to commemorate its 25th anniversary this year. WAVE has been fortunate to grow and evolve with the help of innovative users who push the limits of what's possible and create new ways to help patients. Looking forward to the next 25 years, WAVE is excited to announce the most recent updates to the new WAVE software. WAVE is bringing back some much-loved features including the compare screen and an option to customize freeform edges. New features have been included to make life easier, like auto-updater. Version 9.70 will continue to allow users to design amazing lenses that change lives.



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X-Cel has unveiled an exciting truly customizable expansion to their Atlantis Scleral product line. The new line extension features a vast expansion of the current lens options along with truly independent zone manipulation. It offers the ability to independently adjust the central SAG (up to 300 microns in 25 micron steps), quadrant specific landing zone options (up to 300 microns in each quadrant in 25 micron steps) and quadrant specific limbal vault zone options. Two new fitting sets have been designed; a 15.5 diameter 12 lens set for existing set holders, and a 24-lens set for new users containing 14.5, 15.5 and 16.5 diameters. A new comprehensive, yet simplified, fitting guide was introduced with the launch of the lens and can be downloaded here.





Executive Board

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