

AOCLE 2021

The AOCLE Summer Workshop for 2021 was held as a 2-Day Virtual event, hosted by the Ohio State University (OSU) College of Optometry in Columbus, Ohio with the theme of Myopia Management. Big thanks to Nicky Lai, Heidi Wagner, and the entire team at the OSU who helped make our virtual meeting possible.

The AOCLE business meeting included officer elections this year. Dawn Lam (SCCO-MBKU) was elected to the office of Vice-Chair and Pam Satjawatcharaphong (UCBSO) was elected to be our new Secretary. A big thanks to Immediate Past President, Dr. Katie Clore, for her additional year of service amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. We also wish the best to Dr. Beth Kinoshita as she leaves the AOCLE board.

Schools with AOCLE representatives:



2022 AOCLE Workshop:

Live and in-person!
*Nova Southeastern University
College of Optometry
Fort Lauderdale, FL
June 2-5, 2022*

*Please fly into Fort Lauderdale
Hollywood International Airport and
take a rideshare/taxi to BOcean Hotel.*

*Avoid the Miami Airport and be sure to
book your flights at least 6 weeks
ahead of time!*

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A warm welcome to our
three new Communications
Committee members: Keshia Elder,
Dorcas Tsang, and Florencia Yeh!

Workshop Wrap-Up – June 2021

AOCLE 2021 Awards

Lester E. Janoff Memorial Award –

Dr. Judy Perrigin (posthumously)

Lifetime Achievement Award –

Dr. Joel Silbert

Service Recognition Awards –

*Dr. Beth Kinoshita
(Secretary - rotating off)*

*Dr. Katie Clore
(Chair - now Immediate Past Chair)*

Workshop Preview – June 2022

FINALLY! NOVA Southeastern University will be able to welcome attendees IN PERSON to the AOCLE Summer workshop in Fort Lauderdale from Thursday, June 2nd through Saturday, June 4th, with departures expected on Sunday, June 5th, 2022.

This year's theme is "Keratoconus: What's the Rub?" CE lectures will be given by renown ophthalmologists from Miami's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, and wait for it, optometrists from AOCLE's very own members' list!

Participants will be asked to fly into Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport (FLL), and then utilize a rideshare or taxi for the brief drive to the BOcean Hotel. After check in, pick up a goody bag and attend the Welcome Reception where drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. AOCLE award winners will also be announced!

On Friday morning, after a hotel breakfast, buses will depart for the NOVA Health Professions Division (NSU HPD) campus, where photos will be taken, CE lectures and industry presentations given, and lunch served, followed by an afternoon of hands-on events, including a tour of the facilities. After a day on campus, there will be a trip to Shooters Waterfront Restaurant where a buffet dinner with musical accompaniment is planned. Before sunset, a boat ride will commence with a guided tour along the intercoastal waterway, ending with a drop off at the hotel.

Saturday's itinerary contains more exciting CE and industry presentations, followed by the AOCLE Business Meeting and an afternoon break. One may elect to spend a few hours at the hotel pool or private beach (with cabanas!), or visit the International Swimming Hall of Fame, the Aventura Mall in North Miami Beach, or the Hard Rock Casino in Hollywood. On Saturday evening, a bus will take attendees to the NSU Art Museum in Fort Lauderdale, where AOCLE members will enjoy an art exhibit plus regional food, beverages, music, and dancing. There will be a demonstration of salsa and salsa rueda dancing by

professionals, so bring those dancing shoes! After a night of fun and networking between educators and industry reps, the meeting will come to a close.

Sunday departures will once again require rideshares to get from the hotel to FLL airport.

To learn more about the hotel amenities, accommodations, and world-famous Mermaid Show, visit the resort website at <https://www.bhotelsandresorts.com/bocean-resort>.

Please note that sea turtle nesting will be in progress, and "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." Additional information can be found at <https://www.visitflorida.com/travel-ideas/articles/outdoors-nature-florida-beaches-to-see-nesting-sea-turtles/>

Campus News – Fall 2021

Illinois College of Optometry:

Dr. Elyse Chaglasian has been appointed Associate Dean for Faculty. She continues to teach in the Cornea Center for Clinical Excellence specializing in dry eye, as well as in the didactic program's anterior segment and ophthalmic laser courses.

This past August, ICO's Cornea and Contact Lens team hosted the in-person

GPLI Workshop for the 2021-2022 Cornea and Contact Lens Residents. The event was a huge success and much credit goes to Dr. Jenn Harthan for her organizing and leadership skills! The ICO crew was very grateful for the chance to host, arrange patients, and present some education to the residents along with seeing our GPLI/CLMA friends in person again!

Drs. Chelsea Bradley (ICO), Lindsay Sicks (ICO), and Andrew Pucker (UAB) published "Common ophthalmic preservatives in soft contact lens care products: benefits, complications, and a comparison to non-preserved solutions" in *Clinical Optometry*.

Drs. Jennifer Harthan and Lindsay Sicks presented "Rapid Fire: Clinical Pearls for the Management of Ocular Surface Disease with Scleral Lenses" at the American Academy of Optometry Meeting in Boston along with Drs. Ellen Shorter and Tiffany Andrzejewski. The lecture was also chosen for presentation at the Academy's "Best of Boston" virtual CE series.

Indiana University School of Optometry:

Dr. Jason Jedlicka was named the 2021 GPLI Practitioner of the Year. He currently serves as Chief of the Contact Lens Service at IUSO.

Midwestern University Chicago College of Optometry:

Dr. Vakishan Nadarajah published "Case Report: Modified Piggyback System to Treat Peripheral Iridotomies and Degenerative Myopia" in the May 2021 issue of *Optometry and Vision Science*.

Dr. Elizabeth Wickware has joined the contact lens department as a clinical adjunct faculty member.



Dr. Wickware

Dr. Yianni Gialousakis completed a Master of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also earned his AAO Diplomate in the Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies Section in October 2020.

Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry:

Dr. Sydni Davis Farhat joined the AZCOPT faculty as an Assistant Professor in July 2021. Dr. Davis is a 2020 graduate of UMSL and completed her Cornea and Contact Lens residency at AZCOPT. She will be working in the Specialty Contact Lens and Primary Care clinics in addition to lecturing and assisting in labs in the Methods curriculum.



Dr. Davis

AZCOPT has formally created a myopia management clinic and has seen a significant increase in myopia management referrals from the surrounding community.

Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry:

Linda S. Rouse, OD, MBA, FAAO is the new Dean at NSUCO, succeeding David Loshin, OD, PhD.



Dr. Rouse

Dr. Rouse, an ICO graduate, residency trained in Primary Care and Ocular Disease, was hired at NSUCO in 2003 as Assistant Professor and Chief of Optical Services. She was promoted in 2005 to Chief Operations Officer of The Eye Care Institute and subsequently to Assistant Dean for Finance and Operations, before serving as Interim Dean during the '20- '21 academic year, and then as Dean since July. The transition has been seamless, and the faculty wish her the best!



Dr. Victor

Dr. Crystal Victor joined the faculty in July, after completing both the Optometry and Residency (Primary Care with Emphasis in Cornea & Contact Lenses) Programs at NSUCO. Some of her many accomplishments were receiving the highest NBEO Part I score in her class, graduating with honors, and receiving the "Favorite Resident" award from OD students. She is currently working as a Clinical and Laboratory instructor in Contact Lens. She is a welcome addition to the CL Faculty/Family at NOVA SE.



Dr. Willeford

Dr. Kevin Willeford was awarded the 2021 BSK Research Fellowship, "in collaboration with AAOF", to fund his study, "Do non-strabismic individuals use slow fusional vergence to stabilize binocular alignment across gaze positions?" His NSUCO colleagues are very proud of their relatively new faculty member.



Dr. Linda Rouse presenting Dr. Chandra Mickles with a plaque at her Farewell Party.

Dr. Chandra Mickles has accepted a position at Johnson & Johnson Vision (see Industry News for more details). After six years at NSUCO teaching the Didactic and Laboratory CL II courses, acquiring grants for multiple research studies, developing and directing the Dry Eye Care Center, and winning awards for teacher of the year, Chandra has left academia for industry with her love of teaching firmly intact. She has been, and will continue to be, missed!

Pacific University College of Optometry:

Dr. Beth Kinoshita continues as PUCO's Associate Dean of Academic Programs, but is now working remotely! The College will likely begin a search for her successor next year.

Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University:

Dr. I. William Collins, OD '47, recently established the I. William Collins OD, FAAO, Contact Lens Science Award. The award is designed for students who rotated through the Contact Lens track and showed exceptional case management skills, which includes the clinical examination, design, fitting, and troubleshooting of specialty contact lenses.

SUNY College of Optometry:

Under the supervision of Dr. Sharon Park Keh, SUNY College of Optometry graduated the first group of Cornea and Contact Lens micro-credential Students (Class of 2021).

Current 4th year Cornea and Contact Lens micro-credential student (Class of 2022), Melody Kordnaji, won the CooperVision Best Practice Student Scholarship.



(L-R): Dr. Sharon Keh, Melody Kordnaji, and College President Dr. David A. Heath.

This past September, SUNY hosted an in person STAPLE Multifocal Workshop for the Class of 2023. The event was a huge success and included 95 students, 18 patients, and 8 preceptors.



SUNY's in-person 2021 STAPLE Workshop

University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry:

Dr. Andrew Pucker has achieved Fellowship in the British Contact Lens Association (FBCLA).

On September 16, ASCO staff and University of Alabama-Birmingham School of Optometry (UABSO) faculty, including AOCLE member Dr. Keshia Elder, highlighted the career of optometry as part of the Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) year round webinar series. The webinar titled, "Find your Charge Through a Career in Optometry," includes five faculty members

from UABSO who showcased how optometry is a stimulating and rewarding career and also highlighted the various types of practice modalities such as private practice, military and academia. The last part of the webinar was dedicated to general admissions information about applying to optometry school.

University of California Berkeley Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry and Vision Science:

The faculty would like to congratulate Dr. John Corzine who retired in the summer of 2021 after 26 years of service and will be awarded Emeritus status. They thank him for his mentorship of their optometry students, especially in the area of contact lens education!

Additionally, they thank Dr. Corzine for his contributions as AOCLE treasurer for many years. Known to many as "JCC," Dr. Corzine has been a fixture at UC Berkeley Optometry and is beloved by his students and colleagues. He was one of the first friendly faces the incoming students saw, and one of the last to say a cheerful goodbye and good luck at graduation. He will be truly missed!

Primary Care and Contact Lens Resident Dr. Liandra Jung was named this year's recipient of the Bert C. and Lydia M. Corwin Contact Lens Residency Award. Dr. Maria Liu, Chief of Myopia Control Clinic at UC Berkeley said, "Dr. Jung is a stunning clinician, with great potential in translational

research and teaching. I have no doubt that she will excel in any setting of her choice.”

Berkeley Optometry has also welcomed Dr. Ruth Shoge as Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging.

University of Houston College of Optometry:

Dr. Anita Ticak, Associate Clinical Professor, was awarded the 2021 Cora and J. Davis Armistead Teaching Excellence Award from the UHCO. Dean Michael Twa said, “Her focus on evidence-based clinical practice and clinical reasoning have become foundational elements in our curriculum and strengthened our program. It is wonderful to see her contributions recognized by her peers. Her dedication to building national board examination reviews and workshops for our students have steadily increased their performance over the last several years. Dr. Ticak is an exceptional educator and deserving of this honor.” Established in 1999 to honor excellence and innovation in the classroom, the Cora and J. Davis Armistead Faculty Teaching Award honors recipients with a plaque of recognition and \$5,000.

Dr. Jan Bergmanson received the 2021 VCS Visionary Award, presented to an individual, institution or organization for exceptional contributions in groundbreaking efforts and/or innovation in eye health and vision care. The award recognizes those who have

displayed commitment and dedication to vision.

University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry:

Congratulations to Dr. Sandra Fortenberry, who was named Dean of UIWRSO. Dr. Fortenberry will assume her new position on June 1, 2022. She joined RSO in the Spring of 2010, as part of the founding faculty. She is currently the Assistant Dean for Professional Advancement and an Associate Professor.

Université de Montréal School of Optometry:

“Back-to-school” had a special meaning this year as students from Université de Montréal School of Optometry were allowed to head back to campus. Several safety measures will be enforced at least throughout the fall semester, and the gradual return will give students the chance to break the isolation and have the energy they need to complete their education.

EOUM did everything they could to make students feel confident as they embarked on their journey to become optometrists. After a passionate and inspiring speech from the Director, Dr. Langis Michaud, the freshmen got a VIP tour of the School.



IACLE

Dr. Lindsay Sicks (ICO) was invited to present on behalf of IACLE at the World Council of Optometry’s “Eyes Around the World: A Global Day of Learning” on November 20, 2021. The 1-hour lecture presentation was titled “Avoiding Common Orthokeratology Mistakes.”

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. They currently have 869 active members (624 of these teach at academic institutes) in 79 countries worldwide (as of 30 November 2021).

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

The GP Lens Institute (GPLI)



GPLI is excited to announce the hiring of a Development and Marketing Coordinator. Elizabeth “Beth” Anderzhon began her responsibilities on October 1st.

Beth has a long history in graphics and creative projects. She most recently served in the position of Creative Lead for Nebraska Recycling Council in Lincoln, Nebraska. She received her Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

She will help spearhead the GPLI’s development program as well as assist in most GPLI activities, including the newsletter, social media, and special projects.

As has been the tradition for many years, The CLMA and the GP Lens Institute are Gold Level Sponsors of GSLS 2022. One Contact Lens Educator faculty member from each school or college of optometry in North America will receive complimentary registration to attend. Please pass along the information to the appropriate person at your school and let Ursula

(ursula@winkproductions.com) and Beth Anderzhon (beth@gpli.info) know who will be using the complimentary registration.

Please also join the GPLI for the following events at GSLS 2022:

Educator Luncheon

(open to all optometry educators)

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Noon to 1:15 PM

Dr. Bennett & Beth Anderzhon

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Rising Stars Reception

(open to all optometry educators and residents)

Saturday, January 22, 2022

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Exhibit Hall

Visit their Booth 315-317

Monthly webinars (usually the 3rd Tuesday of the month) are presented by industry leaders, featuring the latest advancements in customized contact lenses. Additionally, over 95 archived webinars are available for viewing at <https://www.gpli.info/webinars/>

Global Specialty Lens Symposium

www.GSLSymposium.com

The 2022 GSLS is going to be back in Las Vegas after pivoting to virtual for 2021! The leading national contact lens conference in North America, brought by Contact Lens

Spectrum, will be held from January 19-22, 2022 at Bally’s Las Vegas.

The 2022 in-person event once again promises to be the premier contact lens educational event of the season. Hot topics in cornea and specialty lenses, such as scleral lenses, specialty soft lenses, and corneal surgery, will be featured in the upcoming program.

Registration and agenda details can now be found on the GSLS website. Several AOCLE members and friends are scheduled to present, including: Dan Fuller, Louise Sclafani, Jeff Walline, Jennifer Harthan, Matt Lampa, Jason Jedlicka, Sharon Keh, Ed Bennett, Nicholas Gidosh, Stephanie Fromstein, Pat Caroline, Randy Kojima, and Eef van der Worp.

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 Vision, has presented over 300 workshops bringing educators, students and industry together.

Even though the pandemic put many workshops on hold in 2020 and 2021, STAPLE was able to virtually work with schools to provide 2nd and/or 3rd year optometry students with experience fitting soft toric and soft multifocal lenses. STAPLE programs continue to be offered virtually, or, when convenient, in an in-person format.

To schedule a virtual or in-person event, contact the program administrators, Ursula Lotzkat and/or Jill Lopa.

Industry News – Fall 2021



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At ICSC '21, AccuLens launched its new, most advanced scleral design, the Maxim 3D. This free-form design flawlessly mimics the shape of the cornea and the asymmetrical shape of the sclera, 360°. It is available by trial fit or empirically via ESP or CSP data transfer. Lens designs are calculated and interpreted to the micron for a precise fit. The Maxim 3D has four sections that can be arranged at any angle on the haptic, allowing total control over the

fit. The free-form change starts 1mm inside the limbus. This advanced geometry Contour Enhanced Landing (CEL) allows accuracy in the vault from the cornea onto the sclera. Maxim 3D is without design limitations, offers efficiency for practitioners, and is available with Multifocal options, AccuVault, and HD optics for higher-order spherical aberrations.

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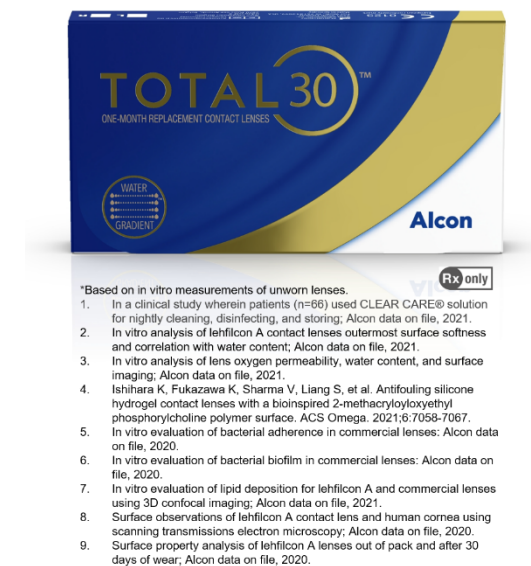
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Alcon recently launched TOTAL30®, the first-and-only monthly replacement, Water Gradient contact lens that feels like nothing, even at day 30.¹ Alcon capitalized on its proprietary Water Gradient contact lens material first introduced with DAILIES TOTAL1® to provide a reusable lens that approaches 100% water at the surface so all that touches the eye is a gentle cushion of moisture.^{2,3*} This design is made possible by CELLIGENT® Technology, which combines a biomimetic surface and a unique lens chemistry to help resist bacteria and lipid deposits.⁴⁻⁷ The Water Gradient surface of TOTAL30 is durable and remains intact during a full month of wear with daily

cleaning, disinfecting and storing.^{8,9} The lens is compatible with all lens care solutions. Visit: <https://total.myalcon.com/>



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Art Optical welcomes Dr. Stephanie Schumacher, the current Cornea and Contact Lens Resident from the Michigan College of Optometry. As an MCO residency program sponsor for the past 18 years, Art Optical provides residents the unique experience of shadowing the specialty lens consultation and design experience for several hours each week. Due to the volume of custom lens fits that they are involved in during their time at the lab, past residents have had high praise for the vast amount of learning attained during this part of their residency.

So far this year, Art Optical has also participated in or sponsored specialty lens training at Indiana (pictured on the left), Midwestern (AZ and IL), NECO, NOVA SE, NSUOCO, Pacific, KYCO (pictured on the right), PCO, SUNY, and UAB.



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In July, Bausch + Lomb expanded parameters for its Bausch + Lomb ULTRA® Multifocal for Astigmatism lenses, which include -2.25D and -2.75D cylinder powers. Available as a standard offering, the lenses give eye care professionals broader availability to fit patients with astigmatism & presbyopia.



The American Business Awards honored Bausch + Lomb INFUSE® SiHy daily disposable contact lenses for their exceptional comfort & long-lasting moisture retention. Designed with a next-generation material and ProBalance Technology™, INFUSE® helps maintain ocular surface homeostasis to aid in minimizing symptoms of contact lens dryness.

Finally, preservative-free Biotrue® Hydration Boost Lubricant Eye Drops are naturally inspired to match healthy tears & provide instant moisture to dry, irritated eyes. They are also soft contact lens friendly.



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CooperVision is in its 7th annual search for the nation's 2022 *Best Practices*. The program celebrates the innovative ways that eye care practices deliver exceptional patient care and advance the profession.

All U.S. practices currently fitting any brand of contact lenses are eligible to apply. Applicants are encouraged to share their personal insights and experiences in the following categories:

- Industry Advancement
- Community Impact
- Patient Experience
- Specialty Services
- Team Building

Applications can be submitted at www.coopervision.com/practitioner/best-practices/ and will be reviewed by a panel of judges including previous honorees, industry experts, and CooperVision leaders. The 2022 Best Practices will be announced early next year.

For more information visit <https://coopervision.com/practitioner/best-practices>



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CooperVision Specialty EyeCare (SEC) develops, manufactures, and improves

access to their unmatched portfolio of life-changing specialty contact lenses worldwide. In North America, Blanchard and Paragon have been integrated into one within SEC.



Dr. Siergey

SEC has recently welcomed Justine Siergey, OD, FSLs as Manager of Professional Affairs – Irregular Cornea, bringing with her a wealth of experience in specialty lens clinics with a strong focus on scleral lenses.

Student Lenses: Paragon CRT® and OneFit™ MED scleral lenses are complimentary for optometry students.

Student Excellence Award: Program participants can earn a complimentary diagnostic fitting set. Download the program forms and documentation here: <https://bit.ly/3mo6h8T>



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Dr. Chandra Mickles Joins J&J Vision to Lead Professional Education Efforts in Myopia



Dr. Mickles

J&J Vision shares that Dr. Chandra Mickles OD, MS, FAAO, FSLs has been appointed to the newly created position of North America Professional Education Lead, Myopia. Dr. Mickles is a recognized leader in

eye care and has had a career dedicated to professional education, patient care, and research in contact lenses. Prior to joining Johnson & Johnson Vision, Dr. Mickles had a very successful career in academia and has been recognized by national optometric institutions and organizations for the important role she played in contact lens education. In this new position, Dr. Mickles will work to further strengthen Johnson & Johnson Vision's education efforts to empower and train professionals about Myopia.



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NIDEK Inc., in partnership with Medmont, is now offering the Medmont meridia™ Pro and Classic Advanced Corneal Topographer models to U.S. eye care professionals.

The Medmont meridia™ raises the bar on Medmont's 20-year legacy of precision and performance that began with the company's E300 corneal topographer. The meridia™ extends the E300 performance by combining it with premium anterior, fluorescein imaging and videos, including OrthoK NaFI Video. Other new features include scleral lens simulation, an array of dry eye evaluation options and detailed meibography. The versatile Professional

model allows a user to access proven dry eye grading scales and insightful patient reports.



Learn more about the meridia™ Pro and Classic corneal topographers by visiting:
<https://usa.nidek.com/meridia>.



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The new OCULUS Myopia Master® has received the 510(k) clearance from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Ushering in a new era, the OCULUS Myopia Master® is the world's first device to combine the important measurement methods of axial length, refraction values, and the central corneal radii.



The quick, contactless, and extremely accurate measurement method for axial length is not influenced by the accommodation status of the eye and delivers reproducible results.

The new Myopia Master® saves space and can be mounted on a workstation or an ophthalmic table. The software is operated directly via the inbuilt display.

Find out more at
www.myopia-master.com/us or contact your local OCULUS representative.



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SynergEyes has released 8 videos highlighting insights, tips, and successes from SynergEyes iD practitioners to their peers. The ODs answered a variety of questions about the individually designed lens for astigmats and presbyopes such as:

- [How Do You Select Patients for SynergEyes iD?](#)
- [How Do You Present SynergEyes iD to Your Patients?](#)
- [How is the Fitting Process Streamlined with SynergEyes iD?](#)
- [How Do You Conduct Application & Removal Training for SynergEyes iD?](#)
- [What is it Like Ordering SynergEyes iD Empirically?](#)
- [What's Your Favorite SynergEyes iD Moment?](#)
- [What Advice for Colleagues Do You Have Regarding SynergEyes iD?](#)
- [How Does SynergEyes iD Improve Your Practice?](#)

The SynergEyes iD videos are available through the "Highlights" section at

SynergEyes.com/Professional, as well as [here](#).



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TruForm Optics is excited to share that they have been able to resume in-person workshops with students from many schools of optometry including KYCO, UMSL, and NSUOCO. They would like to thank the Contact Lens Faculty at the schools for providing a safe environment, enabling hands-on work with their specialty GP lenses. The consultants at TruForm Optics enjoyed networking with educators at the AAO' 21 meeting in Boston and look forward to further discussions at

future conferences, particularly the upcoming GSLS '22 in Las Vegas, on how they can best support the schools' contact lens programs.



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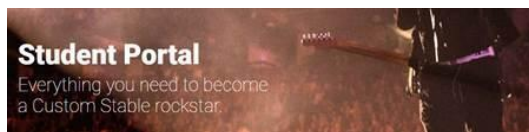
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Valley Contax had the pleasure of hosting their 8th Annual Residency Summit in July 2021. They invited the 20-21 Cornea and Contact Lens Residents to join them for a weekend of education and fun in beautiful Willamette Valley, Oregon. Valley looks forward to the 9th Annual Residency Summit to re-connect and welcome the current residents to their new manufacturing facility!



With Valley Contax's ongoing commitment to education, they have launched a student portal page on their website. Students now have more resources to enhance their knowledge of scleral lenses and corneal GPs. Valley encourages educators and students to visit <https://www.valleycontax.com/student-portal/> to sign up for one-on-one education, watch

training videos, view the photo library, and find helpful charts and forms.



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New to X-Cel's myopia management category is the innovative REMLens®, a highly adjustable, yet easy-to-fit orthokeratology design for the management of myopia. REMLens® offers unique fitting simplicity and revolutionary adjustability, boasting an 89% first fit success rate*. Everyone, from novice to expert orthokeratologists, will appreciate the adjustability beyond what other orthokeratology designs offer. X-Cel's expert consultation team is happy to guide practitioners through the entire REMLens® fitting process! Please reach out to Tony Caporali via [email](#) for personalized training for the individual practice. Visit their [website](#) to learn more about REMLens®, Rapid Eye Molding.

*Data on file.

In Memoriam

Ms. Linda Glover



*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.*

-Mary Elizabeth Frye

Linda Glover was a long-time employee of X-CEL Specialty Contacts, joining Walman Optical shortly after graduating from high school. She spent many wonderful years as X-CEL's Optometry School Liaison, hosting lunches, dinners, and contact lens workshops for students and faculty at

several North American schools and colleges of optometry.

She particularly enjoyed her winter trips to Florida (NOVA SE) and Puerto Rico (IAUPR) for the respite they offered from the winter weather in Atlanta. She looked forward to networking at AOCLE summer workshops; seeing her friends in education and industry at that venue was special, she often said.

In 2013, Linda became the National Sales Director and her travels expanded. While she had a wonderful work ethic, she also knew how to enjoy herself. She took pleasure in the simple things, like fine wine with gourmet (or not so gourmet) meals.

Ms. Glover was happily married to her soulmate, Kevin, until his untimely death in 2005. About five years ago at a relatively young age, Linda retired to spend quality time with her family, including her beloved dog. Sadly, she passed away a few months ago after a brief illness - way before her time.

Linda is appreciated, not only for her many contributions professionally, and enhancing our contact lens programs whenever possible, but also for her wonderful personality. No one was a stranger while in her presence.

Linda, it was our pleasure to have known you. You will be missed. Rest in peace, our dear friend.



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