

Schools with AOCLE representatives:



*Nova Southeastern University
College of Optometry
Fort Lauderdale, FL
June 2-5, 2022*

Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry in Ft. Lauderdale hosted this year's AOCLE titled, "**Keratoconus: What's the Rub?**" The team of Nova contact lens faculty, staff, and students, led by Dr. Andrea Janoff worked hard to provide excellent continuing education, sponsor updates, and hands on events. Despite weather challenges keeping everyone on their toes, attendees were able to salsa in their dancing shoes at the NSU Art Museum in Fort Lauderdale.



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Workshop Review – June 2022

NOVA Southeastern University welcomed attendees IN PERSON to the AOCLE Summer workshop in Fort Lauderdale from Thursday, June 2nd through Saturday, June 4th, 2022.

This year's theme was "Keratoconus: What's the Rub?" CE lectures were given by renowned ophthalmologists from Miami's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, and optometrists from AOCLE's very own members' list, coordinated by Dr. Stacy Zubkousky.



Participants flew into Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport (FLL), and attended the Welcome Reception at 6:30 PM at the BOcean Resort where drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres were served. [AOCLE award winners](#) of 2022 were also announced!

On Friday morning, after a hotel breakfast, buses departed for the NOVA Health Professions Division campus, where photos were taken, CE lectures and industry presentations were heard, and lunch was served. We then had an afternoon of hands-on events, including a tour of the NSU facilities. A buffet dinner was accompanied by music at Shooters Waterfront restaurant.

Saturday's itinerary contained more exciting CE and industry presentations, followed by the AOCLE Business Meeting and an afternoon break. Afternoon networking activities included spending a few hours at the hotel pool or visiting the Aventura Mall in North Miami Beach. A bus took attendees to the NSU Art Museum in the evening, where AOCLE members enjoyed an art exhibit plus regional food, beverages, music, and dancing. There was also a demonstration of salsa and salsa rueda dancing by professionals! The meeting came to a close after a night of fun and networking between educators and industry sponsors.

Campus News – Fall 2022

Arizona College of Optometry - Midwestern University:

Dr. Grace Liao has been promoted to Associate Professor.

Dr. Sydni Davis Farhat became a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry in San Diego.

Illinois College of Optometry:

ICO welcomes Dr. William Skoog to the family. Dr. Skoog most recently served as our Cornea and Contact Lens and Ocular Disease Resident for 2021-2022. He joins the faculty as a Clinical Instructor and will be helping teach the Anterior Segment I and Contact Lens I courses. We are excited to have him join the faculty!



Dr. William Skoog

Dr. Stephanie Fromstein has resigned from her position at ICO. We wish her all the best with her new baby!

Dr. Lindsay Sicks was named Residency Supervisor for the Cornea and Contact Lens Residency program at ICO.

MCPHS School of Optometry:

After a long career in academia, Dr. Louis Frank has decided to retire from fulltime teaching. He'll continue educating the interns at MCPHS School of Optometry as a clinical adjunct one day per week. We all wish Lou the best as he finally has more time to spend with his grandchildren!

Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry:

Dr. Crystal Victor has accepted the position of Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging -- The mission is to "provide strategic leadership and oversight for the college's diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging initiatives to strengthen our approach to a culture that creates a working and learning environment where people feel comfortable working, teaching, and learning together collaboratively and effectively."

The Contact Lens I didactic and lab courses were recently moved from the OD3 to OD2 curriculum in anticipation of students fitting cosmetic soft lenses earlier in their clinical program. Currently, all non-specialty and specialty lenses are fit during the OD4 in-house Cornea & Contact Lens rotation, however, the goal is to have primarily specialty lenses reserved for the OD4 rotation. [Dr. Schinas](#), the Instructor of Record for CL class and lab, has integrated her own videos into teaching and provides students with prerecorded videos of herself working out various problems sets.



Dr. Schinas



The AOCLE planning committee welcomed attendees in person to the AOCLE Summer workshop in Fort Lauderdale from June 2 to June 5, 2022.

University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry:

[Jason Nichols, OD, MPH, PhD](#) was honored for optometric research and innovation.



Dr. Nichols

University of Missouri at St. Louis College of Optometry:

UMSL College of Optometry welcomed its new Dean, [Keshia Elder, OD, MS, FAAO](#). The appointment began September 1, 2022.

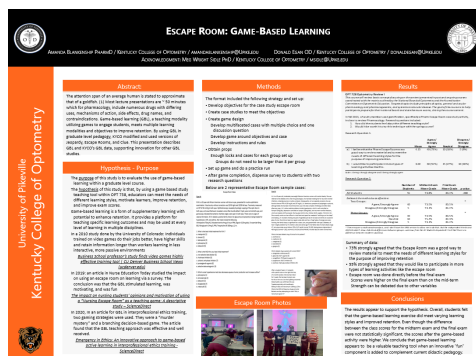
Julie DeKinder, OD, FAAO, FSLs became Vice Chair of the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education in July 2022. Additionally, she became Associate Dean of Academic Programs at UMSL in fall 2022.

Vinita Henry, OD, FAAO was recently appointed Associate Dean of Clinical Operations.

Jessica Tu, OD, FAO was named Chief of Contact Lens Services. Carl Kramer, OD, FAO, FSLs was named as the new coordinator for the Cornea and Contact Lens Residency. Both stepped into their new roles on November 1, 2022.

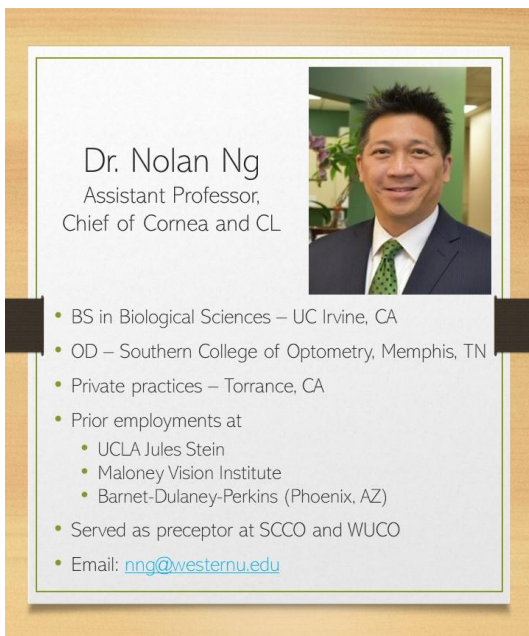
University of Pikeville—Kentucky College of Optometry:

The COVID pandemic challenged educators to create effective methodology to teach and engage students. The Kentucky College of Optometry innovatively utilized gaming or gamification as a supplementary learning tool. To date, in addition to Turning Point and Kahoot, various courses at KYCO have modified and used versions of Hedbanz, Jeopardy, Pyramid, Wheel of Fortune, Trivial Pursuit, Life, War, Clue and Escape Room to enhance teaching and retention. Their [poster](#) highlights an example of an Escape Room for the classroom. Game on!



Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry:

Western University College of Optometry welcomed its new Chief of Cornea and Contact Lens, Dr. Nolan Ng, who joined on July 1, 2022.



IACLE

The International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE) was pleased to host its fourth virtual conference titled “Make Students Practice Ready” on May 14, 2022. AOCLE member Dr. Etty Bitton (School of Optometry at the Université de Montréal) served as the Conference Chair. The 3-hour virtual meeting featured presentations on:

- *Problem-based learning*

- *Incorporating case reports in teaching*
- *How to conduct a practical session*
- *Challenges and solutions in assessing students’ skills*
- *Effective patient communication and counseling*
- *Internships and externships*



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/>

IACLE is delighted to announce the winners of the 2022 IACLE Contact Lens Educator of the Year Awards to recognize and reward achievement in contact lens education, and the 2022 IACLE Travel Awards for members to attend major international meetings.

This year’s winners are:

IACLE Americas Contact Lens Educator of the Year

Dr. Lindsay Sicks

IACLE Asia Pacific Contact Lens Educator of the Year
Lavanya Kalikivayi

IACLE Europe, Africa and Middle East Contact Lens Educator of the Year
Carole Maldonado-Codina

IACLE Travel Award
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Several of the awardees from this year and past years were able to gather at the American Academy of Optometry's Annual Meeting in San Diego in October 2022 to celebrate. The award ceremony included winners from 2020 and 2021 whose ceremony and travel was delayed due to the global pandemic. A list of past awardees is available [here](#).



From Left: Dr. Carole Maldonado-Codina, Dr. Renee Reeder, Dr. Philip Morgan, Dr. Lindsay Sicks, Dr. Byki Huntjens, and Dr. Johanna Garzon.

The GP Lens Institute (GPLI)
www.GPLI.info



The GPLI would like to offer a special thank you to the doctors and staff at Indiana University School of Optometry (IUSO) - notably Chief of the Cornea and Contact Lens Service Dr. Jason Jedlicka - for hosting the 24th GPLI Cornea and Contact Lens Resident Symposium August 5-7, 2022. Symposium faculty included: Drs. Tiffany Andrzejewski, Ed Bennett, Karen DeLoss, Rob Ensley, Jason Jedlicka, Jonathan King, Randy Kojima, Nitya Murthy, Susan Kovacich, Neil Pence, Tom Quinn, Jessica Tu, and Stephanie Woo. In attendance were 38 residents and 19 Contact Lens Manufacturers Association (CLMA) ambassadors. The program featured 8 hours of prerecorded presentations, 3 hours of CLMA sponsor prerecorded videos, 3 hours of webinar education, and 7 hours of IUSO onsite presentations/panels. Residents also gained valuable experience through 7 hours of hands-on workshops, observing a total of 28 patients. Our heartfelt thanks to IUSO for

their hospitality and support for specialty contact lens education.



2022 GPLI Resident Symposium attendees, including residents, faculty, and CLMA ambassadors

GPLI workshops for 2nd and 3rd year optometry students are available in 2023. To schedule, contact Dr. Ed Bennett at EBennett@umsl.edu or Ursula Lotzkat at ursula@winkproductions.com.

GPLI also invites you to join them at the 2023 Global Specialty Lens Symposium in Las Vegas. On Saturday, January 21st, GPLI is holding their Educator Luncheon, open to all contact lens educators, from 12:00 - 1:15 PM as well as the Rising Stars Reception, open to all contact lens educators and cornea and contact lens residents, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. At Rising Stars, they will present five awards, including: Naomi "Jo" Svochak GP Practitioner of the Year, Dr. Edward S. Bennett GPLI Educator of the Year, Thomas E. Anastor GPLI Distinguished Service Award, Thomas J. "Tommy" Pham GPLI - NKCF Keratoconus Practitioner of the Year, and Dr. Arthur B. Epstein GPLI Award for Excellence in Specialty Contact Lenses and

Anterior Segment Disease. And don't forget to visit them at booth #215!

Global Specialty Lens Symposium

www.GSLSymposium.com

The 2023 Global Specialty Lens Symposium (GSLS), the leading live national contact lens conference in North America, will be held from January 18-21, 2023, at the Horseshoe Las Vegas (formerly Bally's).

Brought to you by Contact Lens Spectrum, GSLS is expecting attendees from dozens of countries. This year's 4-day conference focuses on the successful management of ocular conditions using today's specialty contact lenses through interactive educational platforms including expert panel discussions, breakout lecture sessions, and clinical workshops.

Hot topics like scleral lenses, specialty soft lenses, orthokeratology, myopia from the Ophthalmologist/Optomist perspective, presbyopia contact lens options, and corneal surgery will be featured in 2023.

Registration and agenda details can now be found on the GSLS [website](#).

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 400 workshops since its beginning in 2012. The stakeholders collaborate 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 non-competitive environment. The STAPLE events have returned after the pandemic slowdown and programs continue to be offered virtually or in-person.

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.



Third year UMSL students fitting a presbyopic patient in the STAPLE Multifocal Workshop

iCKC Program



The iCKC program is a new educational initiative to help optometry students bridge didactic knowledge with the evolving standard of care to optimize keratoconus management. By attending, students learn the continuum of treatment spectrum available to customize optometric care for these patients over their lifetimes. Currently 2 lecture modules and a technology workshop are available to be scheduled for third and/or fourth year students.

Module 1) Gain confidence in clinical ability to detect and diagnosis keratoconus through various stages of this complex disease. Topics include:

1. How and when to utilize diagnostic & imaging technologies
2. Interpretation of test results & other clinical findings
3. How to determine keratoconus progression
4. How to deliver clinical diagnosis & gain comfort with patient discussions

Module 2) Gain confidence to coordinate a medical management plan. Topics include:

1. When to refer for FDA-approved corneal crosslinking & other surgical procedures

2. Post-operative therapeutic regimen & managing post-operative findings
3. How to set patient expectations. Real-life discussion videos will be shown.

Technology Workshop: Details available upon request.

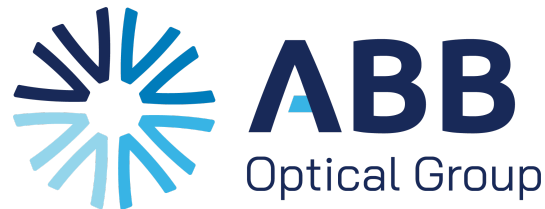
For information to schedule a program contact Dr. Clark Chang or Ursula Lotzkatz at info@iCKCeducation.com.

This new educational initiative is supported by Glaukos and Oculus.



Technology Workshop at UC Berkeley with Dr. Tracy Schwartz and Jason Brill

Industry News – Fall 2022



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ABB Contact Lens focused on education and business growth for 2022 by introducing webinars to increase education on lens design, scleral lenses and business practices. These webinars can be personalized to the practitioner's needs and can be followed with Virtual Private Instruction. Virtual Private Instruction allows for real-time technical support for novice fitters to get comfortable with fitting particular designs and for more difficult cases.

ABB Optical Group is excited to announce that the finalists have been selected for the 2022 Student Optometry Challenge. Support future colleagues by voting and [attending the webinar](#) on December 1, 2022.



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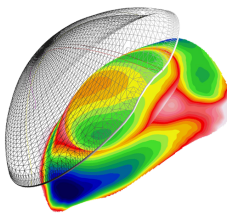
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AccuLens has created an online 3rd and 4th year student education program on fitting the Maxim scleral lens. After the course, students are encouraged to take the final exam to demonstrate their knowledge of the material. Passing students will receive a 4

lens Maxim fitting set at no cost. Following graduation, students can upgrade to a standard Maxim 3D 12 lens set. Maxim 3D is measured to the micron over the cornea and out onto the sclera at any axis for a perfectly contoured fit. All Maxim 3D lenses incorporate On-Point Alignment technology for off-set optics as well as front surface eccentricity (HD Optics) that reduces residual higher order aberrations for more accurate vision. This manufacturing algorithm provides improvement in both high and low contrast visual acuity.



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Alcon's MARLO achieves a milestone of 1 million patients enrolled. Since 2020, Alcon's MARLO digital platform has helped transform the optometric industry by allowing ECPs to connect with and supply Alcon contact lenses to their patients. MARLO helps ECPs extend the reach of their practices by ensuring a trusted and personalized contact lens ordering experience available 24/7 as well as the

convenience of exam date reminders, helpful contact lens tips and reorder notifications. Over 90% of patients who ordered through the platform reported that they would reorder their contact lenses from their ECP through MARLO. Alcon is excited to watch MARLO continue to foster mutually beneficial relationships between ECPs and their patients!



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Art Optical announced a travel grant opportunity for students and residents and will award up to six grants, valued at \$750 each, to attend a specialty contact lens meeting in 2023. Art Optical's technical team will review all submissions and select winners based on the relevance of the topic to current or future trends in specialty lens fitting, practice, or research. According to Bruce Morgan, OD, FAAO, Art Optical's Executive Director of Research & Clinical Support, "The Specialty Contact Lens

Student Grant program is to encourage the next generation of OD's to embrace specialty lenses by giving them a chance to interact with other specialty fitters, which will be an invaluable experience in their academic career." Contact Art Optical for additional details and grant applications.



Dr. Morgan & Bethany at the International Congress of Scleral Contacts Meeting this past July in Ft. Lauderdale

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Bausch + Lomb has added two innovations to its comprehensive portfolio - Biotrue® Hydration Plus Multi-Purpose Solution and Revive™ custom soft contact lenses.

Building on the company's successful Biotrue® Multi-Purpose Solution, Biotrue® Hydration Plus provides more moisture on lenses for 12 hours, excellent cleaning and a triple disinfectant system that helps deliver exceptional disinfection. Revive™ is a new family of customizable soft contact lenses available in spherical, toric, multifocal and multifocal toric options. This one lens can be used for a broad patient population, including those with high or unique prescriptions, and can be worn daily for up to three months. For more details, including important safety information, please see www.bausch.com.



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Since children with myopia often need support outside of their ECP's office, CooperVision launched a [myopia YouTube channel](#) which offers educational resources for families and the community. The videos feature insights from ECPs on myopia management in addition to relatable, real-life myopia stories and contact lens insertion and removal tips. Perfect for back to school.

When it comes to myopia, early treatment is vital no matter a child's financial needs. CooperVision continues to support low-income individuals through its Adopt-A-Patient program, which provides under-served patients an annual supply of CLs, including MiSight® 1 day contact lenses for age-appropriate children. This program offers a positive fitting experience for students while also helping underserved patients.



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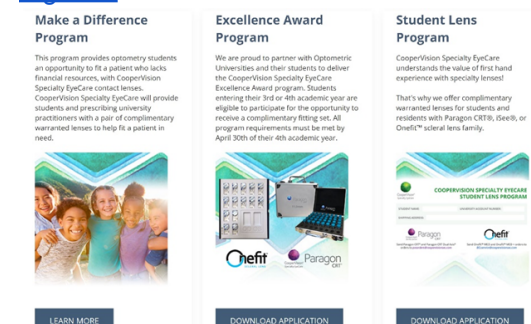
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CooperVision Specialty EyeCare develops, manufactures, and improves access to an unmatched portfolio of life-changing specialty contact lenses worldwide.

Student Website: Information for all CooperVision Specialty EyeCare's student programs, as well as lens certification, and learning resources can now be found at: <https://bit.ly/CooperVisionSpecialtyStudentPrograms>



Beyond the Limbus Scleral Lens Training: In-person, dual-track scleral lens workshops are being held throughout North America this fall and are open to all educators and residents. Virtual training is also available. Sign up today to accelerate

your scleral lens fitting!
<https://bit.ly/BTLFall2022>

BEYOND THE LIMBUS

Resident's Program: Save the Date! April 21-23, 2023 in Phoenix, AZ



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Congratulations to the recipients of the 2021-2022 Euclid Resident Scholarships (Zachary Reynard - UAB, Kevin Feng - PCO, and Cindy Shan - NSUOCO). The scholarship is dedicated to myopia-related projects and is open to residents of all specialties. Euclid is accepting abstracts/applications from the current resident class. Contact Jackson.Lau@euclidsys.com for more information.

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Apply to Euclid Vision Corporation's scholarship program for myopia-related educational projects.

There are three scholarships available:

 Tim Koch Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)	 George E. Gladly Scholarship (\$1000)	 Joann Simonsen Scholarship (\$1000)
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Euclid is excited to announce the acquisition of Visionary Optics, a leader in scleral lens technology.

MyEuclid™, a cloud-based platform designed to help drive practice efficiency and optimize Euclid Ortho-K fits, is now available to all customers in the US! Sign up with sales@euclidsys.com.



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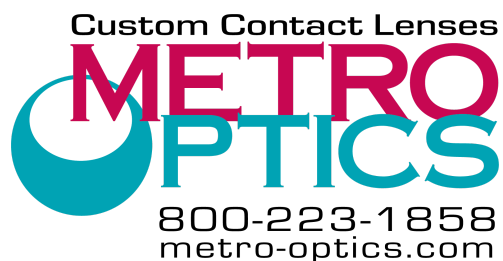
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Johnson & Johnson Vision has launched its newest innovation, ACUVUE® OASYS MAX 1-DAY contact lenses and ACUVUE® OASYS MAX 1-DAY MULTIFOCAL contact lenses for presbyopia. Designed with an unprecedented combination of new technologies to help meet the needs of digitally intense lifestyles: TearStable™ Technology and OptiBlue™ light filter.

Adults now spend 13+ hours a day on digital devices, a 35% increase since 2019. People looking at a digital screen blink 60% less, which can destabilize the tear film, impacting comfort and vision.

TearStable™ Technology is designed to maximize tear-film stability and lock in moisture for exceptional all-day comfort. The OptiBlue™ light filter has the highest level blue-violet filter in the industry at 60% to reduce light scatter for exceptional visual clarity, day to night.



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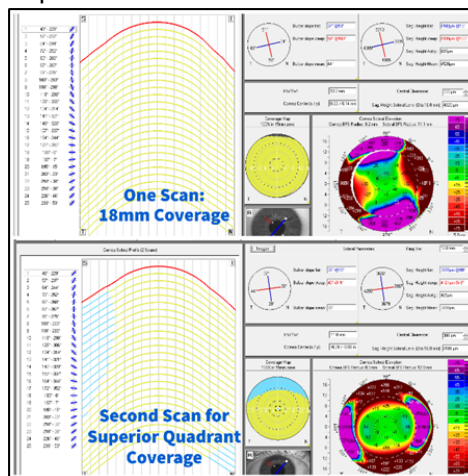
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Metro Optics, a custom contact lens manufacturer based in Austin, Texas, is turning 50 in 2023! Founded in 1973 by Jim Webb, his goal was to give eye care professionals across the country the ability to source high-quality custom contact lenses for even the most difficult to fit eye conditions. The company has remained focused on providing innovative and effective lens designs throughout its history by working closely with leading eye care professionals to ensure its products are the best in class. Today, the product portfolio features a wide array of custom soft, corneal GP and scleral lens designs that cover a range of vision corrections. Visit www.metro-optics.com and follow the company on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn to receive announcements of upcoming celebration events!



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The next generation in scleral topography has arrived! The **CSP Pro Software** for the **Pentacam® AXL Wave** is designed to make fitting scleral lenses more comfortable for the patient and more efficient for the eye care professional.



Capture 18mm of scleral topography with a flexible scan process designed to maximize patient comfort.

- Data can be captured in 1 scan or take up to 4 scans and stitch them together to accommodate patient anatomy.
- No fluorescein needed!
- All scans are taken in primary gaze, no fixation shifts required.

- [Click Here for a 30-Second Video of the CSP Pro Scan Process!](#)

To find out more, reach out to your local OCULUS representative or contact sales@oculususa.com.



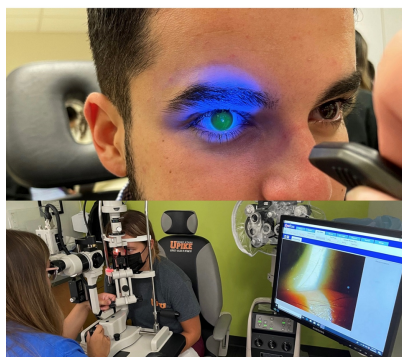
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TruForm Optics has been active with specialty lens workshops at several Schools of Optometry. These workshops include DigiForm Scleral Lenses at UIWRSO and UPike KYCO as well as a segmented multifocal workshop at UHCO. As always, TruForm is available to participate in workshops at the Schools of Optometry and encourage faculty members to reach out to schedule! Look for TruForm at Academy in San Diego and Vision by Design in Bellevue to learn more about their specialty lens options.



Top Image: TruForm at UIWRSO
Bottom Image: TruForm at UPike KYCO

TruForm also supported the 2022 GPLI Cornea and Contact Lens Residents' Symposium in Bloomington, marking 20 years of George Mera supporting as a CLMA Ambassador.



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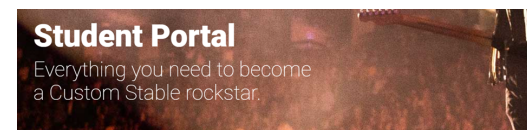
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'21-22 Cornea and Contact Lens Residents

Valley Contax had the pleasure of hosting its 9th Annual Residency Summit in July 2022. They invited the 21-22 Cornea and Contact

Lens Residents to join them for a weekend of education and fun at the beautiful Oregon Coast. Valley looks forward to the 10th Annual Residency Summit to reconnect and welcome the current residents to their new manufacturing facility!



Valley Contax, in partnership with Contamac US, is pleased to announce its next travel grant award opportunity to GSLS 2023. One student in the graduating class of either 2023 or 2024 will be selected. Candidates must submit 100-words about a contact lens patient they had that was meaningful to them. To apply, students can visit the student portal page at valleycontax.com.



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X-Cel Specialty Contacts recently launched REMLens® for overnight orthokeratology. The design gives practitioners the ability to utilize the parameter options creating a viable option for myopia management. REMLens® offers 5 diameters for the best

possible centering lens, 5 optic zones for manipulation of the peripheral defocus used for myopia management, an independent edge for comfort and ease of removal, and zone option changes in 10 micron steps. Practitioners are also given the confidence of a 120 day warranty with unlimited exchanges. To complement the new design, X-Cel offers an educational program that allows providers to book a virtual or in-person training and fitting session on a date and time that is convenient for the practice. To learn more, visit X-Cel's [website](#).



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