The American Academy of Optometry announces two awards to IUSO faculty.

Dr Sarita Soni is the AAO's 2012 Feinbloom awardee.

The William Feinbloom Award (established 1983) is an annual award presented to an individual who has made a distinguished and significant contribution to clinical excellence and the direct clinical advancement of visual and optometric service and thus the visual enhancement of the public. The award is not limited to Academy Fellows or to optometrists. The Awards Committee selects one person and submits their recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval.

Dean Joe Bonanno notes in his nomination letter: "In sum, Dr. Sarita Soni has made a significant mark on the profession of optometry & the Indiana University School of Optometry, contributed to major advancements in clinical care, and represented the needs of patients both in her own community and around the world. She most certainly fits the spirit of the Feinbloom award."
Dr. Larry Thibos will receive the 2012 Prentice Medal Award

The Charles F. Prentice Medal

The Charles F. Prentice Medal Award (established in 1958) is awarded annually to a distinguished scientist or clinician scientist in recognition of a career-long record of advancement of knowledge in vision science. The award is considered to be the most prestigious of the Academy’s awards for achievement in research. Establishing a long record of distinction in research will typically require that the nominee be beyond the mid-career stage. The nominee will be judged by the quality, significance, and impact of his or her career-long body of work in vision science. The recipient need not be a Fellow of the Academy nor an optometrist. The recipient of the Prentice Medal will present a special lecture at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry related to these career achievements, highlighting one or more of his or her most significant scientific contributions. It is also expected that the recipient will submit a manuscript on that topic to Optometry and Vision Science.

Chris Johnson, chair of the AAO awards committee noted:

Larry,

On behalf of the Optometry Awards Committee, I am very pleased to announce that you have been selected as the 2012 Charles F. Prentice Medal. You are a scholar who is most deserving of this award, given all of the contributions that you have made to basic ophthalmic science and clinical Optometry. I and all the other members of the Awards Committee are delighted that you are to receive this award.