Dear All,

The IU School of Optometry graduated the Class of 2018 on May 4, welcoming 70 new Doctors of Optometry into the profession. All students completing the class survey reported having job offers, with the majority being in partnership/group offices or private practices. Additionally, 14 students will begin residencies in July all across the country.

I have a lot of other great news to share with you too. Please read on to find out more about our recent school, faculty, staff, and student accomplishments.

Office of Student Administration News & Updates

- Recruitment continued during the spring semester with an emphasis on Indiana. Student Administration representatives visited 17 Indiana schools and met with 118 Indiana students. Additional visits to 24 out-of-state schools (including Canada and Colorado) resulted in 89 student encounters. Student Admin’s ambitious recruitment plan for the 2017-18 recruitment cycle was very successful, resulting in the most campus visits and largest number of prospective student meetings.
- Recruitment activities also included the second onsite recruitment event targeting several schools in one evening. The event at Mesh Restaurant in Indianapolis saw five schools
represented and 12 prospective students. Guest speakers for the evening included several IECC interns as well as IUSO alumnus Brandon Sharp, OD’11.

- Recruiter Kevin Schmidt also offered online recruitment sessions to eight different schools in eight states. This is a unique way to provide IUSO information to prospective students who cannot afford to make the trip to campus.

- For the first time, IUSO has been included in the Breaking the Myths Program at IUPUI. This program is offered to underrepresented minority, high school students in partnership with the IU Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Dentistry. There were 65 students who toured and participated in a hands-on optometry activity at IECC with Dr. Brad Sutton.

- The Office of Student Administration hosted an open house on June 13. The event offered school/clinic tours, a faculty and student panel, and an opportunity for students to engage with Student Admin staff and learn how to make their application stand out. The application cycle for the Class of 2023 opens June 28.

- Teddy Chow was recently named one of five Grand Prize winners in the 2017 Optometry Student Challenge sponsored by ABB OPTICAL GROUP and Paragon Vision Sciences. The award consists of a complimentary meeting pass and travel grant of $1,500 to attend the Global Specialty Lens Symposium in Las Vegas to present his research poster titled "Scleral Profiles of Keratoconic vs. Normal Eyes: Determining the Importance of Scleral Toricity in Fitting Scleral Lenses."

Office of Advancement News & Updates

- IUSO is accepting nominations for the Foley House Awards through June 29. The Foley House Distinguished Alumni Award and the Basement Key Award will be presented at an awards dinner at the IMU’s Solarium on Oct. 19.

- The Office of Advancement together with the IOA hosted an Alumni Reception at AOA in Denver on June 22. The turnout was exceptional. Advancement will also be hosting an Alumni Reception at The Academy in San Antonio on Nov. 9.

- The newest issue of Insight is currently underway and comes out in July. The magazine will feature Matt Houck, OD’16, a current contestant on the cooking competition, MasterChef.

- The IUSO Office of Advancement will hold its fourth annual Optometry Alumni Reunion Weekend Sept. 7-9, 2018. Alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends are invited. Each class is encouraged to fundraise for a scholarship of their choosing. The fifth annual Optometry Alumni Weekend will be held Sept. 6-8, 2019.

- The IUSO Alumni Association will host its sixth annual IUSOAA Alumni Scholarship Golf Outing on Sept. 9, 2018. Alumni, students, and supporters will be able to enjoy another fun-filled day on the links at The Legends Golf Club in Franklin, IN. This annual outing raises funds for the IUSOAA Alumni Scholarship.
The IUSO Office of Advancement celebrated IU Day on April 18. Alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends participated by donating to the Students in Support of Optometry fund. More than 50 supporters participated. For each donation, supporters received an "I am a visionary" banner and a 2018 glasses pin. If you haven't done so already, donations are still being accepted. As a thank you, you too will receive the banner and pin. Yahoo!

- The Office of Advancement would like to help celebrate marriages and the births of new family members. We encourage faculty and staff to let us know when IUSO alumni or students are having a baby or getting married. We have baby onesies for the new arrival and coasters for the newlyweds.
- Patricia Colon recently joined the Office of Advancement as an intern. In this role, Colon will be assisting with strategic marketing and communication plans and the implementation and stewardship aspects of the new Corporate Partners Program. Originally from Woodland, CA, she is currently working on her master's degree in behavioral, social, community health, and public health administration through the IU School of Public Health.

IUSO Administrative Changes

Dr. Don Faimon will assume the duties of 3rd year primary care service chief, taking over from Dr. Patty Henderson.

IUSO Website

The new IUSO website is live. If you haven't done so already, please go take a look. Thank you all for your patience and hard work during the redesign process.

Faculty News

Promotions
Dr. Jennifer Page was promoted from Assistant to Associate Clinical Professor.

Retirements
Dr. Carolyn Begley

Trustee’s Teaching Awards 2018
Dr. Arthur Bradley
Dr. Anna Bedwell

IOA Optometric Educator of the Year 2018
Dr. Debra McConnaha

Edwin Land Award, Optical Society of America
Dr. Ann Elsner
New Faculty Appointment
Dr. Cathy Cheng starts Sept. 1. Cheng earned her Ph.D. from the Vision Science Program at UC Berkeley. She is currently at Scripps Research Institute in San Diego.

New Grant Awards
Dec. 17, 2017, through June 18, 2018

Dr. Bill Swanson
NIH 1R01EY028135-01; Sept. 1, 2017, through Aug. 31, 2020; for glaucomatous damage to retinal nerve fiber bundles; $393,750 per year.

Dr. Pete Kollbaum
1. (Co-PI’s with Dr. Ping Situ and Dr. Carolyn Begley) Investigation of ocular surface sensations with and without contact lens wear; $275,000/year x 3 years ($825,000 total) (industry).
2. The impact of soft contact lens surface and optics on symptoms associated with digital eye strain in symptomatic soft contact lens wearers; $203,000 (industry).

Dr. Mallika Valapala
Research equipment award (April 2018); Office of the Vice Provost for Research Indiana University, Bloomington; $150,000.

Dr. Ann Elsner
NIH 2R44EY024186-02A1; sub-award from Aeon Imaging; confocal and autofluorescence imaging of macular degeneration using a low cost digital imager; $233,645 for 1 year.

Dr. Ping Situ
CooperVision; investigation of ocular sensations and comfort with and without contact lens wear; $275,000, 2 years.

Dr. Don Lyon
Luminopia; a single center, open-label, clinical study to evaluate the feasibility, safety, and efficacy of the Luminopia VR device in improving visual acuity in a pediatric amblyopia population; $19,000, 7 months.

Dr. Nicholas Port
The competitive renewal to the NCAA/DOD CARE study has been approved since March.

Other Faculty News

Dr. Arthur Bradley
Bradley gave a plenary session talk at the Spanish equivalent of the AAO annual meeting (Optom18) in Madrid.

Dr. Steve Burns
Presentations
Dr. Katie Connolly
Connolly went to Kingston, Jamaica, from April 15 to 19, with See Better Learn Better, a joint project between Cornerstone Jamaica and Rotary International, to provide eye exams to children in an underserved area in the inner city, Rosetown. This was part of the Rosetown Foundation initiative started by Prince Charles of Wales to rejuvenate the area.

Dr. Steve Hitzeman and Dr. Katie Connolly
Hitzeman and Connolly performed 558 eye exams in two days at the Special Olympics.

Dr. Elli Kollbaum
Kollbaum gave the keynote presentation, "Precepting 2.0" and facilitated a workshop, "Ultimate Preceptor," at the 2018 Ohio State University Externship Preceptor Conference in April. She also launched an online training module with two co-authors titled, "Practical Preceptorship," through CME Matters this spring.

Dr. Pete Kollbaum

Dr. Sue Kovacich
Invited talks

1. "Oddities and Curiosities," Southeastern Society; Evansville, IN; February 2018.
2. "Disposable Contact Lens Update," Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians (TAOP), Spring CE meeting; Destin, FL; April 2018.
3. "The Ups and Downs of Irregular Astigmatism," Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians (TAOP), Spring CE meeting; Destin, FL; April 2018.
4. "STDs and the Eye," Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians (TAOP), Spring CE meeting; Destin, FL; April 2018.

Dr. Don Lyon
- Lyon lectured at the Indiana First Steps State Conference "First Steps Training in Pediatric Vision and Patients with Low Vision" with Annie Hughes from Visually Impaired Preschool Services; First Steps of Indiana State Conference; Bloomington, IN; June 2018.
- Also, Vision for the Future was featured in a World Council of Optometry Blog about the advocacy program.

Dr. Ed Marshall
Marshall participated in the invitational Vision and Public Health Meeting conducted by Prevent Blindness in Atlanta, GA, on Feb. 20, 2018, to discuss the feasibility and potential planning for a technical assistance resource center to address vision and public health in support of the recent report Making Eye Health a Population Health Imperative: Vision for Tomorrow from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

Dr. Richard Meetz
Adoption and use of Meetz's lecture and lab, The Ophthalmic Exam, by the IU School of Medicine for all first-year students in Foundations of Clinical Practice Year 1 classes by all IUSM campuses.
Dr. Don Miller

- Miller's Research Associate, Dr. Kazuhiro Kurokawa, won the Pascal Rol award for best paper at SPIE Ophthalmic Technologies meeting in San Francisco, CA, in February 2018. His paper was selected from 86 submissions based on peer-review by the entire program committee of initial submission, oral presentation, and conference publication.
- Miller gave an invited talk in the UHCO Periopsia Series, University of Houston College of Optometry, Houston, TX; Feb. 12, 2018.
- Also, inadvertently missed in the previous What's Cookin' issue, Miller gave invited talks at: (1) UC-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, October 2017; (2) OSA Fall Vision Meeting, Washington, D.C., October 2017; and (3) IEEE Advancing Technology for Humanity, hosted by the new IU School of Engineering, November 2017.

Dr. Jennifer Page

Page will direct the Indiana Black Expo Health Fair Vision Screener on July 19-20, as well as Shalom Health Fair Vision Screener for a predominant Spanish-speaking population on the west side of Indianapolis on July 21.

Dr. Neil Pence

On June 8, the ASCO Clinical Affairs Committee hosted the fourth Online Clinical Educators Forum, viewed by nearly 200 clinical faculty across the country. Pence is a founding member of the OCEF executive planning committee and served as the organizer and moderator of the section titled Assessing Clinical Professionalism.

Dr. Neil Pence and Dr. Patty Henderson

Both participated in the American Academy of Optometry Lecture & Workshops Planning Meeting in San Antonio in March. Henderson has been a member of the committee for four years, and Pence is completing his 10th year, the last four as Chair. This committee selects and organizes all of the educational content for the annual meeting, which will be in San Antonio this year Nov. 7-10.

Dr. Neil Pence and Dr. Sue Kovacich

Both attended the annual meeting of the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators, held this past June in San Antonio. Kovacich served as Chair and Pence as Treasurer for the international AOCLE group.

Dr. Neil Pence and Dr. Todd Peabody

- Both represented IUSO at the annual meeting of the Association of Practice Management Educators in June in Denver. APME will continue its efforts to provide support for faculty at all schools and colleges of optometry who teach in the area of business or practice management.
- Both welcomed the third cohort of students into the Certificate Program in the Business of Eye Care. All hours in this IUSO/Kelley School of Business online program transfer as credits toward the MBA with emphasis in the Business of Eye Care.

Dr. Brad Sutton

Invited talks

Dr. Bill Swanson
Muhammed S. Alluwimi and Bright Senyo Ashimatey, both students in Swanson's lab, successfully defended their Ph.D. dissertations.

Dr. Mallika Valapala
Valapala was nominated by IUSO and invited as a 2018 Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (AEVR) Emerging Vision Scientist to participate at the fourth annual EVS Day on Capitol Hill, Sept. 27-28, 2018.

Staff News

Staff Service Milestones
The following people are being recognized for their years of service to IU.

- Danny Jackson, General Supervisor, 44 years
- Angie Marshall, Accounting Associate, 40 years
- Cindy Vance, Director of Student Administration, 30 years
- Tim Clarke, Research Machinist, 30 years
- Kevin Collins, Fiscal Officer, 10 years
- Peter Kleine, Clinic Applications Specialist, 10 years

Doug Eibling
Eibling took the role of Director of Development in the Office of Advancement in January. He worked the last five years at IU Kelley School of Business as the Director of Development, Major Gifts.

Marsha Grubb and Mary Luncsford
At the beginning of 2018, Grubb and Luncsford joined the AECC team as part-time Office Services Assistants.

Stacy Lady
In February, Lady came onboard as a part-time Payroll Assistant. She has worked previously for University Human Resources.

Ryan Kluck
Kluck joined the Clinic Billing Office as an Accounting Representative in May, moving to IUSO from the IU Auditorium.

Acacia Holmes
Holmes joins Dr. Port's research team this June as an Athletic Trainer/Research Assistant, collecting concussion data from student athletes.
IUSO Clinic News

IUSO is very proud of the patient evaluations and ratings that both of our clinics continue to receive. For IECC, 96% of the patients returning the evaluations say they would refer their family and friends to our clinic, and the number is consistently over 90% for AECC as well. This is a great testament to the quality of service being provided, thanks to the significant efforts of faculty staff and interns. In addition, AECC was once again the Herald-Times Reader’s Choice for optical services in Bloomington, as well as being the Reader’s Choice for best Optometric Professional Services. Congratulations and thank you to all!

In the past six months, the Dry Eye Service was instituted at AECC. The goal is to have all the diagnostic and therapeutic options in the area of ocular surface disease to serve not just our patients, but the south-central Indiana area. Dr. Jason Jedlicka directs these services.

AECC has also begun to offer a Myopia Progression Control Service. Activities are coordinated out of the Pediatric & Binocular Vision Service under Dr. Katie Connolly’s direction. The service seeks to educate parents about the progression of myopia, and what possible interventions might affect or slow that progression. Knowledge about kids spending time outside, actions to reduce any near strain from excessive near digital device use, and good general vision ergonomics are provided to parents. Treatment options ranging from low dose atropine (0.01%), to the use of contact lenses are being offered. Soft multifocal contact lenses may be employed, as well as overnight orthokeratology, both of which provide a peripheral correction for the peripheral hyperopic retinal defocus which is related to increased axial length. The Cornea & Contact Lens Service works in conjunction with Pediatrics to provide the best treatment options for young myopes.

AECC is replacing a number of older style slit lamps with new excellent quality lamps. All of these will have real time video capability so that interns can observe on a monitor in a much better method than looking through a small teaching tube. Patient education will also benefit from these new capabilities. The goal will be that as additional slit lamps are replaced, we will use this or similar video systems rather than teaching tubes.

Incoming Residents 2018-19

- Dr. Alexandria Lui, Cornea and Contact Lens
- Dr. Leslie Collins, Ocular Disease
- Dr. Paulette Kelbley, Pediatrics/Binocular Vision
- Dr. Kyle Callaway, AECC Primary Care
- Dr. Daniel Bollier, IECC Primary Care

Renovations

- Room 110 will be spruced up and used for students to practice with special testing equipment such as visual fields and injection arms in a room behind an electronic lock.
- Rooms 408-410 labs will be renovated this fall for Dr. Cheng.
This is a tremendous amount of work accomplished in the last six months. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to IUSO!

Dr. Joe Bonanno
Dean

Stay Connected

Do you have IU School of Optometry news to share? Submit news items via email to Dean Joseph Bonnano at jbonanno@indiana.edu.