



Illinois College of Optometry

The One Hundred Eightieth Commencement

Saturday, May Twentieth Two Thousand and Twenty-three Eleven o'clock

Symphony Center
Chicago, Illinois



The Profession of Optometry

Today's optometrist is a vital member of a comprehensive health care team. The optometrist delivers full scope eye care in a variety of practice settings. These range from solo, associate and group modes, as well as interdisciplinary environments such as hospitals and health maintenance organizations. Other opportunities include a career in academics, research or health care administration. All 50 states now authorize optometrists to utilize pharmaceutical agents in the diagnosis of ocular disorders and diseases and authorize optometrists to medically treat eye diseases. All 50 states and the District of Columbia require that licensed optometrists regularly attend continuing education programs for license renewal.

As primary care providers, optometrists offer patients a wide range of services, including diagnosis and management of anomalies of visual functions, diagnosis and participation in the management of various ocular and systemic diseases and the provision of general health screening, education and counseling. Optometric care provides for the maintenance and enhancement of visual efficiency and ocular health which are so important to people of all ages. The profession offers a humanistic, intellectually stimulating and financially secure position as a valued member of the community.

"Doctors of Optometry (ODs) are the primary health care professionals for the eye. Optometrists examine, diagnose, treat and manage diseases, injuries and disorders of the visual system, the eye, and associated structures as well as identify related systemic conditions affecting the eye."

-The American Optometric Association

The One Hundred Eightieth Commencement

Order of Exercises

- I. PRELUDE Walter Whitehouse, M.Div., Ph.D.
Organist
- Organ Concerto in B-Flat, Op. 4 No. 2* George Frederic Handel
- II. PROCESSIONAL
Pipes and Drums *Scotland the Brave*
Doonaree Pipe Band
- Fanfare and Processional Douglas Wagner
Prelude to Te Deum Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Dr. Whitehouse
- III. PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME Mark K. Colip, O.D.
President
- IV. COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Janice Jurkus, O.D.
Professor Emeritus of Optometry
- V. VALEDICTORY RECOGNITION Stephanie Messner, O.D.
Chloe Bainbridge will be acknowledged. *Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean*
- VI. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH Raman Bhakhri, O.D.
Associate Professor of Optometry
- VII. CONFERRING OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY Dr. Colip
- Dr. Stephanie Messner will hood the candidates, assisted by Katie Foreman, O.D.,
Associate Professor of Optometry and Anne Rozwat, O.D., *Associate Professor of Optometry*.
- Erik Mothersbaugh, O.D., *Dean of Student Affairs*, will present the candidates.
- VIII. WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Casey L. Hogan, O.D.
President, Alumni Council
- IX. INTRODUCTION OF THE ALMA MATER Graduate & Faculty Chorus

X. CLOSING REMARKS Dr. Colip

XI. RECEPTIONAL Dr. Whitehouse

Toccata in F Major

Charles-Marie Widor

Congratulations to the ICO Class of 2023!

Commencement Speaker

Janice M. Jurkus, OD, MBA

Janice Jurkus, O.D., M.B.A. is an ICO graduate and was a professor at the Illinois College of Optometry where she taught contact lens courses, coordinated the Business of Optometry sequence and served as Residency Director for on- and off-campus programs. She now has the distinction of being a Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Jurkus is an incredibly accomplished individual in the optometric profession. She has presented over 200 lectures nationally and internationally. Dr. Jurkus has lectured in Poland, England, India, China, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Colombia, Israel, Scotland and across the USA. As a consultant and voting panel member of the Food and Drug Administration, she provided input regarding the approval of extended- wear contact lenses and various refractive surgery techniques.

Having obtained diplomate status in the Cornea Contact Lens and Refractive Techniques Section of the American Academy of Optometry, Dr. Jurkus served as chair of the applied exam, oral testing and communication committee. She rose to be the Chair of the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators, AOCLE. In 1990, she was the AOCLE representative to the IACLE (International Association of Contact lens Educators) meeting in Sorrento, Italy and consequently became an IACLE member. Dr. Jurkus was the Assistant Secretary from 2007-10 and was then elected to Secretary of the Executive Board in 2011 until she retired in 2019.

Dr. Jurkus was one of the first educators to become a FIACLE (Fellow of the International Association of Contact Lens Educators). She has shared her expertise with contact lens educators worldwide. She is a pioneer in the field of contact lenses and a trusted and esteemed mentor at ICO. We are happy to welcome Dr. Jurkus as our commencement speaker today.

About the Commencement Ceremony

The pageantry enacted each year on campuses all over the world is the solemn climax and recognition of the graduates' years of study and preparation for responsibility. To help spectators understand the significance of the ceremonies, the following description is furnished.

Procession

The Grand Marshal leads the procession, bearing the ceremonial Mace, emblematic of the authority of the college.

The climax of the processional brings to the platform the Trustees of the college, the Dean, honorary degree recipients, college officers, and finally the President of the college. As his badge of office, ICO's President wears a medallion, emblematic of the history of the college.

Caps

Candidates for degrees wear the regulation cap. Those who already hold doctoral degrees or who are heads of institutions wear gold tassels.

Gowns

The doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front, and voluminous bell-shaped sleeves on which there are three velvet bars. The velvet is usually black but may be blue for philosophy or green for medicine and optometry.

Hoods

The doctor's hood is easily recognized by the width of the velvet edging, the wide panels at either side, the greater length, and the full exposure of the lining. The hood is also lined with the color of the college or university granting the degree (the holder of a degree granted by Illinois College of Optometry wears a hood lined in blue and white).

The list of hood colors most frequently viewed in ICO's ceremony are: Optometry is seafoam green, Library Science is lemon yellow, Philosophy is dark blue, Social Work is citron, Science or Honorary degree is gold, Arts, Letters, Humanities is white, Education is light blue, Business Administration is drab, Medicine is green, Theology is scarlet, and Law is purple.

Diplomas

The word "diploma" for graduation originated in the mid-17th century. Specifically, diploma means "double folded paper" in Greek and Latin. Unlike the cap and gown, awarding a diploma to a graduate began in the United States.

The tradition of awarding graduates a diploma originated at Harvard College. Harvard's first commencement took place on September 23rd, 1642. The nine graduates received "a Book of Arts" to represent their achievement. After the ceremony, the school took back each book. The first known graduate to have a diploma was James Ward who earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1645. It wasn't until 1813 that Harvard College graduates received a uniformly sized, textually common diploma they could keep. Up until this time, diplomas were different shapes and sizes.

Original diplomas used thin sheepskin (parchment) because, unlike paper, they were quite resilient to being rolled and unrolled countless times without it breaking or tearing. Rolled and tied with a ribbon made it easy for traveling scholars to pack it as they needed it for proof of their education.

The Graduating Class of 2023

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Chloe Mae Bainbridge
Lauren Michelle Jedlinski
Lai Jiang

Sarah Karra-Aly
Emika Ikegami Lewis
Sheng Nan (Rebekah) Yu

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Vrunda Bhatt
Mansi Jaitly
Ryan Thomas McGowan
+Riddhi Rajesh Patel
Sumaya Patel
Austin Michael Peterson
Sylwia Maria Prorok

+^Rachel E. Shackelford
+Ria Shah
+Brooke Leigh Sosalla
√Morley Jo Struss
+*Alexander Howard Wong
Grace Zhimeng Yang

CUM LAUDE

+Alexis Brianna Abernathy
+Sayf Al-Khazraji
+*Kashifa Ansari
Kevin Michael Blackett
^Emily Anne Esch
+Khanh Tuan Le Hoang
+^Ryan Z. Junidi
+Alek Karthikeyan

Jennifer Eunbi Ko
Vidhita Mehta
Prabhdeep Kaur Purewal
+*Lucas R. Rockne
Jacqueline Angelina Rola
Marissa R. Seider
Shivani Tank
Faith Tjoe-A-Long

+ These graduates have distinguished themselves by being accepted into post-doctoral programs.

^ These graduates have distinguished themselves by completing three years in the Accelerated Clinical Program.

√ These graduates have distinguished themselves by completing requirement of the Bachelor of Science in Visual Science Degree.

*These graduates will be hooded by family members who are also O.D.s or mentors who are graduates of ICO.

The Graduating Class of 2023

Continued

James Adams
Ruba Ahmad
√Mortada Altwaij
+Moheera Athar
*Kristina Nicole Atlaski
Lovedeep Kaur Banipal
Joshua Cherng
Melanie Soyoung Cho
Monica Mia Chu
Mi-Ae Sunny Chung
Brigitte Cianfrone
+Karine Combe
Tea Dimo
Sara Rose DiRezze
Tyler Patrick Duggan
Jason Dunne
Audrey Trinh Duong
Eric J. Duresa
Paul Eros
+√Michaella Marie Ford
Rachel G. Ford
Amy Rose Gerwing
*Macey Lee Gonzales
Gurleen Grewal
Erik R. Gustavson
Lauren Ansemoss Haddad
^ √Shaadan Hasan
*Nicholas P. Hasler
Abraham Anthony Hassan
Christian Daniel Hernandez Martinez
Jodi Isaac
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*Katarina Ivanovic
Stephanie A. Jacob
Syed Abbas Jaffery
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+Jini Varughese John
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Amanda Hok Lay
^Blake Aaron LeMay
Dayra Melissa Macías
Omar Mustapha Mallah
Nicole Manga
+Kimber Mapili
Aitana Elizabeth Marquez
Andy Keiichi Marshall
+Shayna Shairoz Mellesmoen
^Benjamin Meyette
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Bobby Singh Mundra
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Matthew Peter Oljnyk
Milena Opacic
Puja Ambalal Patel
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*Shayna Kate Rak
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Elsie Lucrecia Rodriguez
+Aroob Saleem
Sarah Nicole Sanchez
Steven Sargent
Katharine C. Schooley
Erica Chieun Shin
Caroline Paige St. Ores
Talha Suhail
*John Daniel Tatar
+Tiffany Tsoi
+Lydie Tshiyoyo Tubene
Anh Dao Vu
Kenneth D. Ward
Anam Waris
Mayadah Abdulwahid Yahya
Timothy Boua Yang
+Yumna Batool Zaidi
*Irene Zaman

Honors & Awards

Alexis Brianna Abernathy

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Clayton Powell Scholarship
Dr. Henry J. Luckhardt Memorial Award
Dr. Stanley Gorman Memorial Scholarship
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented Populations
ICO African American Scholarship
VSP's Dr. Marvin Poston Leadership Award
Drs. James & Margaret L. Wachter Residency
Scholarship

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Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Derrald Taylor Low Vision Residency Award
Faculty Scholarship
Southwest Contact Lens Scholarship
Trustees Scholarship
Dr. Robert B. Mandell GP Clinical Excellence Award

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Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustees Scholarship
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Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Exceptional Tutor/Academic Coach Award

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Good-Lite Pediatric Equipment Award

Mi-Ae Sunny Chung

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Natelle and Curt Brown Endowment

Karine Combe

Eschenbach Low Vision Student Award

Jason Dunne

Trustees Scholarship

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Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence

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Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship

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Trustees Scholarship

Lai Jiang

Tomb & Key Honorary Society
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Oculus Student Scholarship Award

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Johnson & Johnson Award of Excellence in
Contact Lens Patient Care

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Cribb Leadership and Service Award
Rosenbloom-Matchinski Endowed Scholarship

Honors & Awards

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Walmart Scholarship

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2022 VSP/AAOF Practice Excellence Scholarship
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Gold Key Honorary Society
E. Richard Tennant Memorial Scholarship
Faculty Scholarship
ICO Alumni Association Scholarship
Presidential Scholarship

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Colleague of the Year Award
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Tiffany Tsoi

Gold Key Honorary Society
2022 VSP/AAOF Practice Excellence Scholarship
2023 COVID Excellence in Vision Therapy Award
AAO Travel Grant
Exceptional Tutor/Academic Coach Award
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Graduates who are members of an honorary society wear colored cords to signify their society.

ICO Beta Sigma Kappa chapter members wear solid gold cords and four year members also wear a black/gold intertwined cord.

ICO Tomb & Key members wear gold and blue cords.

ICO Gold Key members wear gold stoles with a black key.

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Ocular Disease

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Ocular Disease

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Carmel, IN*
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Chief Marshal

John Baker, O.D., M.S.Ed
Associate Professor of Optometry

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Brittney Brady, O.D.
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Assistant Professor of Optometry

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Assistant Professor of Optometry

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Assistant Professor Optometry

Flag Bearers

ICO Flag
Karli Sanders
Second Professional Year

U.S. Flag
Diana Masolak
Third Professional Year

The Optometric Oath

With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

- I affirm that the health of my patient will be my first consideration.
- I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.
- I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.
- I will provide professional care for the diverse populations who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.
- I will work to expand access to quality care and improve health equity for all communities.
- I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.
- I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.
- I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.
- I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.
- I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow doctors of optometry and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.
- I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as a doctor of optometry.
- I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this solemn oath and obligation.

Alma Mater

Let our voices loudly ringing
Echo far and near
Songs of praise thy children singing
To thy memory dear.

Alma Mater, Alma Mater
Tender, fair and true
Gratefully with love unfailing
All our vows renew.

Years may dim our recollection
Times its change may bring
Still thy name in fond affection
ICO we sing.

Alma Mater, Alma Mater
Tender, fair and true
Gratefully with love unfailing
All our vows renew.

Illinois College of Optometry

The Illinois College of Optometry has the reputation and distinguished legacy of being among the world's leading optometric institutions. Since its founding in 1872, the college has educated and trained optometrists to become independent primary health care providers who not only examine, diagnose, treat and manage eye diseases and vision disorders, but are capable of diagnosing related systemic conditions in which vision problems are often an early symptom. ICO is also home to the Illinois Eye Institute. The heart of the college's clinical division, the IEI is a nonprofit multi-specialty eye center with more than 100,000 annual patient visits.

Throughout its history, ICO's evolution has closely paralleled the development of the profession of optometry and, the dedicated efforts of ICO leadership, faculty, staff, students and alumni have propelled the institution to remain at the forefront of optometry. From admission to commencement and beyond, ICO is committed to preparing aspiring optometrists to succeed in today's health care environment by providing excellence in optometric clinical education.



