



Illinois College of Optometry

The One Hundred Seventy-ninth Commencement

Saturday, May Twenty-first Two Thousand and Twenty-two 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

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Order of Exercises

- I. PRELUDEDavid Schrader, Ph.D.
Organist

Organ Concerto in B-Flat, Op. 4 No. 2

George Frederic Handel

***Please stand as you are able for the processional.
Candidates for degrees, after reaching your seat, face the closest aisle as a
mark of respect while the faculty and trustees proceed to their places.***

- II. PROCESSIONALDavid Schrader

*Fanfare and Processional
Prelude to Te Deum*

Douglas Wagner
Marc-Antoine Charpentier

- III. PIPES AND DRUMSDoonaree Pipe Band
Scotland the Brave

- IV. PRESIDENTIAL WELCOMEMark K. Colip, O.D.
President

- V. CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE IN OPTOMETRYDr. Colip

Roy Wesley, O.D., Ph.D., Author, Chief Officer and Scientist at Fermalogic, Inc., and Contact Lens Museum Board Member, will be hooded by Dwight H. Akerman, O.D., M.B.A., Chairman of the Illinois College of Optometry Board of Trustees and assisted by Stephanie S. Messner, O.D., Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs.

- VI. COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSDr. Wesley

- VII. VALEDICTORY RECOGNITIONStephanie Messner, O.D.
Soo Jung Lee will be acknowledged.
*Vice President for
Academic Affairs/Dean*

- VIII. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH Denise Alexopoulos, O.D.
Assistant Professor of Optometry
Director of Contract Research

The audience will please refrain from applause until the degrees are conferred by President Colip.

- IX. CONFERRING OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY Dr. Colip

Dr. Messner will hood the candidates, assisted by Janis Winters, O.D., Associate Professor of Optometry and Ashley Speilburg, O.D., Associate Professor of Optometry.

Erik Mothersbaugh, O.D., Dean of Student Affairs, will present the candidates.

- X. WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Nana Owusu, O.D.
President
Alumni Council

All who are able, please stand.

- XI. ALMA MATER Graduate & Faculty Chorus
Dominick Maino, O.D.
Director

Please be seated.

- XII. CLOSING REMARKS Dr. Colip

The audience is requested to stay seated during the recessional.

- XIII. RECESSIONAL David Schrader

Toccata in F Major

Charles-Marie Widor

Congratulations to the ICO Class of 2022!

Commencement Speaker

Roy K.A. Wesley, M.S., O.D., Ph.D., D.O.S.

Dr. Roy Wesley's ties to ICO run deep. The son of Newton K. Wesley, instructor at the Monroe College of Optometry, a predecessor to ICO, he grew up working in the emerging contact lens industry of the 1950s.

After meeting at ICO, his father, Dr. Newton K. Wesley and Dr. George Jessen spent nearly six years researching a new type of contact lens, they developed plastic lenses; better-known as rigid contact lenses, which fit over the cornea and not on the sclera and together founded the Plastic Contact Lens Company (PCL) in Chicago.

As a pre-teen, Dr. Roy Wesley helped at PCL by doing piecework stuffing rubber pads into contact lens cases by hand. As a teenager, he began cutting hard contact lenses on Briggs & Stratton lathes. He learned about other aspects of the business and eventually became a member of the board of directors.

Since the passing of his father, Roy Wesley, his brother, Lee Wesley, and Lee Wesley's wife Vicki Granacki, founded Dr. Newton K. Wesley Foundation Fund (NKWF). This foundation is dedicated to eye research and preserving the legacy of their father. It is in partnership with this foundation that ICO is building the Newton K. Wesley Research Center, a space that will triple the size of the current clinical Research Suite. It will provide state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure for ICO students, residents, and faculty to do research.

As president of the Dr. Newton K. Wesley Foundation Fund, Roy Wesley has dedicated himself to bringing light to both his father's struggles and successes. Following his father's death, he researched and wrote *Invisible Vision* as a memorial testament to his father's pioneering work. This story follows the life of a Japanese American born a US citizen to immigrant parents during the Great Depression. Besides the inherent discrimination of the times before and after World War II, he confronted impending blindness. He overcame it by developing new contact lenses that helped the vision of millions of people around the world including movie stars and professional athletes.

As a very young child, Roy spent the first years of his life in a Japanese internment camp. Three days after he was born, he and his mother were transported to the prison where his grandparents, father and older brother were already incarcerated. They were then later sent to the Minidoka War Relocation Center in Idaho. Based in part on his own experience and that of his family, he is currently working on a book: *Lost Life, A Memoir of Incarceration*.

Dr. Roy Wesley is a research scientist in cell and molecular biology and COO at Fermalogic, Inc. He holds a Doctor of Optometry from New England College of Optometry, a PhD in Cell and Molecular Biology from City University of New York, a MS in Cell and Molecular Biology from Wayne State University and an AB in German and Comparative Literature from Washington University, St. Louis, MO. Previously, Dr. Wesley was a senior research investigator at Pfizer and the clinic director at Wesley-Jessen, Inc. He has also been president and clinic director at the National Eye Research Foundation.

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 at Harvard College.

From 1642 to 1644 graduates received "a Book of Arts" to represent their achievement. Which, the school took back after the ceremony. The first known diploma was made 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. Traveling scholars needed it as proof of their education.

The Graduating Class of 2022

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Sarah Marie Abbott	+Sydney Marie Krisa
Bjorn Erik Bade	+^* Soo Jung Lee
+Nicole Marie Bergman	* **Maxime David Morier-Roy
+Jena Stensland Gilbertson	^Steven G. Schaefer
Randeep Grewal	Madeleine Viktoria Schuchardt
+Clara S. Hong	Whitney Morgan Wallace

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Sarah F. Ali	Nicole Tony Hanna
Zahra Ali	Xiang Jun (Jenny) Liu
Balpreet Denise Aujla	Shalynn D. Mills
Christie Jia Min Cao	+^Christian Jalen Pratt
Vianna L. Ha	^William T. Robison

CUM LAUDE

+^Lauren Marie Aguilar	+^Frederick James Neher III
Tanner N. Bartczak	Kosha Patel
^Eric J. Beigel	+Natalie Patricia Polk
Bryce Alan Boente	^Sophia Raziuddin
Jessie Rose Boycott	Jordan Alexander Reyes
Angelica Cardenas	^**Connor Matthew Robbs
Raveena Kaur Dhanjal	Alina Shahid
Claudia Heraiz	+Lirong Sun
Bobby L. Huynh	Blaine M. Thorp
+^Melissa Y-Lan Huynh	Lisa Marie Vivacqua
+^Stephanie Arnelle Koss	Juliana Michaela Vizza
+Weleed Langer	Angela S. Zezelic
+^Chi Na Moua	

+ 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 a family member who is an alumnus of the college.

The Graduating Class of 2022

Continued

+Kainat Akhter
Matthew Albin
Demetra Anastasia Arianas
Zacharia Rabah Askar
Thomas E. Austin
Kipp Devine Beyerle
Alicja Z. Biniek
Erin M. Blanco
Nathaniel Thomas Briggs
+Marissa Lauren Buinickas
Katelyn Wang Bult
Sarah Chang
+Natalia Anna Chramiec
Eric Cui
Michael Czuma
Cody William Dagnall
Macy Ellen Frazier
+Ericka Jeannette Garcia
Kevin George
Yousif M. Ghaleb
+Kaitlin M. Gibbs
Alison R. Gill
**Junaid Haider
+Payton M. Holden
+Tracey Buu-Vi Huynh
Summaya Imran
Fadi Iskander
Lacey Kaye Jacobs
Jake E. Jochimsen
Gurkiran Kaur
Annie C. Kim
Ramanjot Kaur Kingra
+Macy Elizabeth Koepke
+Larissa Micaela Lamas
Nicole Irene Landry
Mackenzie Kathryn Large
+Dolores Lootens
+Courtney Lynn Luce
Emy Jane Lutchka
Yordanos Goshu Managdeu
+Eryn Gronewoller Martinez
Andrea Kathryn Meagher
Gunnar Meyer
Allie Gracen Moody
Michael Allan Morski
Joshua Paul Mugler
+Jacqueline Diem Vy Nguyen
Jenny Nguyen
Noel N. Nguyen
+Kathy Nguyen-Duong
Paulina Niziol
+Himanee Patel
Shivani Patel
Shruti D. Patel
Vairagi U. Patel
Sneha Rose Paul
Erica Kristina Payne
+Divya Pillai
Bonnie Quach
Navjeet Randhawa
Melissa Reveles
Maria Carmina Rodriguez
+Amber Janelle Sarver
Cierra Onya Schmicker
**Hamza Shah
Malika Sharma
Rachel S. Shim
Sadie Elaine Sholl
+Kristina Shpountova
Chereka Devi Singh
Maximillian Soldenwagner
Rodney S. St. Louis
Cailyn Alyse Strupek
+Priya Swatch
Kelly Tang
+Sydney Ann Teragawa
Steven Ticknor
Nenad Vasiljevic
Maria Magdalena Wadowska
Lidia Marie Wawrzak
Rylee R. Wildt
+Savannah Raye Winkel
+Christopher S. Wong
Karen Wong
Hyun Ju Grace Yoon

Honors & Awards

Sarah Marie Abbott

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Good-Lite Pediatric Equipment Award
Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Lauren Marie Aguilar

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
William Feinbloom Low Vision Award
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Kainat Akhter

Dr. Thaddeus E. and Virginia E. Urbanek
Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Albin

Dr. Henry J. Luckhardt Memorial Award

Sarah F. Ali

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustees Scholarship

Zahra Ali

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustees Scholarship

Demetra Anastasia Arianas

Gold Key Honorary Society
John C. Kulis Graduate Scholarship
Pan-Laonian Federation Scholarship

Zacharia Rabah Askar

ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented
Populations

Balpreet Denise Aujla

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Tsang Family Scholarship
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Bjorn Erik Bade

Trustees Scholarship

Tanner N. Bartczak

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Turner Scholarship

Eric J. Beigel

Private Practice Award
Floyd & Shirley Mizener Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Nicole Marie Bergman

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Erin M. Blanco

ICO Alumni Association Scholarship
Dr. Richard Newth Memorial Scholarship
Student Association Scholarship

Bryce Alan Boente

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Student Association President
Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship

Jessie Rose Boycott

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustees Scholarship

Christie Jia Min Cao

Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Angelica Cardenas

Dr. Stanley Gorman Memorial Scholarship
Turner Scholarship
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented
Populations

Eric Cui

Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Michael Czuma

Polish-American Medical Society Scholarship
Recipient - administered by the Kosciuszko
Foundation
Trustees Scholarship

Raveena Kaur Dhanjal

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Ericka Jeannette Garcia

ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented
Populations
Natelle and Curt Brown Endowment Award

Kaitlin M. Gibbs

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence
Turner Scholarship

Honors & Awards

Jena Stensland Gilbertson

Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. & Mrs. Rudolph H. Ehrenberg
Research Award
2022 Dr. Robert B. Mandell GP Clinical
Excellence Award
Drs. Elliot and Lorayne Politser Scholarship
Trustees Scholarship

Randeep Grewal

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Turner Scholarship

Vianna L. Ha

Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

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Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship

Claudia Heraiz

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society

Payton M. Holden

Gold Key Honorary Society
Cribb Leadership & Service Award
Polly Flink Eastland Memorial Award
Richard J. O'Brien II Memorial Award
Dr. Derrald Taylor Low Vision Residency Award

Clara S. Hong

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Drs. Elliot and Lorayne Politser Scholarship
Coalition of Higher Education Assistance
Organizations (COHEAO) Scholarship 2021
Korean American Scholarship Foundation (KASF) –
Midwestern Regional Chapter (MWRC) 2020
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Midwestern Regional Chapter (MWRC) 2019

Bobby L. Huynh

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Melissa Y-Lan Huynh

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Philip E. Wells Trust Award

Tracey Buu-Vi Huynh

Turner Scholarship

Lacey Kaye Jacobs

AOA+ Leadership Society

Macy Elizabeth Koepke

Eschenbach Low Vision Student Award

Stephanie Arnelle Koss

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Tomb & Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
Dr. Deanna Roder Memorial Scholarship
Tsang Family Scholarship

Sydney Marie Krisa

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Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Turner Scholarship
Student Association Scholarship

Larissa Micaela Lamas

ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented
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Weleed Langer

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Optelec Excellence in Low Vision Award

Mackenzie Kathryn Large

Turner Scholarship

Soo Jung Lee

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Beta Sigma Kappa Medal
Exceptional Tutor Award
Colleague of the Year
Dr. Henry Luckhardt Memorial Award
Valedictory Award
Faculty Scholarship

Xiang Jun (Jenny) Liu

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. Newton K. Wesley Ortho-K Award

Courtney Lynn Luce

Gold Key Honorary Society
Dr. Richard Newth Memorial Scholarship
AOSA Travel Grant 2021

Yordanos Goshu Managdeu

African American Scholarship
Clayton Powell Scholarship
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented
Populations
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Honors & Awards

Eryn Gronewoller Martinez
Gold Key Honorary Society

Andrea Kathryn Meagher
Gold Key Honorary Society
ASCO 2022 Student Award Winner in
Clinical Ethics

Shalynn D. Mills
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. Newton K. Wesley Ortho-K Award
2022 Global Specialty Lens Symposium Travel
Fellowship
2019 Dr. William H. Townsend Scholarship from
Arkansas Optometric Association

Maxime David Morier-Roy
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
A. H. Basman, OD Scholarship
Trustees Scholarship

Chi Na Moua
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. Newton K. Wesley Ortho-K Award
Trustees Scholarship

Joshua Paul Mugler
Turner Scholarship

Frederick James Neher III
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Class Representative
Faculty Scholarship
Ocular Instrument Excellence in Ocular Disease
Southwest Contact Lens Scholarship
Turner Scholarship
2021 VSP / AAO Practice Excellence Scholarship

Noel N. Nguyen
ICO Summer Research Program Scholarship

Kathy Nguyen-Duong
Exceptional Academic Coaches Award
Turner Scholarship

Shirani Patel
Colleague of the Year

Shruti D. Patel
Trustees Scholarship

Erica Kristina Payne
2021 VSP/AAOF Practice Excellence Award

Natalie Patricia Polk
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Class Representative
Lawrence P Feigenbaum Clinical Optometry
Memorial Award
Philip E. Wells Trust Award
Turner Scholarship
Faculty Scholarship

Christian Jalen Pratt
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Trustees Scholarship

Bonnie Quach
Turner Scholarship

Navjeet Randhawa
Trustees Scholarship

Sophia Raziuddin
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Melissa Reveles
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented
Populations

Jordan Alexander Reyes
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented
Populations

Connor Matthew Robbs
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Exceptional Tutor Award
ICO Research Award
ICO Alumni Association Scholarship
Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship
J. Pat Cummings Scholarship
E. Richard Tennant Memorial Scholarship
Ruth A. Trachimowicz, PhD, OD Anatomy
Scholarship
Cribb Leadership and Service Award

William T. Robison
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Maria Carmina Rodriguez
Dr. Stanley Gorman Memorial Scholarship
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented
Populations

Honors & Awards

Amber Janelle Sarver
Natelle and Curt Brown Endowment Award

Steven G. Schaefer
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship
Trustees Scholarship

Madeleine Viktoria Schuchardt
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
AOSA Travel Grant
A.H. Basman, OD Scholarship
(from Manitoba Association of Optometrists)
Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship

Alina Shahid
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Dr. Deannda Roder Memorial Scholarship
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Malika Sharma
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Rachel S. Shim
Trustees Scholarship

Sadie Elaine Sholl
Trustees Scholarship

Chereka Singh
Turner Scholarship

Kristina Shpountova
Dr. & Mrs. Rudolph H. Ehrenberg Research Award

Rodney S. St Louis
Clayton Powell Scholarship
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented
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Lirong Sun
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Turner Scholarship

Priya Swatch
Award for Excellence in Vision Therapy

Sydney Ann Teragawa
ICO Alumni Association Scholarship
Dr. Newton K. Wesley Ortho-K Award

Blaine M. Thorp
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
E. Richard Tennant Memorial Scholarship

Steven J. Ticknor
Turner Scholarship

Lisa Marie Vivacqua
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society

Juliana Michaela Vizza
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb & Key Honorary Society
Turner Scholarship

Maria Magdalena Wadowska
Exceptional Academic Coaches Award
Turner Scholarship
Dr. Thaddeus E. and Virginia E. Urbanek Memorial
Scholarship

Whitney Morgan Wallace
Elmer & Blanche Pieper Memorial Scholarship
Presidential Scholarship

Lidia Marie Wawrzak
Dr. Richard Newth Memorial Scholarship

Savannah Raye Winkel
Dr. & Mrs. Rudolph H. Ehrenberg Research Award
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

Christopher S. Wong
Southwest Contact Lens Scholarship
Trustees Scholarship
Turner Scholarship

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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Pediatric Optometry & Vision Therapy and Vision Rehabilitation

Illinois Eye Institute
Chicago, IL
Jeress Pendleton, O.D.
Kelsey Trast, O.D.

Cornea and Contact Lenses & Ocular Disease

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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 those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.
- 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 optometrists 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 an optometrist.
- I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my 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.

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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.

For 150 years we have served both our students and our patients. This year we are redoubling our commitment to remain at the forefront of teaching, training, discovery, and healthcare delivery. We remain committed to our patients, our students, and the optometric profession. We remain committed to your vision.

