

Illinois College of Optometry



The One Hundred Seventy-fifth Commencement

SATURDAY, MAY NINETEENTH TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN 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 Seventy-fifth Commencement

Order of Exercises

- I. PRELUDE Thomas Weisflog
Organist

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

- II. PROCESSIONAL Thomas Weisflog

Fanfare and Processional Douglas Wagner

Prelude to Te Deum Marc-Antoine Charpentier

- III. PIPES AND DRUMS Doonaree Pipe Band
Scotland the Brave

- IV. WELCOME Arol Augsburger, O.D.
President

- V. CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE IN OPTOMETRY Dr. Augsburger
Donovan L. Crouch, O.D., Emeritus Trustee of the Illinois College of
Optometry Board of Trustees and Alumni Council, will be hooded by Karen
A. Eng, O.D., Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois College of
Optometry and assisted by Stephanie S. Messner, O.D., Vice President and
Dean for Academic Affairs.

- VI. INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER Dr. Eng

- VII. COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. Augsburger

- VIII. VALEDICTORY RECOGNITION Dr. Messner
Michael Gorz will be acknowledged.

IX. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH Erik Mothersbaugh, O.D.
Assistant Professor of Optometry

X. CONFERRING OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY Dr. Augsburg
Dr. Stephanie Messner will hood the candidates, assisted by Renee Reeder, O.D.,
Associate Professor of Optometry and Wendy Stone, O.D., Associate Professor
of Optometry.

Mark Colip, O.D., Vice President for Student, Alumni and College
Development, will present the candidates.

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

XI. WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Stacy M. Hinkemeyer-Colatrella, O.D.
President-Elect, Alumni Council

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

The audience is requested to stand for the Alma Mater.

XIII. CLOSING REMARKS Dr. Augsburg

XIV. RECESSIONAL Thomas Weisflog

Toccata in F Major Charles-Marie Widor

The audience is requested to be seated during the Recessional.

Congratulations to the ICO Class of 2018!

Commencement Speaker

Arol Augsburger, O.D.

A catalyst for progress and innovation in optometry, Dr. Augsburger is the Illinois College of Optometry's fifth president. For over forty years, he has dedicated his career to improving the profession in academics, clinical expertise, and organization management.

Dr. Augsburger discovered his interest in optometry as a young athlete when his coaches recommended he try contact lenses. What started as a patient visit grew into his life's vocation. His academic path led him to enrollment at The Ohio State University School of Optometry. Ironically he went on to contribute to contact lens material research, the very topic that initially drew him to the profession.

Prior to Dr. Augsburger's appointment to ICO 2002, he served 30 years in a variety of leadership positions in higher education including positions of Interim Provost of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Dean and Professor at the UAB School of Optometry, and Professor of Clinical Optometry at Ohio State University School of Optometry.

Dr. Augsburger's sixteen years at ICO have furthered our high clinical standards, academic excellence and resulted in many exceptional achievements. During his tenure, ICO has doubled its investable assets. He helped earn the first Robert Wood Johnson grant ever given to an optometry program. This fundraising contributed to over \$40 million in campus improvements - the Rosenbloom Center on Vision and Aging, Diabetic Eye Center, ICO Library, Residential Complex, and soon, a full renovation of the Pediatrics and Binocular Vision Center.

Dr. Augsburger has expanded ICO's ties to the community with his participation in the Near South Planning Board, the Jackson Park Hospital Foundation Board and the Rotary Club of Chicago. Throughout his time at ICO Dr. Augsburger has actively fostered community engagement with the neighborhood's Community Advisory Board which meets at ICO three times a year.

The honors and achievements bestowed upon Dr. Augsburger have been many including, Optometrist of the Year in three states, National OD of the Year and several Distinguished Service awards. In 2014 Dr. Augsburger was inducted into the Optometry Hall of Fame.

We welcome Dr. Augsburger and look forward to his guidance and reflections on the profession of optometry as he begins his next chapter in life.

Doctor of Science in Optometry Honorary Degree

Donovan L. Crouch, O.D.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Optometry is being awarded to Donovan L. Crouch, OD '63, FAAO, for his lifetime of contributions to the profession. In addition to practicing in Storm Lake, Iowa, for over 50 years, Dr. Crouch has held multiple executive committee positions within the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, National Board of Examiners in Optometry, American Optometric Association, North Central States Council, and Iowa Optometric Association. He has served as a member of the ICO Board of Trustees, including Chairman of the Board, and is a member emeritus of the ICO Alumni Council. He volunteers his time with both the American Optometric Foundation and the Iowa Optometric Foundation.

Dr. Crouch has received many honors including Iowa OD of the Year, Heart of America Contact Lens Society OD of the Year, Lifetime Service Award from the ICO Alumni Association, and the Illinois College of Optometry Presidential Medal of Honor.

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.

The Graduating Class of 2018

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

+Brittney M. Brady	Binesh M. Kiani
** *Michael John Gorz	Christina Pym
+Benjamin Randall Groth	Daniel Raies
+Taylor Bishop Harris	Alex J. Uhlenhopp
Melissa Erin Heisler	+Alicia Xiuling Wong
+Kathryn Elizabeth Hohs	

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

^+Manveen Bedi	+Alexandra Mae Literski
+Mark Edward Brachmanski	+Vakishan Nadarajah
Jessica Chan	+Sara Nisar
^Aleice J. Vujnovich Ellerkamp	Kevin Van Houten
** +Stephanie Jane He	Liliya Vasilova
Samantha Dawn Jansen	*Aida Zabaneh
*Jenny G. Lau	

CUM LAUDE

Courtney Anne Beasley	Luciana Marie Petitti
Ekjot Kaur Brar	+Benjamin Steven Poznic
Erin Mary Dunphy	Natalie Raies
**Jill Meredith Goldberg	**Jessica Sathchakham
**+Mark Henriksen	+Zachary Sherman
+Bradley Alexander Hiatt	+Jenna Stoddard
**+Faiza Noor Javed	Bianca P. Surti
Abigail E. Ledford	+Salena Z. Thong
+Lu Li	Cindy My-Hanh Trinh
Melissa Ann Milbrandt	Ka Zoua Vang
Shanna Miller	+Chloe Michelle Vezinaw
Jason Naidu	+Justin J. Wright
Sarah Ann Pacheco	+Andrea Win-Lim Yee
^Neil R. Patel	Brandon Michael Alfred Zeeben
Christian R. Peloquin	

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

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

* These graduates have distinguished themselves by completing requirements for 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 2018

Continued

+Nicole Kelechi Akpunku
Nasiem Adnan Ayoub
**Theothota Bairaktaris
Briana Lindsay Baron
+Randi Gail Bassik
**Taylor Kathryn Battaglia
Eric Joseph Uy Bendicion
+Andrea Marie Betrus
Jennifer Marie Blakemore
**John Burton
+Paige Pei Chi Chain
+*Megan Jean Chee
Victoria Chu
Nichole Conley
Nicole Corsiatti
+Christian Corzo
Jacqueline Victoria Cozzone
Evan Michael Criscio
**Taryn Lee Doherty
Kristie Allison Drca
Saly Elias
**Mariam Ethezaz
Megan Marie Fabisch
Louchlyn Tremaine Fraser
Jasmine Ghotra
^+Trey Michel Hagen
Julie Debra Hiscock
Kathryn L. Holley
Greigham Jon Christian Hopkins
Syeda Safura Hussaini
Page Jian
Mohammed Fayssal Jomha
Puneet Kalkat
+Tatjana Karovic
Vasicka Kasivisvanathan
+Harleen Kaur
+Delaney Kent
+Amy Keopraseuth
*Maryam Khan
Kyle A. Koubek
Iris Kwong
Bryan J. Lazzarin
Kevin Leung
Diana Li
Matthew John Littell
Melissa Marie Lopez
Audrey Marie Lukey
Gregory M. Macagba
Suet Mei Annie Mak
**Delia M. Malone
Marcella Robinda Mansaray
John Thomas Meek
Brittney Morales
Alexandra L. Muncy
**Meghan Murray
Kiruthika Nagendran
+My-Chau Thi Nguyen
+Aaron Nichols
Elaine Oetomo
+Melissa Therese Hautea Paragas
+Jay Patel
+Manali R. Patel
Justin Patterson
Lisa T. Pham
David Phan
Justin Mathew Pierskalla
Andrew J. Pudjowargono
Carmen Azaleea Rad
+Nicole Megan Ramos
Maria Isabella Roma
+Leah M. Ruhland
Fariha Fatima Sabiri
Sheran Sahota
Golbarg Samii
Sandeep Kaur Sandhu
Hussam Saras
Susan Sarrafi
Samantha Joan Schiber
Serena Shao
Raihana Sherdil
Ranjodh Sidhu
Victoria Mandy Sin
Kulvir Singh
Mitchell G. Smith
Stephanie Sonnenburg
Kirie Joy Takahashi
Christina Alice Tang
Saadia Asma Tariq
Inderpreet Thandi
Kamaldeep Toor
Khanh-Ngoc Thi Tran
Khai Van
Asha Vyas
^+Zachary Gene Walburg
+*Megan Leanna Weidner
**+Martin Jon Williamson
**Alexandria Renee Wiss
Michael Wong
*Michael Sze Chai Yau
+Lauren Michelle Yoon
Saadia Yousuf

Honors & Awards

Nicole Kelechi Akpunku

C. Clayton Powell Scholarship
Health Vision Association Scholarship
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented Populations
Marvin R. Poston Leadership Award
National Optometric Associates Scholarship
Walmart Scholarship
Wildermuth Foundation Scholarship

Nasiem Adnan Ayoub

ICO Alumni Association Scholarship
Philip E. Wells Trust Award

Briana Lindsay Baron

Multicultural Association Scholarship

Courtney Anne Beasley

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society

Manveen Bedi

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
Trustees Scholarship

Eric Joseph Uy Bendicion

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow

Andrea Marie Betrus

American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
Dr. Derrald Taylor Low Vision Residency Award
Trustees Scholarship

Mark Edward Brachmanski

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship
Trustees Scholarship

Brittney M. Brady

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Alcon 4th Year Optometry Student 2018 Case Report Award
Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship
Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence
Southwest Contact Lens Scholarship

Ekjot Kaur Brar

Colleague of the Year
Metro Optics Contact Lens Scholarship

Paige Pei Chi Chain

American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
2018 Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care
William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

Jessica Chan

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Travel Grant
2017 VSP & FYi Doctors/AAOF Practice Excellence Scholarship
Essilor Private Practice Student Travel Fellowship
Essilor Student Scholarship Program – National Winner
ICO Alumni Association Scholarship
National Association of Medical Minority Educators Scholarship
Walman Optical Scholarship

Megan Jean Chee

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow

Victoria Chu

American Academy of Optometry Travel Grant

Nichole Conley

Dr. Deanna Roder Memorial Scholarship
Metro Optics Contact Lens Scholarship
Michigan Foundation for Vision Awareness

Christian Corzo

ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented Populations

Erin Mary Dunphy

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society

Saly Elias

American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow

Aleice J. Vujnovich Ellerkamp

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Travel Grant – Dean's Office
Faculty Scholarship
Lawrence P. Feigenbaum Clinical Optometry Memorial Award

Megan Marie Fabisch

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society

Jasmine Ghotra

American Academy of Optometry Travel Grant
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow

Jill Meredith Goldberg

Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow

Michael John Gorz

GP Contact Lens Clinical Excellence Award
Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence
Polly Flink Eastland Memorial Award
Valedictory Award
Walman Optical Scholarship
Walmart Scholarship

Honors & Awards

- Benjamin Randall Groth
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Philip E. Wells Trust Award
- Taylor Bishop Harris
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
2017 VSP & FYi Doctors/AAOF Practice
Excellence Scholarship
American Academy of Optometry Travel Grant
Beta Sigma Kappa Medal
Certificate of Commendation-Highest ICO Score
on Part 1-NBEO
Elmer and Blanche Pieper Memorial Scholarship
Optometry's Meeting's 26th Annual Essilor
Optometry Student Bowl – First Place Winner
Trustees Scholarship
Salutatorian
- Trey Michel Haugen
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Stephanie Jane He
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Melissa Erin Heisler
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship
ICO Alumni Association Scholarship
Trustees Scholarship
- Mark Henriksen
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
ARVO Travel Grant
T35 Summer Research Fellowship
- Bradley Alexander Hiatt
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented Populations
- Julie Debra Hiscock
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Kathryn Elizabeth Hohns
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Dr. Lorayne Pocius Politser Scholarship
Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence
Richard J. O'Brien II Memorial Award
Trustees Scholarship
- Greigham Jon Christian Hopkins
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Samantha Dawn Jansen
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
Exceptional Tutor Award
Trustees Scholarship
- Faiza Noor Javed
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Mohammed Fayssal Jomha
American Academy of Optometry Travel Grant
2017 Walmart/Sam's Club Project Foresight
National Scholarship
E. Richard Tennant Memorial Scholarship
Multicultural Association Scholarship
Walmart Scholarship
- Puneet Kalkat
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Tatjana Karovic
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
Optelec Excellence in Low Vision Award
- Amy Keopraseuth
NOSA/Alcon Financial Support Scholarship
- Maryam Khan
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Binesh M. Kiani
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Exceptional Tutor Award
Walmart Scholarship
- Jenny G. Lau
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Luxottica Eye Care Optometry Scholarship
Walman Optical Scholarship
- Bryan J. Lazzarin
Colleague of the Year Award
Trustees Scholarship
- Abigail E. Ledford
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
- Lu Li
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
Trustees Scholarship
- Alexandra Mae Literski
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Melissa Marie Lopez
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented
Populations

Honors & Awards

- Suet Mei Annie Mak
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Marcella Robinda Mansaray
Student Association Scholarship
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented Populations
- Melissa Ann Milbrandt
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
- Shanna Miller
Exceptional Tutor Award
- Brittney Morales
Natalle and Curt Brown Endowment
- Meghan Murray
Gold Key Honorary Society
AOSA Liaison
Philip E. Wells Trust Award
- Vakishan Nadarajah
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship
Luxottica Eye Care Scholarship
National Association of Medical Minority Educators Scholarship
Pat J. Cummings Scholarship
Walman Optical Scholarship
- Jason Naidu
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Cribb Leadership & Service Award
Wildermuth Foundation Scholarship
- Aaron Nichols
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
2017 Walmart/Sam's Club Project Foresight National Scholarship
COVID Travel Scholarship
Walmart Scholarship
- Sara Nisar
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Illinois Optometric Education Scholarship
- Elaine Oetomo
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Sarah Ann Pacheco
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
- Melissa Therese Hautea Paragas
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Eschenbach Low Vision Student Award
- Jay Patel
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Manali R. Patel
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Neil R. Patel
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Philip E. Wells Trust Award
- Christian R. Peloquin
Trustees Scholarship
- Luciana Marie Petitti
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
- Lisa T. Pham
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- David Phan
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Justin Mathew Pierskalla
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Benjamin Steven Poznic
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
Exceptional Tutor Award
Trustees Scholarship
- Andrew J. Pudjowargono
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
- Christina Pym
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Dr. George L. Demetros Memorial Scholarship
- Carmen Azaleea Rad
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Daniel Raies
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
- Natalie Raies
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
- Maria Isabella Roma
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Leah M. Ruhland
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Sheran Sahota
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society

Honors & Awards

- Hussam Saras
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Susan Sarrafi
Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award
- Raihana Sherdil
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Zachary Sherman
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
ICO Scholarship for Underrepresented Populations
- Victoria Mandy Sin
Trustees Scholarship
- Stephanie Sonnenburg
Optometry Student Challenge at GSLS
- Jenna Stoddard
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Walmart Optical Scholarship
- Bianca P. Surti
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Kirie Joy Takahashi
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
- Inderpreet Thandi
Gold Key Honorary Society
- Salena Z. Thong
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
- Khanh-Ngoc Thi Tran
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Cindy My-Hanh Trinh
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
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Elmer and Blanche Pieper Memorial Scholarship
Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence
Presidential Scholarship
Salutatorian
- Kevin Van Houten
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Trustees Scholarship
- Ka Zoua Vang
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
- Liliya Vasilova
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
Trustees Scholarship
- Chloe Michelle Vezinaw
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
Dr. & Mrs. Rudolph H. Ehrenberg Research Award
Faculty Scholarship
Good-Lite Pediatric Equipment Award
Trustees Scholarship
Walmart Scholarship
- Zachary Gene Walburg
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Gold Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
Cribb Leadership & Service Award
ICO Alumni Association Scholarship
Tsang Family Scholarship
Student Association President
- Megan Leanna Weidner
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
AOA Travel Grant
- Alexandria Renee Wiss
COVID Award for Excellence in Vision Therapy
COVID Travel Grant
Dr. Henry J. Luckhardt Memorial Award
- Alicia Xiuling Wong
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
Enhanced Vision Student Award
- Justin J. Wright
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
- Andrea Win-Lim Yee
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
- Lauren Michelle Yoon
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Colleague of the Year Award
Optical Women's Association Scholarship
- Aida Zabaneh
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
- Brandon Michael Alfred Zeeben
Beta Sigma Kappa Honorary Society
Tomb and Key Honorary Society
American Academy of Optometry Student Fellow
American Academy of Optometry Travel Grant
Good-Lite Pediatric Equipment Award

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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The Optometric Oath

Before God and this Assembly,

I solemnly pledge that

I will faithfully and conscientiously administer the art and science of Optometry.

I will keep inviolate all confidences entrusted to me as a practitioner and conduct all doctor-patient relationships in an ethical and professional manner.

I will place the treatment of all who need visual care above financial consideration.

I will uphold and promote the ideals of the optometric profession.

I will do all in my power to improve my knowledge of Optometry and increase the extent of my contribution to the health and welfare of society.

I will render, to the best of my ability, complete optometric service.

I will do my utmost to serve my country and my community faithfully, as an optometrist and as a citizen.

I will strive by action and deed, to honor the title bestowed upon me this day.

With firm resolution of purpose and high resolve, I proudly dedicate my work to the betterment of human vision and my life to the service of humanity.

And may God watch over me, and keep me steadfast in the due 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.