

Dr. Larry Davis Elected SLOS President

Dr. Larry J. Davis, assistant professor in the School of Optometry, has been elected president of the St. Louis Optometric Society. He succeeds Dr. Alexander Harris, Jr., Chief of Externships and the Minority Affairs Advisor at the School of Optometry. The Installation and Award Banquet will be held June 9 at the Whitmoor Country Club in St. Charles.

Dr. Davis completed his Doctor of Optometry degree from Indiana University in 1987. He completed the School of Optometry's contact lens residency program in 1988. In 1993 he joined the School of Optometry faculty.

He is currently the principal investigator at one of 14 clinical centers for the collaborative longitudinal evaluation of keratoconus (CLEK) which began enrolling subjects in June 1995.

When asked about his plans for the St. Louis Optometric Society Dr. Davis responded, "I plan to continue the rich tradition and enhance its image in the community."

The 1998-99 SLOS officers include three additional alums: 1st Vice President, Dr. Deborah Kerber ('92); 2nd Vice President, Dr. Douglas Huff; Secretary, Dr. Craig Sorce ('92); Treasurer, Dr. Brian Sumner; and Sgt. at Arms, Dr. Sean Mulqueeny ('91).

Honors Banquet '98

The University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry held an Honors Convocation for the 1998 graduates on May 15, 1998 at the Renaissance Hotel. Congratulations and good luck to all the new graduates!

Doctor of Optometry

Andrea Joy Baker
Arnoldo Alonzo Bowrey
Steven David Bresnahan
Paul James Brinckman
Jerry W. Brown
Amy Yuan Chen
Jay Suresh Desai
Nancy Marie Duquette
Sandra L. Easter
Tara Danielle Eckland
Jerome Allan Fay
Holly Michelle Fisher
Dax Alan Gay
Jennifer Lee Geertz
Wayne Robert Gilmore
Denise Muensterman Harvey
Paul Graham Hayter
David Christopher Hoel
David Ivan Jones
Michael L. Kane
Bradford Blaine Kesler
Cynthia Jean Krogstad
Ann Louise Laurenzi
Brad J. LaVallie
Luann Sangbae Lee
Melissa R. Lewis
Mark Gregory Lloyd
Ron D. Loflin
Arica Ann Logeais
Jason Edward McDowell
Julie Ann Pittman Oneal
Melissa Beth Patterson
Sheri Lyn Roggy
Rema Yousef Shabany



Photo by Samara Fleming

Denise Muensterman Harvey graciously accepts one of her four awards at the Honors Convocation.

Mark L. Siefkes
Jennifer May Sortor
Steven Dean Tilley
Kathleen Ann Wooten

Residency Programs of the University of Missouri-St. Louis

Family Practice Residency
• Mary Beth Rhomberg, O.D. ('97)

Contact Lens Residency
• Jeffrey D. Johnson, O.D.

**Kansas City Veterans
Administration Medical Center**
Primary Care/Rehabilitative
Optometry
• Jeffrey D. Gerson, O.D.
• Gina L. Gerguson, O.D.
• Erica J. Walker, O.D.

**Eye Health Care Associates®,
St. Louis**
Ocular Disease and Co-Management
• Charles Edward Bruce, O.D. ('97)

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Alumni

Dr. **Edward Bellingrath** ('94) was featured in an article about the importance of frame displays in the March 1998 issue of *20/20*, page 72.

Faculty

Dr. **W. Howard McAlister** was selected to be the UM-St. Louis American Optometric Association Faculty Liaison and representative to the AOA Educators Symposium by vote of the faculty.

Dr. **McAlister** was also elected to the Executive Council of the Armed Forces Optometric Society which is the equivalent of a state affiliate for federal service of optometrists.

Dr. **Timothy Wingert** was featured in the Health Care section of the St. Louis Business Journal in the April 20, 1998 weekly issue. The article is entitled "Workplace Vision Needs Protection from Computer."

Dr. **Carol Peck** participated in a workshop at the annual Neural Control of Movement meeting April 14-19, entitled "The Rostral Superior Colliculus: What Does it Control."

Dr. **Raymond I. Myers** with co-author Ronald Kreuger, M.D., of St. Louis University, recently published the paper, "Novel Approaches to Correction of Presbyopia with Laser Modification of the Crystalline Lens" in the March-April issue of the *Journal of Refractive Surgery*.

Dr. **Vengu Lakshminarayanan** received a \$16,796 award from the UM-St. Louis Research Board for "Wavelet analysis of ERG Signals."

Dr. **Lakshminarayanan** was also elected a Fellow of the Optical Society of America in recognition of wide-ranging, outstanding contributions to Optics, Vision Science and Perception and for the development of

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Honors Banquet (cont.)

William R. Jackson Jr., O.D. Memorial Scholarship (Sponsored by the Missouri Optometric Foundation)

Awarded to three graduating students who best exemplify independent professional optometry. Three students are selected by peer vote by members of the graduating class. The nominees are personally interviewed and the recipients are chosen by the Missouri Optometric Foundation Board of Directors.

- **Denise Muensterman Harvey** (\$3,000)
- **Cynthia Jean Krogstad** (\$1,000)
- **Jennifer May Sortor** (\$1,000)

M. Earl McClellan Award (Sponsored by the Missouri Optometric Foundation)

Awarded to the graduate exhibiting outstanding scholarship.

- **Sheri Lyn Roggy** (\$1,000)

Alcon Contact Lens Award (Sponsored by Alcon Laboratories, Inc.)

Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated clinical excellence in the field of contact lenses and contact lens research while maintaining above average academic achievement.

- **Mark L. Siefkes** (plaque and \$1,000)

Contact Lens Achievement Award (Sponsored by Sunsoft Corporation)

Awarded to the graduate who is recognized as an outstanding contact lens clinician.

- **Holly Michelle Fisher** (certificate worth \$1,000 of Sunsoft products)

Contact Lens Clinical Award (Sponsored by Paragon Vision Services)

Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated clinical excellence in the field of contact lenses.

- **Andrea Joy Baker** (plaque)
- **Jason Edward McDowell** (plaque)

Clinical Excellence Award (Sponsored by RGP Lens Institute)

Awarded to the graduate who exhibits exceptional interest in the fitting and application of rigid gas permeable contact lenses.

- **Paul James Brinckman** (plaque and an RGP diagnostic set)

Wesley Jessen Contact Lens Achievement Award (Sponsored by Wesley Jessen)

Awarded to the graduate who has shown outstanding achievement in the fitting of specialty soft contact lenses.

- **Tara Danielle Eckland** (plaque and \$500)

Great Start Award (Sponsored by Bausch and Lomb)

Awarded to the graduate who has shown excellence and understanding of the contact lens practice.

- **Wayne Robert Gilmore** (plaque and \$500)

Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care (Sponsored by American Optometric Foundation)

Awarded to the graduate who provided outstanding clinical contact lens patient care as indicated by knowledge of subject matter and demonstrated clinical skills in managing contact lens patients.

- **Sheri Lyn Roggy** (plaque and \$1,000)

Clinical Optometry Award (Sponsored by Vision Training Products)

Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated excellence in vision training and orthoptics.

- **Denise Muensterman Harvey** (\$200 worth of Vision Training Products merchandise)

Clinical Binocular Vision/Vision Therapy Award

(Sponsored by the School of Optometry)
Awarded to a graduate in recognition of clinical performance in the area of binocular vision/vision therapy.

- **Bradford Blaine Kesler**
- **Julie Ann Pittman Oneal** (laminated certificate)

Charles C. Matlock Memorial Award (Sponsored by the Charles C. Matlock Family)

Awarded to the graduate who has achieved distinction in the area of pediatric optometry.

- **Steven David Bresnahan** (plaque)

Corning Low Vision Award (Sponsored by Corning Medical Optics)

Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated interest and exceptional clinical proficiency in the area of low vision.

- **Holly Michelle Fisher** (Corning Trial Kit)

Honors Banquet (cont.)

Marchon Eyewear Practice

Management Award (Sponsored by Marchon Eyewear, Inc.)

Awarded to the graduate who demonstrated the most outstanding clinical and dispensing skills in practice management.

- **Denise Muensterman Harvey** (plaque and \$500)



Special School District Award for Excellence (Sponsored by the Special School District of St. Louis County)

Awarded to a graduate for demonstrating outstanding proficiency in examining children with disabilities

- **Dax Alan Gay** (plaque)



Essilor Award for Excellence in Ophthalmic Optics (Sponsored by Essilor of America, Inc.)

Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated academic and technical excellence in the field of ophthalmic optics and ophthalmic dispensing.

- **Mark L. Siefkes** (Digital Corneal Pupilometer, value \$450)



Vision Service Plan Scholarship (Sponsored by Vision Service Plan)

Awarded to two 4th year students who have demonstrated excellence in primary eye care, and are in the top half of their class and have a commitment to enter the independent practice of optometry.

- **Denise Muensterman Harvey**
- **Sheri Lyn Roggy** (\$2,000 and a plaque)



William Feinbloom Low Vision Award (Sponsored by Designs for Vision, Inc.)

Awarded to the graduate who has demonstrated excellence in both the didactic and the clinical aspects of low vision care.

- **Mark L. Siefkes** (plaque and a Certificate for Designs for Vision, Inc. Low vision equipment [initial value \$2,500 with potential value \$10,000])



LaserVision Centers Award (Sponsored by the LaserVision Centers, Inc.)

Awarded to the graduate with outstanding achievement in the field of ophthalmic lasers.

- **Holly Michelle Fisher** (a crystal award and an all expense paid trip to Minneapolis to attend Dr. Richard Lynstrom's Refractive Surgery Course valued at \$3,500.)



Clinical Optometry Award (Sponsored by Ozarks Optical Laboratories, Inc.)

Awarded to the graduate whose clinical skill and professional demeanor have been judged outstanding.

- **Bradford Blaine Kesler** (plaque and \$1,000)



Silver Medal Award (Sponsored by Beta Sigma Kappa)

Awarded to a graduate for outstanding scholarship

- **Sheri Lyn Roggy** (Silver Medal)



Dean's Award (Sponsored by the School of Optometry)

Awarded to the graduate exhibiting outstanding scholarship.

- **Sheri Lyn Roggy** (plaque)



Student Marshall

A graduate selected by the faculty, based on high academic standing, outstanding character, and involvement in University

Vision '98

by **Robert L. Mobley**

Except for money in the bank, this class has much for which to thank. Be thankful now, that your successors suffer the torment of your professors. Give thanks for the success you've had and mostly, thank your mom and dad.

Now that you're past the tests and boards, this new career you move towards brings new challenges to face in a changing market place.

So as you wade into the throes of managed care and HMO's and enter the political strife of organized professional life, you might just wistfully recall those quieter days at Marillac Hall.

To close, we give our best regards for with the challenge come rewards; trust, respect, wealth and pleasure and our profession's greatest treasure—the examination, analysis and decision that improve and restore the patient's vision.

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unique mathematical solutions to applied problems. It is a very prestigious honor and he is the only University of Missouri system faculty member who is a fellow of the OSA.

Alumni Personals

Dr. **Gary Poteet** ('96) and his wife Dr. **Lorrie Crisafulli-Poteet** are happy to announce the birth of their first born, **Dakota**. He weighed in at 8 lbs, measured 21 inches and was born on 12/23/97. Congratulations!

Faculty Personals

Dr. **Gary Bachman** has been appointed by the Mayor of Chesterfield to a two-year term on the city Beautification commission. This committee strives to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of rights-of-way throughout Chesterfield.

Student Personals

Brad Kesler ('98) and his wife **Angie** are the proud parents of their first born son, **Logan Blaine**. Logan was born on 2/2/98 and weighed in at 6 lb 4 oz. Good luck with your beautiful baby boy!

Besides devoting their lives to the practice of optometry it seems some of the optometry students have found time to pursue intramural sports. First year students **Rebecca Robinson** ('01) and **Trever Mitchell** ('01) won weightlifting championships at the intramural level. The one night volleyball team, cleverly called the "Eyeballers," won the championship game for the Winter/Spring '98 season. Team members include **Kim Molacek** ('99), **Susan Rollenhagen** ('99), **Brigid Mielke** ('99), **Mai Ly** ('01), **Kathleen Buffington** ('99) and **Olivia Le** ('00). Great job, ladies!

Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity Update

by Kristina Zetlmeisl

The 1997-98 school year was extremely successful for the UM-St. Louis Chapter of Student Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity. We were able to send a total of 12 students on four different missions.

We traveled to San Miguel, El Salvador and Quinto, Ecuador with VOSH-Illinois, to Morelia, Mexico with VOSH-Iowa and to Etzatlon, Mexico with VOSH-Wisconsin. A total of 6,800 patients were seen on the collective missions. Each student saw more than 225 patients per mission. Hence, UM-St. Louis SVOSH members can be very proud that they served more than 2,800 needy people during the 1997-98 missions. That's incredible!

A special thanks to UM-St. Louis, the School of Optometry, faculty, and our sponsors for all they do to help in our efforts to go on these missions.

As a final note, the missions that we go on are often in search of kind, generous optometrists willing to give of their time and knowledge on a VOSH trip. If you are interested in participating, please contact Clive Gironella, incoming SVOSH president, by mail at the school address. Also contributions of used eyeglasses, used equipment, and sponsorship funding would certainly be appreciated. Thank you, and congratulations UM-St. Louis SVOSH for an outstanding year!

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VOLK Optical

Calendar Events

June 9

Annual SLOS Banquet

June 24-28

AOA Congress, Orlando, FL

July 14

SLOS Meeting

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