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Introducing the University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry class of 1999. Congratulations!

## Honors Banquet '99

The University of Missouri-St. Louis School of Optometry held an Honors Convocation for the 1999 graduates on May 14, 1999 at the Renaissance Hotel. Over 350 attendees filled the banquet hall for a lovely evening of dining and celebrating the accomplishments of the graduates. Congratulations and good luck to all the new graduates!

### Doctor of Optometry

Adeyinka Adeola Adewale  
Neha Amin  
Renaë Sue Borden  
Kathleen Erin Buffington  
Cylinda Louise Butler  
Candy Kay Charowhas  
Robert Paul Chelberg  
John D. Curtis  
Laura Renee Evans  
Maureen Laura Finch  
Brian Keith Foutch  
Richard David G'Sell  
Kevin Michael Gardner  
Mary Lynn Gregory  
Kimberly Ellen Hackworth  
Suzanne Marie Hagan  
Shawna Lanette Heddinghaus  
Jerry Paul Kassel  
Njoh Calex Litumbe  
Becky Mei-Shing Lory  
Jenna Marie Manning  
Dionne Maria McCollum

Alan James McCormick  
Stefan Thomas McLaughlin  
Kenton Lee McWilliams  
Buffie Jane Cox Mock  
Kimberly Ann Molacek  
Titia M. Mulder  
Patrick Thomas Pasierb  
Harold Dino Pavlakos  
David Paul Prange  
Kari Lyne Priborsky  
Susan Rae Rollenhagen  
Scott Thomas Ruark  
Jonathan James Schorn  
Kay Lynn Smarzinski  
Christine Marie Verbeck  
Daniel Philip Walsh  
Monte Scott Wentz  
Susan Jeanette Wiggins  
Brighid Colleen Williams  
Melanie Krisina Williams  
Russell K. Williams  
Kristina Trenter Sumner Zetlmeisl

### Residents

#### *Kansas City Veterans Administration Medical Center*

Primary Care/Rehabilitative Optometry

- John Paul Harvat, O.D.
- Christopher David Cheyne, O.D.
- Wayne Robert Gilmore, O.D.

### Honors Convocation Awards

#### *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.

- **Patrick Thomas Pasierb** (\$5,000)
- **Maureen Laura Finch** (\$1,000)
- **Buffie Jane Cox Mock** (\$1,000)

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## School Briefs

### Faculty

Dr. **Vengu Lakshminarayanan** published a paper entitled "Stochastic Eye Movements While Fixating on a Stationary Target," in *Stochastic Processes and Their Applications*, pps. 39-49/

Dr. **Alexander Harris, Jr.** was awarded the Apex Award for Excellence from the University of Evansville as a primary care optometrist from St. Louis, MO.

### Staff

Welcome Dr. **Earle L. Hunter** who joined the School of Optometry as a Special Assistant to the Dean in June of 1999. (See Dean's column on page 3).

**Sharon L. Davis**, Coordinator of Student Affairs, presented three "Your Future in Sight" programs in July. Over one hundred prospective applicants and their guests received information on several aspects of attending optometry school.

### Students

Congratulations to **Robert Goerss** ('00) who was awarded the Student Leadership Award from the St. Louis Optometric Society. Robert received a foreign body removal kit provided by Bausch & Lomb Surgical.

### Alumni Personals

Dr. **John Gingrich** ('90) practices optometry in Billings, MT. He and his wife celebrated the birthday of their 1-year old son, Preston Thomas, on July 15, 1999. Happy Birthday!

### Faculty Personals

Dr. **Edward S. Bennett** coached his U-8 Boys soccer team to take a gold medal at the Show Me games in July in Columbia, MO.

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## Honors Banquet (cont.)

### A.M. Skeffington Memorial Scholarship (Sponsored by A.M. Skeffington Memorial Fund)

For excellence in Binocular vision Anomalies, Pediatric Optometry, Binocular Vision and Space Perception as well as an interest in the principals of A.M. Skeffington and the Optometric Extension Program.

- **Kathleen Erin Buffington** (plaque and \$2,100)



### Dr. Robert A. Koetting Scholarship (Sponsored by the Robert A. Koetting, O.D. Scholarship Fund)

For demonstrated scholastic excellence and leadership.

- **Kay Lynn Smarzinski** (plaque and \$1,000)



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

Awarded to the graduate exhibiting outstanding scholarship.

- **Kay Lynn Smarzinski** (\$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.

- **David Paul Prange** (\$1,000)



### Contact Lens Achievement Award (Sponsored by Sunsoft Corporation)

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

- **Kevin Michael Gardner** (\$500 and a certificate)



### Contact Lens Clinical Award (Sponsored by Paragon Vision Services)

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

- **Neha Amin** (plaque)
- **Kimberly Ann Molacek** (plaque)
- **Susan Rae Rollenhagen** (plaque)
- **Monte Scott Wentz** (plaque)
- **Brigid Colleen Williams** (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.

- **Mary Lynn Gregory** (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.

- **Kay Lynn Smarzinski** (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.

- **Maureen Laura Finch** (\$500 and \$500 Account Credit)



### 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.

- **Buffie Jane Cox Mock** (plaque and \$1,000)



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

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

- **Patrick Thomas Pasierb** (\$1,000 and plaque)



### 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.

- **Maureen Laura Finch** (plaque)
- **Neha Amin** (plaque)



### 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.

- **Brian Keith Foutch** (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.

- **Becky Mei-Shing Lory** (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.

- **Maureen Laura Finch** (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

- **Candy Kay Charowhas** (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.

- **David Paul Prange** (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, are in the top half of their class and have a commitment to enter the independent practice of optometry.

- **Cylinda Louise Butler**
- **Christine Marie Verbeck** (\$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.

- **Suzanne King Hagan** (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.

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

### Silver Medal Award (Sponsored by Beta Sigma Kappa)

Awarded to a graduate for outstanding scholarship

- **Kay Lynn Smarzinski** (Silver Medal)

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

Awarded to the graduate exhibiting outstanding scholarship.

- **Kay Lynn Smarzinski** (plaque)



Kay Lynn Smarzinski

### Student Marshall

A graduate selected by the faculty, based on high academic standing, outstanding character, and involvement in University and/or professional activities.

- **Kay Lynn Smarzinski**

## Musings of the Dean by Jack W. Bennett, O.D.

In my first column for the Eyewire I gave you my initial impression of your school of optometry, its many strengths, its considerable potential, its needs and my pledge to keep you informed of activities and developments in the efforts to satisfy some needs and to realize that potential. While no major developments have come to closure in the intervening months, I can report on considerable activity which I believe starts the process and will help us towards our goals and the achievement of our aspirations.

By the time you read this I will have completed my trips to carry the school's message to a meeting of each local area society in the state. Attendance at local society meetings is the best way I know to get a feel for the status of the profession in all the various and unique areas of the state. This is vitally important to me as the dean of your school of optometry so that we can assure the school is adequately reacting to the profession's needs and concerns. I have been gratified by the very warm and cordial reception afforded me on these visits. I owe a very special debt of gratitude to Missouri Optometric Association President Dr. Danny Nestleroad who has graciously accompanied me on these society meeting visits. His presence has been of immense help in my acceptance by the profession in Missouri.

Effective June 14, Earle Hunter, O.D. joined the professional staff of the school of optometry on a half time basis. He is serving as Special Assistant to the Dean and is involved in consulting and conducting studies and projects involving the organization, structure, and management of the school and its various clinics and offices. Dr. Hunter is well qualified to fill this role after a career in optometry and optometric education that includes private practice, service as a faculty member and Director of Clinics at the College of Optometry at Pacific University, and a distinguished career as a staff member of the American Optometric Association culminating in his service as the association's Executive Director until his recent retirement from that position.

We will in the near future be launching some faculty searches and considering organizational and structural changes resulting from Dr. Hunter's activity. I will continue to keep you informed of activities and developments. I will need your continuing input and your support. Together we can reach our goals and realize the school's potential.



**Calendar**

**Honors Banquet**

**August 10**

St. Louis Optometric Society Meeting  
 Carla J. Seigfried, M.D.  
 1 hr. C.E. - Glaucoma

**August 22**

“Options in the Treatment of the  
 Glaucomas” - 8 hrs.  
 J.C. Penney Bldg., UM-St. Louis  
 Call Lis for more info. (314) 516-5615

**September 14**

SLOS Meeting  
 “Tripling Your C. L. Revenue”

**October 7-10**


MOA Annual Convention  
 Tan-Tar-A Lodge  
 Lake of the Ozarks

**October 12**

SLOS Meeting



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