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## **American Academy of Optometry Announces 2019 Award Recipients**

ORLANDO – July 16, 2019 – Each year the American Academy of Optometry recognizes distinguished individuals who have made countless important contributions to advancing the profession of optometry.

“Our Academy is only as good as the people we honor. In 2019 we are honoring the best; our best teachers, researchers, clinicians, and rising stars of the future,” remarked John G. Flanagan, PhD, FCOptom, FAAO, Awards Committee Chair.

The Academy is pleased to announce the 2019 award recipients:

**Raymond A. Applegate, OD, PhD, FAAO**

*Charles F. Prentice Medal and Lecture Award*

**Susan A. Cotter, OD, MS, FAAO**

*Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture  
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)*

**Uduak C. Udom, OD, MPH, FAAO**

*(posthumously)  
AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding  
International Contributions to Optometry*

**Thomas R. Stelmack, OD, FAAO**

*William Feinbloom Award*

**J. Daniel Twelker, OD, PhD, FAAO**

*Brien Holden Humanitarian Award*

**Andrew D. Pucker, OD, PhD, FAAO**

*Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award*

**Rami Aboumourad, OD**

*Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics  
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)*

**Thomas G. Quinn, OD, MS, FAAO**

*Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award*

**Thomas A. Aller, OD, FBCLA, Maria Liu, OD, PhD, FAAO,  
Christine F. Wildsoet, DipAppSci(Optom), PhD, FAAO**  
*Garland W. Clay Award*

**Heather A. Anderson, OD, PhD, FAAO  
Donald O. Mutti, OD, PhD, FAAO**  
*Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education  
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)*

*Awards of the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies*

**Philip B. Morgan, PhD, MCOptom, FAAO**  
*Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award*

**S. Barry Eiden, OD, FAAO**  
*Founders' Award*

*Awards of the Public Health and Environmental Vision Section*

**Robert N. Kleinstein, OD, PhD, FAAO**  
*Henry B. Peters Award for Public Health and Environmental Vision  
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)*

Award winners will be recognized at the Joint American Academy of Optometry and World Council of Optometry Recognition Gala and Awards Program on Saturday, October 26, 7:00 to 10:00 PM, in the Plaza International Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Orlando. The Fry and Prentice Lectures will be held on Friday, October 25, 8:00 to 9:00 AM, in Room W331. This session will feature lectures from both the Charles F. Prentice Award recipient and the Glenn A. Fry Award recipient.

Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies award recipients will be honored at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, October 23 in Room W221. The Public Health and Environmental Vision Section Henry B. Peters Awardee will be honored on Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 PM in Room W230 CD.

The joint meeting of the American Academy of Optometry and World Council of Optometry, Academy 2019 Orlando and 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress of Optometry, will take place October 23-27, 2019, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. For more information, visit [www.aaopt.org/2019](http://www.aaopt.org/2019).

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