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**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY ANNOUNCES
NEW FELLOWS AND DIPLOMATES AT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

ORLANDO, FL (November 8, 2022) - The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) recently hosted Academy 2022 in San Diego. The organization's centennial was met with great fanfare, and the Academy welcomed a record number of 309 new Fellows to its ranks. Along with this strong showing of new Fellows, nine current Fellows earned the distinction of Diplomate.

Fellows of the Academy must complete a candidacy process that includes submitting written work demonstrating their skills as an optometrist or vision scientist. They must also sit for an oral exam at the annual meeting. It is estimated that 10 percent of practicing optometrists in the United States are Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO). Among those eligible for Fellow status are: optometrists, scientists, educators, librarians, administrators and editors. Those who pass the rigorous criteria earn the distinction and the right to use FAAO in their credentials.

Diplomates are Fellows of the Academy who wish to demonstrate their extensive skill in a specific area. Currently nine sections offer Diplomate programs. These include: Anterior Segment; Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry; Comprehensive Eye Care; Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies; Glaucoma; Low Vision; Optometric Education; Public Health & Environmental Vision; and Vision Science.

Below is a complete list of the new Fellows and Diplomates. More information on becoming a Fellow and Diplomate can be found on the Academy's website at <https://aaopt.org/membership/>.

About the American Academy of Optometry

The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) inspires excellence in optometric practice by fostering research and disseminating knowledge in vision science through its journal, Optometry and Vision Science, and the continuing education presented at its annual meeting. Fellows of the Academy are committed to the premise that learning is a lifelong obligation of a professional, as is the commitment to expand the profession's knowledge base through ongoing fellowship and exchange. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.aaopt.org>.

2022 Fellows

Kaleb Abbott	Akshaya C Balakrishnan	Diana Driscoll
Rami Aboumourad	Melissa Caceres	Jennifer Dryden
Cristina Acevedo	Wendy Cacioppo	Ronit Dutta
Noell Acord	Gabriela Camorlinga	Jennifer Eng
Stephanie Adams	Sophia Capo	Michelle Anne Espanto
Lindsay Agro	Paige Carr	Ngozika Ezinne
Prince Akowuah	Megan Carter	Kimberly Fazio
Abby Alexander	Christopher Cha	Kevin Feng
Kory Allen	Brian Chado	Liana Ferreira
Meznah Almutairi	Mandip Chahil	Cara Finn
Shelby Anderson	Jessica Chan	Kristina Flaig
Miriam Anglo	Tak Chau	Randi-Jo Francis
Rebecca Aquije	Chandrashekhara Chawan	Calliope Galatis
Sabari Arcot	Connie Chen	Marissa Gomez
Grace Arnold	Wei Chen	Vivek Goyal
Alyanna Arzner	Christina Cherny	Daniel Grangaard
Kofi Asiedu	Elizabeth Choi	Hannah Gregory
John Assan	Kai Yip Choi	Paul Grigsby
Melissa Atencio	Bryan Cholico	Kalina Grimm
Nicole Auble	Amy Chow	Ivanna Grynyk
Sarah Aumond	Brian Chow	Allison Guindon
Natasha Balani	Zachary Coates	Jason Guo
Seema Banerjee	Sylvester Cobbina	Nayan Gupta
Ankur Banik	Camille Cohen	Caroline Haberthy
Rusha Barua	Kelly Cohen	Megan Hafner
Ashley Bascom	Thomas Collins	Michael Hall
Hadas Ben-Eli	Nora Cothran	Allyson Hall Johnson
Khob Bhandari	Gabriella Courey	Shazib Haq
Kristen Bisig	Sean Cushman	Beth Harper
Nicholas Blasco	Michelle D'Amura	Kallie Harrier
Daniel Bollier	Quan Dao	Kiira Harrison
Melissa Bollinger	Sweta Das	Belen Healy
Petr Boshinski	Sydni Davis Farhat	Thomas Heinen
Mackenzie Bradley	Melinda Thomas De Jesus	Amy Hellem
Grace Brasel	Isabel Deakins	Andrew Henderson
Rebecca Braunsdorf	Christin DeMoss	Elise Hoi
Lauren Bruehl	Daniel Detwiler	Justin Holland
Rachel Bruinsma	Eric Devore	Alexandra Homann
Lewis Bruneel	Preet Dhami	Megan Horter
Nicholas Brunz	Daniel Diamond	Selena Huang
Jade Brunsvold	Randa Djabri	Marie Huegel
Amy Burcham	Carolyn Draude	Jennifer Hunsader

Tracy Hutchings
Klaus Ito
Sukanya Jaiswal
Janis James
Caitlin Jomoc
Landon Jones
Najiya Kadavath Meethal
Colin Kane
Sydney Kapp
Leyla Karim
Laura Karle
Helen Kee
Devon Kennedy
Katie Ker
Catherine Kerr-Niermann
Almas Khan
Autumn Killop
Deborah Kim
Jung-Sun Kim
Tyler Kitzman
Linus Klingler
Adam Kluck
Jared Koga
Jeffrey Kong
Paul Krabill
Casey Krug
Nora Kuby
Jenny La
Andrea Labunski
Alyssa Lancaster
Jason Lau
Michelle Lee
Richard Lee
Sam Lee
Shannon Leonard
Tsz Wing Leung
Melissa Levine
Jessica Lim
Luqian Liu
Nancy Liu
Kelly Lutmer
Anthony Mac
Crystal Maharrey
Julia Mai
Shreya Malli

Revathy Mani
Lina Manoukian
Jem Martin
Alexander Martinez
Elizabeth Marunde
Tiana Mathieson
Deepmala Mazumdar
Kanesha McBee
Jenna McBride
Michael McDougall
Xue Mei
Courtney Melchione
Matthew Meredith
Alex Meyer
Benjamin Michalick
Kamila Mikos
Stefanie Mirabella
Salal Mohammad
Monique Mohammed-
Weeks
Jennifer Monarrez
Yun Ping Moore
Sheila Morrison
Sara Moses
Marina Naguib
Geetha Nakka Sravani
Divya Nandwani
Ramya Natarajan
MaKay Neilson
Christina Nguyen
Hong Nguyen
Jacqueline Nguyen
Jennifer Nguyen
Linh Nguyen
Olivia Nichols
Rita Nieu
Augustine Nti
Irene Oluwatoba-Popoola
Chee Horng Alex Ong
Uchekukwu Osuagwu
Godwin Oveneri
Margaret Overstreet
Alyssa Panagos
Simmy Panchal
Rabindra Pandey

Song Park
Johnny Pascual
Komal Patel
Reena Patel
Sapna Patel
Korey Patrizi
Sona Paul
Jennifer Peterson
Alexandra Piper
Andrew Pisetzner
Nicole Poon
Sudan Puri
Cathy Qin
Stephanie Quiroz
Rabab Rafique
Imad Rahman
L Alelujah Ramirez
Tuwani Rasengane
Faisal Rashid
Victoria Ray
Zachary Reynard
Charis-Ann Ricketts
Liana Rivkin
Julia Runco
Patricia Salazar
Rachel Samouha
Alina Sample
John Samsedi
Hannah Sanders
Sherry Sandri
Megan Schmauder
Brian Schmidt
Stephanie Schumacher
Amanda Setto
Muhammad Shahbakht
Kevin Shahnazi
Noreen Shaikh
Cindy Shan
Sherry Shang
Dana Shannon
Deepak Sharma
Zihui She
Elsa Sheerer
Alaina Short
Peyton Simpson

Neeraj Singh
William Skoog
Claire Skorseth
Morgan Smerud
Jennyffer Smith
Zhi Da Soh
Sheila Soltani
Hannah Song
Andrew Sprenkel
Samuel Stack
Jennifer Steineman
Aidan Stubbs
Zahra Tajbakhsh
Leannza Tang
Fiza Tariq
Colleen Tejchma
Lilian Thoi

Chinenye Timothy
Steffani Tiomno
Isis Topete
Huy Tran
Kelsey Trast
Stella Tu
Kent Uehara
Emiko Vasquez
Marilyn Vricella
Zachary Walburg
Joshua Walek
Charlene Walton
Angela Wen
Rachel Werner
Douglas Widmer
Rachel Williams
Aaron Wolf

Arie Wong
Michael Wong
Miuyi Wong
Hannah Wood
Elspeth Wrigley
Keying Yan
Chang Ye
Jacquelyn Yi
Michelle Yoshimoto
Jessica Young
Alice Yuan
Lauren Zabaleta
Anna Zhang
Joyce Zhang
Evalin Zhao

2022 Diplomates

Anterior Segment

Sarah Lopez
Scott Hauswirth

Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry

Nicklaus Fogt (Research)

Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Stuti Misra (Research)
Amy Nau (Clinical)
Erin Rueff (Clinical)

Low Vision

George Papadakis

Optometric Education

Jasmine Yumori

Public Health and Environmental Vision

Lynn Greenspan