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American Academy of Optometry Announces 2024 New Fellows and Diplomates

Winter Park, FL (November 13, 2024) – The American Academy of Optometry recently hosted Academy 2024 Indianapolis, in Indianapolis, IN. During the organization’s annual meeting, the Academy welcomed 271 new Fellows to its ranks. Along with this strong showing of new Fellows, 16 current Fellows earned the distinction of Diplomate.

Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry must complete a candidacy process that includes submitting written works for peer review that demonstrate their skills as an optometrist or vision scientist. They must also sit for an oral exam at the annual meeting. It is estimated that approximately 10 percent of practicing optometrists in the United States are Fellows. Among those eligible for Fellowship are: optometrists, scientists, educators, librarians, administrators, and editors. Those who pass the rigorous criteria and application process earn the distinction and 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 new Fellows and Diplomates. More information on becoming a Fellow or Diplomate can be found on the Academy’s website under Membership.

2024 Diplomates

Breanne McGhee, OD, Med, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Anterior Segment

Debora Lee Chen, OD, MPH, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry

Ann Morrison, PhD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry

Maureen Plaumann, PhD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry

Stephen Chun, OD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Comprehensive Eye Care

Shelly Kim, OD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Comprehensive Eye Care

John Buch, OD, MS, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Obinwanne Chukwuemeka, OD, MOptom, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Mari Fujimoto, OD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Kathrine Osborn Lorenz, OD, MS, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Brett King, OD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Glaucoma

Derek MacDonald, OD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Glaucoma

Micaela Gobeille, OD, MS, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Low Vision

Emily Aslakson, OD, MEd, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Optometric Education

Patricia Cisarik, OD, PhD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Optometric Education

Damaris Pagan-Torres, OD, MPH, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Public Health & Environmental Vision

2024 Fellows

Veronia Abadeer	Brenda Hahn	Sophia Ries
Jerome Abaka-Cann	Chad Hawkins	Noa Robson
Maysa Abbas	Rebecca Heaps	Claire Rocken
Alexis Abernathy	Neil Hecker	Robert Roden
Reynolds Kwame	Elaine Ho	Neisha Rodriguez Ruiz
Ablordeppey	Payton Holden	Jacob Rosenberg
Osazee Agbonlahor	Kathleen Holthaus	Kofi Osei-Poku
Maureen Aghukwa	Yurianna Hou	Mary Araba Otoo
Sameera Ahmad	Chuan Hu	Bismark Owusu-Afriyie
Syeda Nisma Ahmed	Vanessa Huang	Ranjani Panda
Soufiane Ajana	Cynthia Huang	Tiffany Pasqua
Veronica Akuete	Megan Hueske	Puja Patel
Muteb Alanazi	Julianne Hui	Krupa Patel
Courtney Allen	Andrew Humiston	Himanee Patel
Eman Al-Yousefy	Lindsey Hutchinson	Jil Patel
Meagan Anderson	Osagioduwa Igbinosun	Adam Perlman
Kashifa Ansari	Priscilia Imade	Travis Pfeifer
Bridget Appiah	Asif Iqbal	Jonathan Pham
Sarah Arneal	Yasmin Javed	Divya Pillai
Memoona Arshad	Ingrid Jimenez Barbosa	Bradley Salus
Shyam Asal	Kamilah Johnson	Monica Sanago
Moheera Athar	Kathryn Johnson	Samrat Sarkar
Christine Auguste	Kirby Johnston	Samantha Schlesman
Felix Kofi Awuriki	Monica Jong	McKenna Scott
Gulnoza Azieva	Andrew Kageyama	Madeleine Seidel
Rebecca Barth	Babak Kamkar	Samuel Sesah
Brian Baxter	Jeffrey Kamo	Nand Shah
Elizabeth Bell	Alexandra Kamphuis	Avani Shah
Sarah Bell	Angela Kaplan	Hamza Shah
Sarah Bishop	Deepayan Kar	Avjit Shahi-Dhillon
Eunice Boadu	Alim Karmali	Sanjana Shashidhar
Veena Bokka	Nicole Karson	Erin Shealy
Jacquelyn Bongard	Arathy Kartha	Angelo Shimada
Lindsey Boody	Alek Karthikeyan	Kristina Shpountova
Brittany Bowman	Jaspreet Kaur	Emily Shtull
Amandeep Brar	Jacqueline Kenney	Amy Sickinger
Sandra Brook	Nathan Keyes	Aysha Siddique
Travis Bryant	Abigail Klick	Fareesa Siddiqui
Caitlin Burket	Erin Klukas	Collin Simmons
Lauren Butler	Hiral Korani	Rachel Slater Whitt
Torin Carver	Patricia Kranz	Emma Smiley

Roxanne Chalifoux
Carissa Chambers
Joanne Chan
Manki Chan
Yung Fen (Demi) Chen
Phoebe Chen
Melissa Chen
Albert Chen
Tiffany Chen
Christina Chen
Ka Wei Miranda Cheng
Hin Cheung
Anne Cho
Jina Chong
Natalia Chramiec
Ka Man Chun
Graham Chung
Johnson Co
Christen Jade Coats
Jacqueline Dang
Edith Daniel-Nwosu
Allie Decker
Harsida Desai
Sarah DeVries
Caroline Donato
Ravid Doron
Fareed Dosani
Diana Doscas
Danielle Drozd
Coral Dundon
Madison Dunning
Tamunominabo Edah
Justin Eghaghara
Kelsey Engelbart
Silvia Escobar Duran
Brittany Finch
Michaela Ford
Nathaniel Foster
Curt Fritts-Davis
Julie Furness
Olivia Gada
Alexandra Gada
Richa Garg
Jenny Geevarghese

Annie Ku
Katie Kwan
Katie Kyles
Brandon La
Kevin La
Debbie Laughton
Jenny Lee
Ka Yan Leung
Xiaojing Li
Ziqing Li
Kristina Lin
Avalena Linsky
Jade Liu
Courtney Luce
Alwell Ikechukwu
Maduakolam
Samuel Mainieri
Natalie Maiorca
Samantha Manzo
Jennifer Maples
Remy Marcotte-Collard
Michael Marino
Mariah Marshall
Mark Marquez
Matthew McGee
Kieran McMillan
Ravneet Meeta
Shayna Mellesmoen
Abdul Rasheed Mohammed
Kristin Mohr
Connor Monaghan
June Morikawa
Connor Morris
Andrew Muckin
Marin Nagelberg
Daniel Napierski
Amy Neideffer
Danielle Nesbitt
Jimmy Nguyen
Nhat-Quynh Nguyen
Jessica Nguyen
Lawrence Nguyen
Doris Onyeador
Cade Oost

Samuel Soda
Megan Solis
Anastasia Soulas
Oksana Sova
Rebecca Stapornkul
Rachel Steele
Lauren Strawn
Erlein Tacastacas
Tara Tagami
Lauren Talbert
Anson Tam
Jacqueline Thompson
Jill Thompson
Emmy Tian
Khanh Ton
Michael Tran
Matthew Truong
Tiffany Tsoi
McKenna Turrill
Cindy Ung
Ngozi Precious Uwagboe
Jourdan Valkner Krause
Nina Van
Diane van Staden
Brittany Varney
Taylor Vincent
Heidi Volos
Samantha Wang
You Annie Wang
Yueren Wang
Megan Watters
Donald Weatherbee
Kelsey Whitcomb
Qiaohui Wei White
Caitlyn Williams
Jacob Wilson
Timothy Wiseth
Carlos Woc
Ethan Wohlgemuth
Alexander Wong
Edward Wygonik
Maggie Yamin
Rachelle Yang
Christopher Yee

Miranda Geisinger
Viviana Gonzalez
Rachel Goretsky
Hanna Grabowski
Zachary Graham
Sara Hafeez

Helene Pippin
Andrew Plaxco
Angela Pool
Ali Prible
Ellen Ren
Sara Restuccio

Celia Yeung
Ayhubrhan Yifru
Yumna Zaidi
Sarah Zender
Zhenzhu Zhao
Kristen Zulliger

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