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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY ANNOUNCES 2025 AWARD RECIPIENTS

WINTER PARK, FL (September 2, 2025) – Each year the American Academy of Optometry recognizes distinguished individuals who have made countless important contributions to advancing the profession of optometry.

“The Academy’s prestigious awardees are nominated by Fellows who have been inspired by the exceptional strides these individuals have made in the fields of research, education, leadership, and service to our profession. Join us in Boston as we honor their outstanding achievements and cultivate a vision of excellence that will inspire the next generation of optometrists and vision scientists to lead with innovation, integrity, and dedication,” said Charlotte Joslin, OD, PhD, FAAO, Awards Committee Chair.

The Academy is pleased to announce the 2025 award recipients:

Donald O. Mutti, OD, PhD, FAAO

Charles F. Prentice Medal and Lecture Award

Gang Luo, PhD

Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture

(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)

Phillip Yuhas, OD, PhD, FAAO

Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award

Uchechukwu Levi Osuagwu, OD, MSc, PhD, FAAO

*American Academy of Optometry - Essilor Award for Outstanding
International Contributions to Optometry*

Alex Bowers, PhD, MCOptom, FAAO

William Feinbloom Award

Jorge Cuadros, OD, PhD

Brien Holden Humanitarian Award

Jon Hayashida, OD, FAAO

Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal Award

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

Isabelle Jalbert, OD, PhD, MPH, FAAO
Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)

Debarun Dutta, PhD, MCOptom, FAAO
AAOF Outstanding Emerging Leader Award

David Kirschen, OD, FAAO
Tony Adams Eminent Service Award

Chamberlain P, Bradley A, Arumugam B, Hammond D, McNally J, Logan N, Jones D, Ngo C, Peixoto-de-Matos S, Hunt C, Young G. Long-term effect of dual-focus contact lenses on myopia progression in children: a 6-year multicenter clinical trial. OVS 2022;99:204-12.
Garland Clay Award

Join us for the Awards Ceremony on Friday, October 10, at 8:00 am during Academy 2025 Boston in Room 253 ABC of the Menino Convention & Exhibition Center. One hour of CE credit can be accrued during this two-hour event.

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

Christine Sindt, OD, FAAO
Founders' Award

Loretta Szczotka-Flynn, OD, PhD, FAAO
Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award

Joan Exford, OD, FAAO
Exemplary Service

The Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Awards will be presented during the Section Awards Ceremony and Max Schapero Lecture on Wednesday, October 8, at 4:00 pm at the Menino Convention & Exhibition Center. Half an hour of CE credit can be achieved during this one-hour session.

Award of the Public Health and Environmental Vision Section

Stephen J. Dain, PhD, FAAO
Henry B. Peters Award for Public Health and Environmental Vision
(American Academy of Optometry Foundation Award)

The Public Health and Environmental Vision Section will hold their Section Awards Ceremony and Henry B. Peters Lecture on Thursday, October 9, at 4:00 pm in the Carlton Room of the Westin Boston Seaport hotel. Attendees receive an hour of CE credit for attending this event.

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 journals, *Optometry and Vision Science* and *Clinical Insights in Eyecare*, 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: www.aaopt.org.

About Academy 2025 Boston

Academy 2025 Boston will be held at the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center in Boston, MA, on October 8-11, 2025. The American Academy of Optometry's annual meeting will welcome optometrists, vision scientists, vision care professionals, students, residents, support personnel, and media from around the world to explore the latest continuing education, research, and innovations in optometry while enjoying the beautiful and historic city of Boston. For more information, visit www.aaopt.org/2025.

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