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American Academy of Optometry Announces 2025 New Fellows and Diplomates

Winter Park, FL (October 16, 2025) – The American Academy of Optometry recently hosted Academy 2025 Boston, in Boston, MA. During the organization’s annual meeting, the Academy welcomed a record number of 329 new Fellows to its ranks. Along with this strong showing of new Fellows, 11 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, ten 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; Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry; Optometric Education; Public Health & Environmental Vision; and Vision Science.

Below is a complete list of new Fellows and Diplomates recognized during Academy 2025 Boston. More information on becoming a Fellow or Diplomate can be found on the Academy’s website under Membership.

2025 Diplomates

Jacobi Cleaver, OD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Anterior Segment

Jeannette Wong-Powell, OD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Comprehensive Eye Care

Elaine Chen, OD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Patrick Simard, OD, MSc, MBA, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Michael Kalloniatis, MScOptom, PhD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Glaucoma

Ramanpal Deol, OD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Low Vision

Jennifer Reilly, OD, MS, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Optometric Education

Fatima Iqbal, OD, PhD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Optometric Education

Angelica Scanzera, OD, MPH, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Public Health & Environmental Vision

Yvonne Megbele, OD, MSc, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Public Health & Environmental Vision

Lisa Ostrin, OD, PhD, FAAO, Dipl AAO
Diplomate, Vision Science

2025 Fellows

Nouralison Abdella
Mohammed Abdul-Kabir
Fortuna Abebe
Emmanuel Adator
Ani Agabalian
Blessing Agenmonmen
Chika Agoha
Ahmad Ahmadzada
Eniola Ajayi
Amanda Aker
Oluchi Olivia Akor
Lucy Akua Afriyie Karikari
Wateen Alami
Bethany Army
Sunkanmi Arogbokun
Afua Asare
Jonathan Attiyah
Tea Avdic
Mary Joyce Avisado
Obinna Awiaka
Deborah Awisi-Gyau
Anna Bachmann
Jeff Banas
Sayak Banerjee
Rodnell Batac
Alyssa Batistine
Adam Bayer
Taylor Beaton
Aditi Bellur
Sydney Biette
Dominika Bizub
Chelsea Bray
Briza Brooks
Dominic Brown
Madi Brown
Lorcan Butler
Julia Campbell
Dariela Cardo
Yasmin Carter
Jazmine Casias
Jeremy Caylor
Nathan Cazmersen

Shoubhik Chakraborty
Hsuan Ariel Chao
Amy Chen
Jun Wing Chen
Shuyi Chen
Jennifer Cheng
Pallavi Cherekar
Pratik Chettry
Jeremy Chung Bo Chiang
Jessica Chung
Alexia Clark
Stefanie Clendaniel
Alexandria Cloud
Kristen Col
Karine Combe
Ellie Crossman
Tyler D'Agostino
Albert Dadzie
Cindy Dang
Michelle Dang Allotta
Demetra Danos
Samuel Danso-Debrah
Samson Darrah
Sourav Datta
Amber Dawson
Zachary Day
Roland Del Mundo
Stivia Demiri
Emily Deng
Derrick Randall
Augustine Dery
Riya Desai
Rohit Dhakal
David Dinh
Sarah Dohrman
Kevin Donohue
Richard Duong
Victoria Duque-Ferreira
Mark Eaves
Adel Ebraheem
Roshni Echharam
Angelica Echiverri

Brenda Eckenrode
Victoria Edeh
Maythita Eiampikul
Pia Victoria Haugum Ekker
Ekene Sharon Enemuoh
Maria Ennamorati
Chimezie Enwere
Kelechukwu Enyinnaya Ahaiwe
Tania Escobar Eguizabal
Emmanuel Essien
Caitlynn Estevez
Joy Ngozi Eze
MaryJane Chinelo Ezeagwuna
Raymond Farmer
Margaret Fernicola
Melanie Fleyshmakher
Thomas Ford
Taylor Fronczak
Ethan Gerstein
Jorge Giraldo
Emily Gobran
Guadalupe Gomez
Natalia Gorski
Kinsley Gossard
Jordan Gott
Joshua Griffith
Madison Gross
Sydney Gross
Karly Gruett
Lauren Guajardo
Alexandra Hac
Jessica Shengyu He
Rebecca Heath
Brianna Herring
Sharon Sze Wing Ho
Jenna Hoiland
Laura Holtz
Katherine Homa
Kirstyn Horsley
Jodie Hounq
Austin Hoy
Rebecca Hung
Jiawen Huo
April Hurley

Jeremy Hutchinson
Kelvin Imasua
Megan Ingalls
Haley Italia
Carissa Janczak
Monica Jezior
Charlyne Jiang
Leah Jipping
Alicia Jones
Kelsi Jones
Tiffany Jones
Edem Jongue
Irene Joseph
Prasannasai K
Mark Kahrhoff
Lusine Kalamdjian
Jessica Kaplan
Kayla Katsadourous
Beth Katz
Erin Keim
Bert Ketchum
Minyoung Kim
Jonathan King
Jonathan Klunk
Charles Koduah
Macy Koepke
Uloaku Kola-Olalere
Melissa Kontos
Donnie Koonce
Clarissa Kum
Pavan Kumar Verkicharla
Michael Kwarteng
Jennifer Lam
Calisandra Larson
Jolie LeGate
Arianna LeMay
Sara LeMay
Kalie Leone
Alexander Leong
Anushka Lewkebandara
Bethany Li
Vivien Li
Courtney Liang
Guang Lim

Vanessa Lin
Crystal Liu
Anastasia Logotheti
Bonnie Loh
Tiffany Lu
Jacqueline MacCallum
Gabrielle Magee
Mary Braden Mallory
Leah Margolis
Caroline Marhefka
Diana Masolak
Mahsa Masoudi
Sydney Masters
Allan McCleary
Megan McCrory Turner
Cole McDougall
Allison McKamey
Ann McLean
Valery Medina
Sarah Mendonca
Melissa Mendoza
Claire Michel
Thomas Welbeck Mills
Rabia Mobeen
Esther Moller
Sanbrita Mondal
Laura Morel
Rahufa Abdul Gani Mulla
Kate Muramoto
Alisha Musau
Maryam Nadeem
Judy Nam
Frederick Neher
Brandee Nelson
Amy Nguyen
Nathan Tuan Nguyen
Thi Xuan Ca Nguyen
Elizabeth Nickell
Jacqueline O'Brien
Christopher Obi
Jacqueline Obioma-Elemba
Ike Oforbuike
Chizoba Ogoke
Christian Ojoh

Stephen Okefi
Obiageli Oketta
Gloria Okoekhian
Joshua Oliver
Chika Onuoha
Precious Chinonso Onyenobi
Godsway Osei
Yaw Osei Akoto
Gideon Owusu
Daniela Oyola Pacheco
Dallin Page
Poonam Panda
Thanuja Panicker
Monica Papinski
Vamsi Parimi
Tiffany Park
Kevin Patrizio
Aundrea Pelakatiyage
Alberta Pengo
Angelea Perez
Katelyn Perez
Daniella Perlstein
Ashley Peters
Morgan Peters
Ryan Peterson
Trevor Phillips
Xiaona Ping
Maggie Pohlmeier
Muhammad Qasim
Amelia Rafael
Caitlyn Raia
Philip Rainey
Rachel Reed
Rachel Ressler
Victor Rodriguez-Lopez
Madison Roth
Maitreyee Roy
Celina Ann Ruiz
Adriana Saenz
Ismail Salma Mukhtar
Payal Sangani
Kaitlyn Sapoznik
Micah Isabel Sarmiento
Shin Sawai

Elisabeth Schaffer
Laura Schnepf
Laura Segraves
Emily Selenow
Haley Sessions
Rachel Shackelford
Aysha Shafi
Ria Shah
Shaily Sheth
Alexis Showalter D'Arsie
Ayishetu Shuaibu
Victoria Shust
Ambika Singh
Ekaterina Smuglova
Victoria Spence
Neha Srinivasan
Nicholas Steinshouer
McKenzie Stewart
Kevin Struble
Daniel Strybos
Meghan Sue
Kathryn Surdovel
Gretchen Suter
Sarah Sutnick
Kresta Ria Tabaranza
Aubry Tackett
Nazia Tahia
Shihij Takoo
Jacqueline Tan
Monica Tarnawski Iriza
Vivat Taylor
Heidi Tedrick
Kathleen Thai
Michelle Thai
Swapnil Thakur

Lauren Thamel
Morgan Thomsen
Vincent Thoren
Sierra Tisdelle
Ani Tokhmakhian
Austin Toresdahl
Breanna Tran Padron
Darian Travis
Joseph Trinh
Dac-Nha Truong
Jenny Truong
Frances Tsai
Lydie Tubene
Zachary Turple
Eryka Uehling
Rachel Velez
Nithya Vemula
Lindsey Walsh
Jessica Walter
Ariel Wang
Allison Ward
Karen Watson
Rebecca Wenig
Christina Wentz
Kendra Willhoite
Walter Williams
Abigail Witmer
Melissa Wong
Natalie Wong
Roseanne Work
Michelle Yan
Jay Yoon
Ashleigh Young
Han Yu Zhang

About the American Academy of Optometry

The American Academy of Optometry inspires excellence in eye care 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. The next annual meeting of the

American Academy of Optometry will be Academy 2026 Anaheim, September 30 – October 3, 2026 in Anaheim, CA. For more information, visit www.aaopt.org.

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