

NFOS NEWS

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A Word from our President

Special points of interest:

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- *Conference Highlights*
- *College Bowl Winner*

It was terrific to see everyone in our nation's capital a few short weeks ago. I want to thank everyone who kept the fires burning in my unavoidable absences at the last 2 meetings. Although the attendee numbers were lower than expected due to the hurricane, the education our members provided, student scholarships that were showcased, and the college bowl event made it a stellar affair!

I'm thrilled to announce that our next meeting will be in Dallas again in the spring, sponsored by Essilor. The structure of the meeting will vary from last year but will certainly not disappoint! We will be sending out registration information for that meeting along with all the details as soon as I am able to finalize a date with Essilor. As it looks now, it may take place in late March or Early April.

Hopefully you all received my email few weeks ago regarding volunteering for a committee. I want to thank everyone who has responded thus far. Although the format of the spring meeting will allow some time for our committees to discuss projects they are working on, I want to strongly encourage you to make use of our GoToMeeting account for any work you may want to do prior to that time. You can get the login information for it from Randy or me anytime you want to hold a meeting with your fellow committee members.

As mentioned during our meeting in DC, the past year had several bumps in the road for me; however furthering the progress on the following initiatives is my primary focus for the upcoming year:

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Curriculum Review

Additionally, the American School Counselor Association meeting for 2013 will be in Philadelphia, PA. The dates are June 30th – July 3rd, 2013. Please contact me if interested in participating in this event or future events as we believe this is a highly beneficial and ongoing activity for NFOS.

Be reminded to share the following opportunities with your students the first chance you get!

Transitions Life Well Lit Scholarship – Video submission

open to both 1st and 2nd year students – Due date Nov 30, 2012

Student Membership Program (NAO and OAA)

NEW – Open to ALL students – registration will begin after Thanksgiving – watch for an email notification!

CLSA Student Membership Program

2nd year only – Information was sent to each school via email Nov 5, 2012

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for NFOS to improve or better meet the needs of our members and students, please feel free to contact me or another member of your executive board at anytime. We truly value your input.

Wishing you the very best for the holiday season,

Kristi Green

In Memoriam

Irvin M. Borish, OD, ‘Father of Modern Optometry’ Dies at 99

BOCA RATON, Fla.—Irvin Max Borish, OD, who was widely acknowledged as the father of modern optometry, passed away on March 3, 2012, in Boca Raton after a brief illness. He turned 99 years old in January.

Dr. Borish made numerous contributions to optometry, including contact lens developments, leadership in the development of the profession, and authorship of the leading optometry book for decades, “Clinical Refraction,” according to the Indiana University School of Optometry.

According to the Indiana Optometric Association, Dr. Borish opened a practice in Kokomo, Indiana, in 1944 and was on the initial committee that founded the Indiana University School of Optometry in 1953. He served as a part-time faculty member of the school from 1953 until he turned over his practice to younger associates in 1972 and became a full-time professor of optometry. He served as the director of patient care and taught courses in clinical procedures and contact lenses until his retirement in 1982. He then taught at the University of Houston from 1982 until 1987.

Dr. Borish authored over 85 articles and nine textbooks during his career as an optometric educator. He lectured in over 45 countries and served as a visiting faculty member at almost every U.S. and Canadian school of optometry. He was also an inventor, holding five patents in the contact lens field.

His contributions were recognized by many awards, such as the AOA Apollo Award (1968), an honorary LLD degree from IU (1968), the William Feinbloom Award from the AOA, the Max Schapero Award from the AAO, Distinguished Service Award from the AOA (1989), Optometrist of the Year from the World Council of Optometry (1996), first person elected to the Optometry Hall of Fame (1998), and the Herman B. Wells Visionary Award from IU (2002).

Dr. Borish is survived by his daughter, Fran Goldman, of Dallas, Pa., granddaughter Beth Roman and great-grandchildren Jacob and Max Roman of Houston, Texas and Ruth Helgemo and greatgrandchildren

Ryan, Eric and Sara Helgemo of Mortonville Grove, Ill. He was preceded in death by his wife Beatrice, his brother Harold Borish and his sister Elsie Goldstein.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Dr. Borish was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at the Edgewater Pointes Estates, 23371 Blue Water Circle, Boca Raton, Fla. In lieu of flowers, per the request of Dr. Borish and his family, memorial contributions may be made to the American Optometric Foundation, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 506, Rockville, MD 20852; Borish Center for Ophthalmic Research, Indiana University Foundation, P.O. Box 500, Bloomington, Ind. 47402; Irvin M. Borish Chair in Optometry, University of Houston, College of Optometry, 505 J. Davis Armistead Building, Houston, Texas 77204.



News from the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation

COA's Commissioners met September 29th for their semi-annual meeting.

The Commission is pleased to announce that we have 2 newly accredited programs: the Vision Care Technology Program at Broward College, Fl. and Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, MA. Congrats to Program Directors Minina Mckie and Blair Wong!

Dekalb Tech – changed to Georgia Piedmont Technical College - no longer has an opticianry program. Additionally, accreditation was removed from SIPI's 2 programs, due to the college's lack of accreditation. SIPI was encouraged to reapply when they receive their regional accreditation.

We have new officers: Doug Nunes, Chair; Diane Drake, Vice Chair and Renato Cappuccitti remaining as Treasurer.

The Commissioners voted to increase the annual fee in 2013 by 3% They wanted it exactly 3% - so that amount is \$1390.50.

NFOS has appointed Kimberly Strickler to the Commission, replacing James Reese. Welcome Kim!

Debra White,

Director of Accreditation

CLSA 2012 Scholarship Winners



Scholarship winning Roane State students with their instructor in Newport Beach, California for the Contact Lens Society meeting



Tri-Service Optician School 2012 Graduates



The Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity graduated 23 students of the Tri-Service Optician School located in Yorktown, Virginia on October 23, 2012. Class 12015 convened on May 7, 2012 and completed 24 weeks of Optician training. The school staff and students in the picture are as follows:

Seated (staff and instructors): (L to R), Mr. O'Guinn, HM1 McKinney (SW/AW), SFC Perez, CDR Zeber, CAPT Newton, HMCS Mitchell (SW/AW/EXW), Chief Treviño (SW/AW), SFC Garcia, SSG Irmak.

Standing (students): First Row (L to R), HA S. Brown, HA Schwalb, HA Seisa, PFC Tyler, HN Crafsic, PV2 Turner, PFC Freeman, PV2 Barron, HN R. Brown, HN Quintero.

Standing (students): Second Row (L to R), HN Lazaro, HA Kingcade, PFC Laduke, HN Crisostomo, PFC Watson, HA Hunter, HA Thurman, HA Lusk, PV2 Chanel, PFC Shi, PFC Hjersman.

The Tri-Service Opticianry School (TOPS) conducts four classes annually of 24 weeks of course work. Each year, TOPS trains approximately 140 students. TOPS was established on Monday, November 13, 1995.



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City Tech Student Gil Nakash Wins First Prize in College Bowl



Gil Nakash is flanked by Professor Robert J. Russo, Chairman, Department of Vision Care Technology

Gil Nakash, a graduate in vision care technology at City Tech, walked away with the \$500 first prize in the National Federation of Opticianry (NFOS) Schools College Bowl. This was the second year in a row that a student from City Tech won the award. In addition, it was fourth time in six years that City Tech won the top prize, beating out students from colleges in Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, Georgia, New York, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Virginia, Michigan, Washington State, Nevada, New Mexico and North Carolina.

The competition was held at the ABO-NCLE Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Sponsored by Essilor of America, the event is modeled on the television show "Jeopardy" and features questions in anatomy and physiology, ophthalmic dispensing, ophthalmic fabrication, contact lenses and optics.

Transitions Optical Awards 2012 Students of Vision Scholarships

Winning Entries Explored How to be a Leader in the Optical Industry

PINELLAS PARK, Fla., June 11, 2012 – Transitions Optical, Inc. announced the winners of its 2012 Students of Vision Scholarship Program, supported by the Transitions Healthy Sight for Life Fund™. More than 40 optical students from across North America submitted projects on how to be a leader in the optical industry, with 12 students being selected as scholarship winners.

“As the next generation of eyecare professionals, it’s important for students to continue to set the bar in the optical industry,” said Cheri Guy, professional development manager, Transitions Optical. “The winning projects exemplified our leadership theme and showed that the students will never stop pushing the boundaries as eyecare professionals.”

Students were asked to submit projects in one of three categories: Activity/Event, Multi-media and Other. Top winners received \$1,000 scholarships and the other winners received \$500 scholarships. Additionally, the opticianry students will receive a trip to the ABO-NCLE National Education Conference in Washington, D.C. in November. While there, students will attend education courses, and present their projects during a poster session.

Students were encouraged to be creative when developing projects and the entries included websites, presentations, videos, posters and community outreach. Projects were judged by Transitions Optical representatives.

Winners of the Transitions Optical, Inc. 2012 Students of Vision scholarship program submitted a wide variety of projects – including PowerPoint presentations, websites, videos, brochures and posters – demonstrating the Leadership theme.



Transitions Scholarship Recipients

Top Entries

Latisha Grimes, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College – Created a video on the importance of opticians in the optical field.

Ryan Nicholas, Western University of Health Sciences – Developed a website, Facebook page and Twitter account providing direction and advice for Optometry graduates and entrepreneurs.

Additional Winners

Matthew Abrams, Durham Technical Community College

Grace Adebajo, New York City College of Technology

Mawish Ali, New York City College of Technology

Roya Attarhousseini, UIW Rosenberg School of Optometry

Nilson Cayaditto, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

Avin Kishore, Douglas College

Mariel Ruocco, Camden County College

Matt Squires, University of Missouri- St. Louis College of Optometry

Evan Tirado, Raritan Valley Community College

Ryan Witt, Illinois College of Optometry



Pictured above are winners of Transitions 2012 Students of Vision Scholarship Program

Transitions Optical is dedicated to promoting healthy sight worldwide and to supporting its partners and optical professionals with tools, programs and resources to aid in their individual efforts and help strengthen industry growth. For more information, visit Transitions.com/Pro, or contact Transitions Optical Customer Service at (800) 848-1506 (United States) or (877) 254-2590 (Canada).



2012 Grant and Scholarship Programs

Cliff Brann from Middlesex Community College, was awarded the 2012 Hoya Scholarship for Opticianry Schools at the Annual Hoya Awards Dinner during the ABO-NCLE Conference in Washington DC on November 2, 2012.

Hoya provides the three Regional Winners of the ePoster competition, with an all expense paid trip to the annual conference. Lichelle Laconsay from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and Aleric Lucero from Seattle South Community College were also recognized as Regional Winners at the event.

The competition is open to students attending the member school of the National Federation of Opticianry Schools. The winning entry from each school receives a \$500 Grant.

This years winners include:

Kia Wright	American Career College
Kin Moy	Ben Franklin Institute of Technology
Lauren Cyr	Broward Community College
Shawn Lopez	Durham Technical Community College
Susan Collins	Erie Community College
Lee Heller	Hillsborough Community College
Lichelle Laconsay	J. Sargeant Reynolds
Clifton Brann	Middlesex Community College
Shansel Cheghe	Raritan Valley Community College
Sara Donnan	Roane State Community College
Aleric Lucero	Seattle Central Community College
Catherine Dempsey	Seattle Central Community College
Lydell Cayaditto	Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute



Cliff Brann receives Hoya's first place scholarship award from Mike Elton as he is pictured here with his wife along with instructor Ray Dennis

Additional Regional Winners of Hoya Vision Care Grant and Scholarship Program



Lichelle Cheghe is joined by her sister and Yvonne Metton as she receives her award



Scholarship winner Aleric Lucero is pictured with Mike Elton, Randy Smith and Sheldon O'Guinn (L to R)



Highlights of Essilor Opticianry Student College Bowl



2012 Essilor Opticianry College Bowl contestants

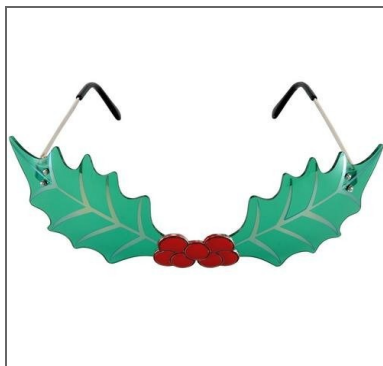


College Bowl winner Gil Nakash is joined by Danne Ventura, Kristi Green and Bob Russo (L to R)

College Bowl Contestants and Friends Enjoy Pre-Game Activities



And Finally...greetings from first year opticianry students at Roane State Community College in Harriman, Tennessee



Warm and Sunny
Holiday Wishes to all
of our NFOS Friends
and Family!