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FOCUSING ON NEW BEGINNINGS



Southern California College of Optometry



President Alexander congratulates the Class of 2009 at the end of the Commencement Exercise.

Considering *What IS Possible*

July 20th marks the fortieth anniversary of the first manned landing on the Moon. As an 18 year-old kid, I was privileged to be a photographer with the press standing just three miles from the launch pad as the Saturn V lifted Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins toward the Moon. Four days later, I sat spell-bound as a grainy TV figure took the last step to place his foot on the lunar surface. A man had set foot on the Moon!

As a technological achievement, putting a man on the Moon is impressive. But to me, the lesson of the first lunar landing is that ANYTHING is possible. In 1961, when President Kennedy first articulated the goal of landing a man on the Moon by the end of the decade, few would have believed that such a feat was indeed possible, let alone a certainty. Going to the Moon would be costly, there were many detractors and — oh yes — there was the small point that we didn't know how to do it! Yet we did do it and we went back to the Moon five more times.

There are many other examples in history of accomplishing the seemingly impossible — incredible journeys, amazing inventions and astounding conquests. The point is that despite overwhelming obstacles, hoards of

naysayers and sometimes just bad luck, ANYTHING can be accomplished by a positive attitude, determination and hard work.

In my inaugural speech, I described the bright future of optometry and SCCO as CAVU — Ceiling And Visibility Unlimited. The meaning of CAVU is that there is no limit to where the College can go as we strive to be a leader in the profession. New programs, research and collaborations with other professions — all have the potential of solidifying SCCO's role in shaping Optometry of the 21st Century.

In August, the College will begin a process of defining its future for the next several years. I ask all SCCO Family Members to consider the possibilities; don't shackle yourself to what is not possible, but free yourself to what IS possible. Where can SCCO go when the flight conditions are CAVU? What new programs can we create that will make a better Optometry? How can SCCO help graduates to be more successful? And, what collaborations may we forge that will demonstrate that Optometry is an integral part of health care?

As I begin my journey with SCCO, I remain as inspired as I did on that hot day in July when men walked on the Moon. Anything IS possible!

Kevin L. Alexander, O.D., Ph.D.
President, SCCO

The Inauguration of Our Seventh President

Alexander Sees Clear Skies, Unlimited Visibility for SCCO

“We aviators have a term for where Optometry finds itself today and that term is CAVU meaning Ceiling And Visibility Unlimited, “ said Kevin L. Alexander, O.D., Ph.D., F.A.A.O., during his formal induction as the Seventh President of the Southern California College of Optometry (SCCO). “CAVU represents the ideal conditions for flight, no clouds and clear for as far as the eye can see. Pilots love CAVU conditions because there are no limitations — no storms, no ice and no turbulence. The only limits to reaching a destination are those imposed by the pilot and his machine. At this precise moment, it is truly CAVU for Optometry.”

Dr. Alexander, an optometrist and pilot, made his remarks during the academic inauguration ceremony held, Saturday, April 18, on SCCO’s Fullerton campus. The new President’s Inaugural Address, “CAVU for Optometry,” gave a nod to past leaders, the evolution of the profession of optometry, and his vision for the future of the profession and the College.

“If we approach the challenges of the next few decades with the confidence and self-assurance of the pilot taking off in CAVU conditions, our profession will flourish as optometrists continue to improve lives with better vision,” said Dr. Alexander.

Former Astronaut and Professor Lawrence J. DeLucas, O.D., Ph.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Optometry, presented the Induction Address, “To Go Boldly Where No Profession Has Gone Before.” Dr. DeLucas’ speech was followed by the Presentation and Investiture of the President by SCCO Chairman, Board of Trustees, Charles A. Munson, C.P.A.

Participating in the ceremony were SCCO’s two Immediate Past Presidents. They are: Richard

L. Hopping, O.D., D.O.S., D.Sc., 1973–1997 and Lesley L. Walls, O.D., M.D., D.O.S., D.O.S., 1997–2008.

Also taking part in the ceremony were Representatives from the Community; Official Delegates from Colleges and Universities; Representatives from SCCO’s Student Association, Alumni Association and Faculty; and Representatives from the profession of Optometry.



Dr. Kevin Alexander at the reception with the man he calls his, “optometric big brother,” Arol R. Augsburg, O.D., President, Illinois College of Optometry.



SCCO’s Seventh President Kevin Alexander, O.D., Ph.D., with his two predecessors, Richard L. Hopping, O.D., D.O.S., D.Sc., who served as President, 1973–1997; and Lesley L. Walls, O.D., M.D., D.O.S., D.O.S., who served as President, 1997–2008.



Distinguished Guests representing optometry schools and colleges included (l-r): Southern College of Optometry, Vice President for Academic Affairs Lewis Reich, O.D., Ph.D.; Western University of Health Sciences, College of Optometry, Founding Dean Elizabeth Hoppe, O.D., M.P.H., Dr.P.H.; SCCO Director of Human Resources Dennis Gaby serving as an event marshal; The New England College of Optometry, President Elizabeth Chen, M.B.A.; and Illinois College of Optometry, President Arol R. Augsburg, O.D.

Bands from California State University, Fullerton, performed at the ceremony and reception.

Dr. Alexander began his tenure as SCCO's new President on July 1, 2008. He brings three-decades of experience and leadership in optometric practice and education to the 105-year-old SCCO. The Ohio native's credentials also include a solid commitment to organized optometry. Immediately prior to joining SCCO, he completed a one-year stint as President of the 35,000-member American Optometric Association.

Dr. Alexander has earned four degrees from The Ohio State University (TOSU). They are: Bachelor of Science, June 1974; Doctor of Optometry, June 1976; Master of Science, Physiological Optics, August 1977; and Doctor of Philosophy, Physiological Optics, August 1979. He completed a Fellowship in Vitreo-Retinal Disease in 1995 at Retina Vitreous Associates affiliated with TOSU.

Prior to his July 2000 start as dean of the optometry program at Ferris State University, Dr. Alexander practiced optometry in private and group settings. He also held faculty positions at The Ohio State University, College of Optometry. For many years he has shared his expertise in the area of ocular disease with optometrists and other health care providers through his publications and scientific papers and continuing education lectures.



Representatives of the Student Association participated in the event. Pictured are four of the participants (l-r): Trung Tran, '11, Glenda Berman, '11, Saysha Blazier, '11 and Andy Cheng, '11.



President Kevin Alexander with members of his family. Pictured are (l-r): Dr. Alexander's wife, Carol Alexander, O.D.; his mother, Betty Alexander; daughter, Lindsey McKitrick; and his father, Nelson Alexander.

As an optometrist, Dr. Alexander has actively served his profession beginning with his 1976 membership in the Ohio Optometric Association to his recently completed volunteer position as president of the American Optometric Association, 2007–08. He has chaired or co-chaired numerous state and national committees including the AOA's 2005–06 series of summit meetings, Optometry 2020, that have outlined the preferred future for the profession.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS: "CAVU for Optometry"

*Kevin L. Alexander, O.D., Ph.D.
Seventh President
Southern California College of Optometry
April 18, 2009*

Chairman Munson, Members of the Board of Trustees, SCCO Faculty, Staff and Administrators, AOA President Kehoe, Professor DeLucas, Fellow Deans and Presidents, Delegates, Distinguished Guests, Family and Friends:

It is an honor to stand before you on this day to formally assume the duties and responsibilities as the Seventh President of the Southern California College of Optometry. This is a day of celebration — certainly for the College and me as I accept this position — but in a larger sense, a day of celebration for the profession as well. Inaugural ceremonies like these, both here and at our sister schools, reaffirm the profession's commitment to excellence in optometric education. They remind us to have an appreciation for a sense of "institutional tradition" that

has, in just a little over 100 years, become the underpinning of the profession. As we celebrate the inauguration of our Seventh President, we also celebrate the contributions of Presidents Marshall and William Ketchum, Ernest Hutchinson, Vierling Kersey, Richard Hopping and Lesley Walls; as well as those who served capably as Deans and Acting Deans throughout our history. Without their extraordinary vision, and the teamwork they inspired, we would not stand today as a world leader in optometric education.

I thank each of you for attending our celebration — particularly those of you who have come great distances to be with us. I'd like to take a moment of personal privilege to acknowledge a few individuals who are important to my life and have helped shape the destiny that places me here today.

First I want to introduce my family: My wife, Dr. Carol Alexander, who gave up her practice so that we could begin a new adventure together; my parents, Nelson and Betty Alexander who travelled from Ohio to be here today (on May 12th they will have been married 69 years) and my daughter, Lindsay McKitrick who is an optician, married to David and the wonderful mother of two children. My son Nicholas, his wife Jenna and their two children could not be here today.

I think you will agree that anyone who achieves some-

SCCO's new President holds many honors and awards. Among the most notable are: The Ohio State University, College of Optometry H. Ward Ewalt Medal for Distinguished Service, 2007; Michigan Optometric Association Keyperson of the Year, 2002; Distinguished Practitioner, National Academies of Practice,



Optometric leaders attended the Presidential Inauguration. They included (l-r): AOA President-Elect Randolph E. Brooks, O.D.; SCCO First Lady Carol Alexander, O.D.; President Kevin Alexander, O.D., Ph.D.; California Optometric Association President Hilary Hawthorne, O.D.; and AOA President Peter H. Kehoe, O.D.



Dr. Kevin Alexander and Lawrence J. DeLucas, O.D., Ph.D., enjoy a few moments at the reception. Dr. DeLucas gave the Induction Address, "To Go Boldly Where No Profession Has Gone Before."



The Inauguration Platform Party (l-r): Alumni Association President John S. Rossi, O.D., '84; American Optometric Association President Peter H. Kehoe, O.D.; Hope International University President John L. Derry, Ed.D.; City of Fullerton Mayor Don Bankhead, M.P.A.; Student Association President Brooke M. Messer, B.S., '10; Faculty Council President Catherine L. Heyman, O.D., '93; SCCO President Kevin L. Alexander, O.D., Ph.D.; SCCO Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs and Chief Marshal Morris S. Berman, O.D., M.S.; Trustee and Presiding Official Duane A. deCroupet, O.D., '70; Inauguration Speaker Lawrence J. DeLucas, O.D., Ph.D.; Board of Trustees Chairman Charles A. Munson, C.P.A.; and Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry Immediate Past President Hector Santiago, O.D., Ph.D.

2000; Trustee, American Optometric Association, 1999–2004; Past President, Ohio Optometric Association, 1996; Outstanding Service Award, Ohio Optometric Association, 1992 and 1998; Ohio Optometric Association Warren Morris Optometrist of the Year, 1989; Outstanding Service Award, Epsilon Psi Epsilon, 1987; and The Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, 1980.

Dr. Alexander's wife, Carol L. Alexander, O.D., is also a TOSU graduate. Prior to moving to California she transferred her private optometric practice of 17 years in Sylvania, OH, to a new Doctor of Optometry graduate.

thing worthwhile has had a mentor who inspires to excellence. I have had two such mentors in the profession and one is here today. I call Dr. Arol Augsburg my "optometric big brother" as he has served as a role model for me as I strove to meld scholarly achievement and clinical care into a career with purpose. Dr. Ruth Morris, of Toledo Ohio, who could not be with us, took me into her office as a student and instilled in me a passion for the profession that continues to grow each day.

I also wish to recognize AOA President Kehoe and AOA President-Elect Brooks — we have been through a lot together and I appreciate your being here. I offer my special thanks to Professor Lawrence DeLucas who, despite a demanding schedule, made time to deliver an inspiring address today. And, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge SCCO Past Presidents Dr. Richard Hopping and Dr. Lesley Walls who, each in their own way, have been tremendous role models for me over the years. I am very happy you are here today.

From the time of Charles Prentice, who first charged a fee for an eye examination in the late 1800's; to the first optometry licensing law in Minnesota in 1901; to the present day when all 50 states now authorize optometrists to use pharmaceuticals to treat disease; Optometry has pursued a path of continuous development of the profession. The suc-

cesses of our profession have been impressive; but were not easy. Optometry now represents the primary entry point into the healthcare system for all eye and vision problems; but this did not occur without hard work and sacrifice by generations of optometric leaders. And, while we may expect an occasional challenge to our profession, I say to you that the future of Optometry has never been brighter. The world-wide demographics of an aging population with an ever increasing need for eye and vision care is well documented; North American optometric programs train the finest optometrists in the world; optometric researchers are making important contributions to the fundamental understanding of the processes of vision; and, organized optometry — the AOA and its affiliates — has positioned our profession as a national resource as our country prepares for healthcare reform in the next decade. Optometry is consistently ranked in national polls among the top ten careers for the next decade. And, other academic institutions have recognized the bright future of optometry as three new colleges of optometry joined the profession over the past year.

As some of you know, I am a pilot. We aviators have a term for where Optometry finds itself today and that term is C-A-V-U — Ceiling And Visibility Unlimited. CAVU represents the ideal conditions for flight — no clouds; and

clear for as far as the eye can see. Pilots love CAVU conditions because there are no limitations — no storms, no ice, and no turbulence. The only limits to reaching a destination are those imposed by the pilot and his machine. At this precise moment, it is truly CAVU for Optometry; and I, for one, envy these young student optometrists here today who are at the beginning of what will surely be, an exciting optometric journey.

When you consider all that has been accomplished by our profession in just a little over 100 years, it is hard to imagine where Optometry will find itself at the end of this century. How will we remediate refractive error? What will be the role of genomics and the science of proteins? Will there be a drop containing nano-bots that will target disease vectors or mechanically reshape the cornea? What will be the scope of optometric practice? And, how will optometry define its role in the healthcare system of the future?

If we approach the challenges of the next few decades with the confidence and self-assurance of the pilot taking off in CAVU conditions, our profession will flourish as optometrists continue to improve lives with better vision.

But, how does the weather look for SCCO? I submit to you that it is CAVU for the Southern California College of Optometry as well.

Being named the President of a college of optometry is a signal honor for any optometric leader. It is particularly so at SCCO because our program began at nearly the same time as optometry was first recognized as a profession. Prior to the founding of SCCO in 1904, Minnesota had become the first state to license optometrists in 1901 with North Dakota and California following closely in 1903. While Optometry secured professional status in the early 20th century, over 60 schools of “Optometry” were struggling to create the proper path to a learned profession — sorting out the curriculum; deciding how long the program should be. Of those early schools, only three remain — SCCO, The Illinois College of Optometry and the New England College of Optometry — and we are proud to share that heritage with those institutions. From the College’s early, fledgling starts; through the courtship with University affiliation; to the LACO years; and with the move that created the spectacular campus here today; the development of SCCO has placed us on the doorstep of true world excellence.

After 105 years, we have perfected the art of selecting, educating and training optometrists of the future — there is no finer optometric education in the world. The key to this success lies with outstanding faculty, facilitated by able administrators and excellent staff. But to be a true world leader in optometric education, SCCO must be much more. Let me outline for you my vision for the future of our institution.

First, critical to the transformation of a program to a “new place,” is the development of a global vision for that institution. What does the SCCO Family see as the role of the College in the future? What external changes may we expect that will necessitate programmatic change to ensure SCCO’s preeminence as a world leader in optometric education? What additional programs or objectives will be required to maintain the institutional momentum of excellence?

This summer, we will embark on a “visioning” process that will lead us to a dynamic, new strategic plan for the

College. We will engage the entire SCCO Community, as well as outside “futurists,” as we develop our sense of a “preferred future” for our College.

Second, the contributions of SCCO to research and scholarly activity over the last one hundred years — while meaningful — need to become more significant. The foundation to a robust program of research and scholarly activity is a solid graduate program. For SCCO, that means a program leading to a Masters Degree, and ultimately a Doctor of Philosophy in Vision Science. Together, with the faculty guiding the process to develop a model, we have already made significant progress toward graduate education at SCCO.

Third, a rich clinical experience is fundamental to our primary mission of training new optometrists. We are so proud of the Eye Care Center that offers modern facilities for our doctors to care for all eye and vision problems; but we must continue to expand the opportunities for our student doctors to see more patients and experience diverse types of eye and vision conditions. As the profession of optometry seeks to expand its role in areas like vision rehabilitation and community-based care, the College will develop our services in these areas by collaborating with community clinics, hospitals and government agencies. Additionally, a campus-based, multidisciplinary clinic or surgical center would enhance student interactions with other health care professionals.

Fourth, I believe that optometry schools should be a valuable resource to alumni as they face the complicated and challenging issues of practice development and administration. We need to do much more than just provide continuing education required for re-licensure; we need to offer programs to help optometrists grow their practices. Successful graduates bring great credit to the quality of their SCCO experience; and we can help with that success. Starting this summer, in collaboration with Cal State Fullerton’s College of Business and Economics, SCCO will initiate a five-session “mini-MBA” program where optometrists can learn more about how to run their practices. If successful, we expect that this program will grow into a true MBA in Optometric Management that will prepare optometrists for the role of CEO of private practices, large clinics and hospitals.

And we need to look beyond optometry. What sort of collaborations can SCCO forge with other disciplines? Can our campus become home to additional programs that complement what we do? I believe we must explore programs like vision rehabilitation, audiology, or even nursing where we might find a fit that takes us from a College of Optometry to a Health Care University. It’s just a thought...but when it’s CAVU...the sky is the limit.

As we gather here today to celebrate this important moment for our College, surrounded by expert faculty, skilled staff, able administrators, dedicated trustees, and supportive alumni and friends; I declare to you that my personal mission is to guide our team to a new plateau of excellence in optometric education. With the forecast for ceiling and visibility unlimited, and with the help of every SCCO Family Member, I know our journey will be a success.

Thank you.

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Commencement 2009



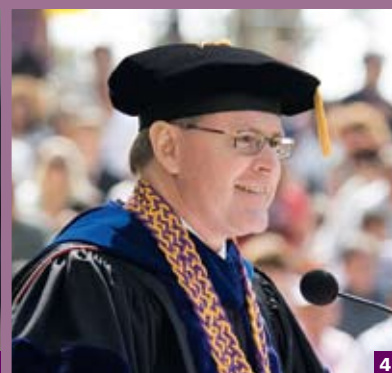
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Ninety-one members of SCCO's Class of 2009 received their Doctor of Optometry degrees during ceremonies on Friday, May 22.

Family and friends numbering more than 1,200 gathered to witness the hooding of the 91 new optometrists; the special recognition given to the Commencement Speaker; the honoring of two faculty members; the achievements of optometrists completing residencies and fellowships; and the expression of appreciation given to the returning graduates of the Class of 1959.

The Valedictorian for SCCO's One-hundred and Fifth

1 Beautiful Southern California weather greeted graduates and their guests. 2 Scot A. Class, O.D., receives his doctoral hood from Assistant Professor Mark H. Sawamura, O.D., '91. Dr. Class is from Arroyo Grande, CA. 3 Garrett T. Milner, O.D., delivers the Inspirational Message. Dr. Milner is from San Clemente, CA. 4 Dr. Kevin Alexander addresses the crowd.

Commencement Exercise was Maryn Caprice Peinovich, B.A., Fullerton, CA. Four members of the Class of 2009 graduated, *Summa Cum Laude*; 11 earned *Magna Cum Laude* honors; and 12 students attained *Cum Laude* recognition. Members of the Class of 2009 represented 18 states and Canada. In addition to California, members of the Class of 2009 were from: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

SCCO bestowed upon its Immediate Past President Lesley L. Walls, O.D., M.D., D.O.S., D.O.S., the title, President Emeritus. Dr. Walls served the College as President from 1997–2008. Dr. Walls received the award following the presentation of his Commencement Address, “Prerequisites for Happiness as a 21st Century Doctor.” He encouraged the graduates to pursue four elements for happiness — finding something to do; finding someone to love, admire, respect and trust; finding something to look forward to; and finding something in which to believe.

Two faculty members were honored during the morning Commencement Exercise for their years of service to the College and contributions to the profession. The title Professor Emeritus was granted to David G. Kirschen, O.D., Ph.D., and the title Distinguished Professor Emeritus was conferred posthumously upon Michael W. Rouse, O.D., M.S.Ed.

Thirty optometrists were also recognized for the completion of their one-year residency programs and one optometrist was honored for the completion of a Fellowship in Research. In addition, members of the Class of 1959 were celebrated as they marked the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation from optometry school.





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5 Graduates (l-r): Linda S. Pang, O.D., Farmington, MO; Jenny Kuan, O.D., Hacienda Heights, CA; and Julie Lam, O.D., Scottsdale, AZ, celebrate their special day with President Kevin Alexander.

6 Hawaa E. Ali, O.D., with SCCO Instructor Robert M. Yacoub, O.D., '06, and President Kevin Alexander, O.D., Ph.D. Dr. Ali resides in Cerritos, CA. **7** Graduate Graham P. McPartland, O.D., Vista, CA, receives his doctoral hood from his father, SCCO Alumnus Brian P. McPartland, O.D., '83. Five members of the Class of 2009 are second-generation optometrists.

8 Doctors Kevin and Carol Alexander had the pleasure of meeting members of the 50-year class who were at the 2009 Commencement Exercise. Traveling from San Antonio, Texas, to the special Golden Anniversary Celebration for the Class of 1959 were William R. Elizondo, O.D., and his wife, Maria Oralia, pictured with the Alexanders. **9** The husband and wife team of Sheri E. Meyer, O.D., and David A. Meyer, O.D., received First Place honors at the Student Research Symposium. The Meyers and their classmates shared in \$40,000 in awards that were announced at the Class of 2009 Awards Program held two days prior to Commencement. They are pictured with SCCO President Kevin L. Alexander, O.D., Ph.D.

10 The title President Emeritus was conferred upon Lesley L. Walls, O.D., M.D., during the Commencement Exercise. Dr. Walls served as SCCO's President from 1997-2008.

11 Longtime SCCO Faculty Member, David G. Kirschen, O.D., Ph.D., was granted the title, Professor Emeritus, during the event.

12 The title, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, was conferred posthumously upon Michael W. Rouse, O.D., M.S.Ed. His wife, Janet Armstrong, O.D., '82, accepted the honor from President Alexander and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Charles Munson.

13 Valedictorian Maryn C. Peinovich, O.D., addresses her classmates. Dr. Peinovich, from Fullerton, CA, earned a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Alumni Notes

1972

Akio Kanai, O.D., has received the “Medal with Green Ribbon” from the Emperor of Japan for his significant professional contributions. For several decades, Dr. Kanai and his company, Fuji Optical Co., Ltd., Japan, have provided vision screenings and glasses to thousands of refugees in a number of developing countries through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Dr. Kanai resides in Chuo-ku, Sapporo, Japan.

1981

Gary R. Gouger, O.D., Tigard, OR, has started a brownie business and will soon open a new winery. “My fiancé and I started a business a year ago BrowniesfromHeaven.com,” wrote Dr. Gouger. We bake brownies from scratch, tuck a chocolate truffle inside, cover it with cream cheese in five flavors, and bathe the entire thing in Belgian chocolate ganache. We have won awards and have just had the brownies presented by the Oregon Raspberry Council to nine magazines in New York City.” An award winning wine maker since 2002, he’ll be opening Gouger Cellars in downtown Vancouver, WA in July. “I will be buying grapes from growers in Washington, Oregon and California to produce Zin, Cab, Merlot, Malbec, Petite Syrah, etcetera,” he noted. He just received notification that his Zin and Malbec took a gold and silver in *Winemaker Magazine’s* international wine competition.

1986

Geoffrey F. Chiara, O.D., Las Vegas, NV, is serving as Board President of the Nevada State Board of Optometry. Dr. Chiara is an SCCO assistant professor and chief, Optometry Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System.

1988

Sean W. Kuhn, O.D., San Diego, CA, writes that his family is doing well. Son Sean Jr., will be applying to SCCO and daughter, Elenna, is applying to pharmacy school. They are both students at the University of Arizona where Sean graduated in May 2009 with a B.S., in biology and minor in chemistry, and Elenna will graduate in December 2009 with the same degree. Son, Ryan, is graduating in May 2009 from St. Augustine High School and is in the process of selecting a college to attend. Daughter, Jessica, is enjoying seventh grade and basketball. “Maryanne and I are busy managing the office and four kids,” notes Dr. Kuhn. “I am grateful for the education I received at SCCO that allows me to offer these opportunities to my family.”

1999

Rebecca L. Kammer, O.D., Fullerton, CA, has been honored by the Foundation Fighting Blindness for her significant contributions to low vision and blindness research. Dr. Kammer is an assistant professor at SCCO and chief, Mary Ann Keeverline Walls Low Vision Rehabilitation Center, Eye Care Center,



1975: Gabriel Dery, O.D., San Juan Capistrano, CA, spent eight months in 2007 teaching at the College of Optometry and Ophthalmology, Tianjin Medical University and the Tianjin Medical University Eye Centre, People’s Republic of China. Dr. Dery lectured on specialty contact lenses and the treatment and management of ocular diseases. When he returned home he purchased a practice in Irvine.

SCCO. She is the co-founder of the Shared Visions Art Exhibit, an annual art exhibit at SCCO’s Eye Care Center, which features works of art from blind and legally blind artists from around the world. Her humanitarian efforts include annual medical missions to underserved communities in Kenya, Honduras and Mexico.

2004

Jill A. Kirkeide Hadler, O.D., Res., Plymouth, MN, has been elected Trustee of the Minnesota Optometric Association. A graduate of Pacific University College of Optometry, she completed a one-year residency at SCCO’s Eye Care Center in Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy. Dr. Hadler opened her own optometric practice, Bright Eyes Vision Clinic in Otsego, MN, in June 2006.

IN MEMORIAM

SCCO was saddened to hear of the deaths of the following alumni and friends.

Norman J. Scadron, O.D., ’43
Camarillo, CA
Laurel W. Shockey, O.D., ’51
Fallbrook, CA
Vincent R. Conlan, O.D., ’52
La Mesa, CA

James F. English, L.H.D.
Registrar—Comptroller, 1948–76
Doctor of Humane Letters, 1959, honorary
Centennial Honoree, 2004
Newport Beach, CA

Carl W. Gregory, M.B.A.
Trustee, 1992–2009
Centennial Honoree, 2004
Fullerton, CA

Michael W. Rouse, O.D., M.S.Ed.
SCCO Resident, 1978
Faculty, 1978–2009
Centennial Honoree, 2004
Distinguished Professor Emeritus, 2009
Chino Hills, CA



1986: In his spare time, **Aaron Mancuso, O.D.**, Henderson, NV, enjoys driving and putting on display his classic Duchess Green 1956 Cadillac Coup de Ville. “It was love at first sight,” he said in a local newspaper article when recalling the October 2005 encounter with the classic automobile. “I was hoping it was mechanically sound and that this was the car I was coming home with.” It was. Dr. Mancuso has a private practice and is a clinical consultant with a large ophthalmology group in Las Vegas.



1987: Linda M. Chous, O.D., has been elected President of the 400-plus membership of the Minnesota Optometric Association (MOA). Dr. Chous has served on numerous MOA Committees including Public Education, Children’s Vision and Legislative. In 1991, she started her practice, Glasses Menagerie in the Uptown area of Minneapolis. She and her husband and classmate, **Robert M. Chous, O.D.**, reside in Shoreview with their three children.

AROUND THE CAMPUS



Gift of \$50,000 Names Center: "I want to help those in need," said Kathryn T. McCarty when asked why she made a gift of \$50,000 to fund the Kathryn T. McCarty Adaptive Technology Center at the Eye Care Center at SCCO. The gift will extend the mission of the Mary Ann Keeverline Walls Low Vision Rehabilitation Center at the Eye Care Center by providing additional means for independent living. Mrs. McCarty has several close friends with macular degeneration and the technology center will aid those with this and other sight-robbing conditions. Pictured with Mrs. McCarty at the Center's April Dedication Ceremony is SCCO Assistant Professor and Chief, Mary Ann Keeverline Walls Low Vision Rehabilitation Center Rebecca L. Kammer, O.D., '99. Photo by Director of Multi-Media Services L. Ernie Carrillo, B.A.

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Core Values

The core values of the Southern California College of Optometry are those qualities that constitute the educational philosophy and spirit of the institution, and permeate every aspect of the campus community. The College emphasizes and enhances these values in its students throughout the professional program. The core values of SCCO are leadership, ethics, professionalism, compassion, commitment, pursuit of excellence, pursuit of knowledge, collegiality, and sense of community.

Vision Statement

Enhancing the quality of life through vision care.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Southern California College of Optometry is to provide the highest quality optometric education through excellence in teaching, patient care, research, public service and institutional management.

On the Cover:

Graduate Vanessa Shaw-McMinn, O.D., embraces her father, SCCO Alumnus and Assistant Professor Peter Shaw-McMinn, O.D., '78, who had the honor of presenting his daughter with her doctoral hood.

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