CONFERENCE PREVIEW

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WASHINGTON, D.C.
JUNE 21 – 24, 2023
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AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION
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Dear Colleagues,

We can’t begin to express how excited the American Optometric Association (AOA) and the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) are for Optometry’s Meeting® 2023. You may be wondering what would make this year’s meeting stand out from others? The 126th Annual AOA Congress and 55th Annual AOSA Conference, being held in Washington, D.C., June 21-24, will be the experience for students, doctors and paraoptometric staff, as well as our partners across the industry. It will be your opportunity to voice your vision on what the future should be for optometry and our patients.

This is our meeting, designed by members and for members, where every attendee will have an unprecedented opportunity to effect lasting change in the profession and make the AOA a stronger, more effective advocate for the quality care doctors of optometry provide to patients. We are bringing together a historic number of colleagues—more than 6,000—to advocate, collaborate, educate and celebrate this great profession and the bright future we are creating together.

The AOA and AOSA are proud to welcome over 3,000 optometry students, new doctors and optometric educators as part of the reimagined AOA+ experience, designed to supercharge our profession’s future leaders with advocacy and career-readiness skill-building, as well as impactful networking opportunities.

For the first time since 2017, we are bringing our community together in downtown Washington, D.C. Like that year, Optometry’s Meeting 2023 will incorporate not only the larger and reimagined AOA+ experience but also the AOA’s single-largest federal advocacy event, AOA on Capitol Hill.

The meeting also distinguishes itself with a comprehensive lineup of CE and professional development to ensure our profession not only continues to excel in meeting Americans’ primary eye health care needs but also stays atop optometry’s rapidly advancing scope of practice nationwide. With over 190 credit hours of expert-led education available across the four-day program, Optometry’s Meeting delivers education that supports every member of the care team.

And this doesn’t scratch the surface of what we have planned for you, from a new exhibit hall experience to dynamic events in the center and the city! Here is your preview of everything we are orchestrating to ensure this year’s meeting truly is a can’t-miss experience. So read on and set your plans in motion for #OM2023. We look forward to seeing you there!

Robert C. Layman, O.D.
President
American Optometric Association

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President
American Optometric Student Association
**SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

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<td>Celebration of Optometry</td>
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The AOA would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of the Education Center Committee, Industry Relations Center Committee and Meetings Center Committee for their support in the development of the Optometry’s Meeting 2023 program.

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REGISTRATION

Registration will open on Jan. 23, 2023! If you are a student, recent graduate (within the past five years), or an optometric educator, you may qualify for AOA+ travel grants! See page 27 for more information.

AOA/AOSA MEMBER REGISTRATION
Includes access to continuing education, Eye Care Square and all events, unless otherwise noted.

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NONMEMBER REGISTRATION***
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GUEST REGISTRATION
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Register before March 31 for the best pricing! Visit optometrysmeeting.org to sign up for registration alerts and Optometry’s Meeting updates.
REGISTRATION

WAYS TO SAVE

REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS

• AOA+ travel grants: Are you a current optometry student, recent graduate (2018 - 2022) or faculty? You may qualify for a travel grant or registration discount. Learn more on page 27.

• Become an AOA member! Visit aoa.org/sso/join or email memberservices@aoa.org for more information. Should you become a member after you register, we are happy to honor member pricing!

• Paraoptometrics: Is a doctor at your practice a member of AOA? Then you also may qualify for the member pricing! To learn more please contact memberservices@aoa.org.

• Active-duty military registrants: Eligible for a $150 discount on a full conference registration fee.

• Register early! Early-bird pricing goes from Jan. 23 - March 31, and AOA+ travel grant applications close on March 1.

SAVE ON FOOD

• Wednesday: Kick off Optometry’s Meeting at an industry-sponsored lunch! Grab a bite in the evening at the AOA+ Rally or Opening Reception.

• Thursday: Don’t miss the first of our industry-sponsored breakfasts at 8 a.m. and then industry-sponsored lunches at 12 p.m. After that, join us at 2 p.m. for the Eye Care Square opening, where beverages and snacks will be provided. In the evening, raise a glass while showing school pride at your alma mater’s alumni reception event or at the AOSA Optometry Student Bowl.

• Friday: You have another opportunity to join in on an industry breakfast or lunch, and light snacks and beverages throughout the day in the Eye Care Square. In the evening, experience all the flavors of Washington at the Celebration of Optometry.

• Saturday: Last chance to catch an industry breakfast or lunch, or snacks and beverages before the Eye Care Square closes.

• Daily coffee breaks and water stations: Available throughout the center and in the Eye Care Square.

If you have any questions, please check out our FAQs page or email optometrysmeeting@aoa.org.

READY TO REGISTER?
USE THE QR CODE TO VISIT THE REGISTRATION PAGE
HOTEL, TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

HOTEL
The Optometry’s Meeting hotel block offers a variety of options to meet the needs of all attendees. The hotels in the Optometry’s Meeting room block offer a variety of amenities to suit the travel preferences of all guests and are within walking distance of the convention center.

The Marriott Marquis Washington, D.C., is the headquarters hotel for this year’s meeting. The hotel is directly connected to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

The official Optometry’s Meeting housing bureau is OnPeak. Optometry’s Meeting 2023 attendees will need to book hotel reservations by May 23, 2023, to receive discounted rates. The housing block will open on Jan. 23, 2023.

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Avoid scam sites or housing pirates: When you book online through Optometry’s Meeting housing bureau you avoid potential scams. Companies that phone, fax or email attendees and exhibitors claiming to offer good deals on hotel rooms are commonly referred to as “housing pirates” or “housing bandits.” They may falsely claim to be affiliated with Optometry’s Meeting or AOA. If you provide your credit card information to one of these companies, your card may be charged and you might not have a hotel room when you arrive in Washington, D.C. Ensure the vendor you are working with is OnPeak. If you are unsure or would like to report a housing pirate, please contact optometrysmeeting@aoa.org.

EXPLORE WASHINGTON, D.C.
Washington, D.C., is home to the country’s finest monuments and memorials, world-class museums that you can enter for free, a wealth of retail, six professional sports franchises, acclaimed theater and a dining scene packed with culinary talent and international cuisine. Distinct neighborhoods are ripe for exploring, and exceptional venue options abound. For more information or to start planning your trip, visit washington.org.

AIRPORT
The AOA suggests flying into Reagan National Airport (DCA), which is 5-6 miles from the Marriott Marquis Washington, D.C., or a 15 to 20-minute taxi ride.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
Washington, D.C., offers diverse transportation options for visitors to conveniently and affordably get around the city. Hop on the D.C. Metro. Visit washington.org/transportation for more information and travel planning.
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SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY’S MEETING

Cutting-Edge Education & Workshops
Education sessions begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, and conclude at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2023.

Optometry’s Meeting offers over 136 continuing education (CE) and professional development courses with over 190 hours’ worth of credits (include CEE/TQ, AOA, CPC and COPE credit) for doctors, paraoptometric staff and students. Topics range from contemporary surgical and laser procedures to systemic diseases, functional vision, billing and coding, and much more. For more information visit the education pages: 19-22.

AOA Experience & Opening Reception
Supported by Johnson & Johnson Vision
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 | 7-10 p.m.
WALTER E. WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER

Make sure to join us during the AOA Experience from 7-8 p.m. for the official kickoff to Optometry’s Meeting! You will hear from AOA and AOSA leadership, as well as a motivational and inspiring keynote to jumpstart your week in Washington, D.C.

Following the AOA Experience, join us from 8:30-10 p.m. for the opening reception and the opportunity to network with colleagues and new connections.

*This event is for all fully registered attendees and guests, and a badge will be required to attend. Food and beverage included during the reception.

AOA+ Rally & Affiliate Connections
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 | 5-7 p.m.
WALTER E. WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER

Join thousands of optometry students and doctors of optometry as the AOA+ Rally kicks off the experience in support of the critical primary eye health and vision care our profession provides. Hear from members of Congress and about the importance of advocating for the profession and how you can get involved.

After the rally, grab a bite or beverage and make sure to network and connect with fellow participants from your affiliate state to learn more about how you can become involved on a local level.

*This event is for those in the AOA+ program and a badge will be required to attend. Light snacks and beverages included during this event.

Eye Care Square Ribbon Cutting
Supported by EyePromise
Thursday, June 22, 2023 | 2-3 p.m.
EXHIBIT HALL D, WALTER E. WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER

Optometry’s Meeting offers a renowned Eye Care Square, featuring industry leaders and vendors that can help give you a leg up in practice. Take a break from your CE schedule and join us in the hall to visit with our exhibitors and sponsors, find business and practice solutions, and grow your networking connections. Or consider attending the Education Theater in the Eye Care Square with courses covering a variety of subjects. Come see what all the buzz is about in the Eye Care Square.

The hall will be open from Thursday, June 22, to Saturday, June 24. To learn more about the Eye Care Square, exhibitors and hours, go to page 15.
**SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY’S MEETING**

**House of Delegates**

**Thursday, June 22 | Friday, June 23**  
**Saturday, June 24**  
**MARRIOTT MARQUIS WASHINGTON, D.C.**

For more than a century, optometry’s preeminent assembly of leaders and decision makers has led the advancement of our profession. Join us as the House of Delegates discusses the latest in optometry and essential governance updates, the most up-to-date news from the AOA Board of Trustees and the presentation of awards. All members are invited to attend each session, including the election and installation of the AOA Board of Trustees. Hear the latest in advocacy news and accomplishments and get a glimpse at the future of optometry from your AOA leaders.

This year, AOA, AOSA and the Hall of Fame award winners will be honored during the House of Delegates.

**Paraoptometric Events & Programming**

**Paraoptometric Awards Luncheon Celebration**  
*Supported by EssilorLuxottica*

**Thursday, June 22 | 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Don’t miss this annual celebration of AOA associate-member paraoptometrics, honored for their outstanding and significant contributions to the profession. Open to all paraoptometric staff, the luncheon includes a short message from our supporter, EssilorLuxottica, and the awards ceremony.

**Paraoptometric Idea Exchange**  
*Supported by Alcon*

**Thursday, June 22 | 12-2 p.m.**

Join us for this open forum where you and your paraoptometric peers will have the opportunity to discuss challenges and opportunities for optometric staff. This is your chance to network and share information on local issues, educational opportunities and ideas on how to grow AOA associate membership.

**Continuing Education**

Optometry’s Meeting offers 50+ continuing education and professional development courses for paraoptometrics. The AOA continues to foster the development of paraoptometrics and the necessary skills they bring to support the practice of optometry. Paraoptometric courses offered at Optometry’s Meeting are approved by the Commission on Paraoptometric Certification and the AOA.

**Alumni Receptions**

**NEW NIGHT: Thursday, June 22 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
**MARRIOTT MARQUIS WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
**VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

Join this Optometry’s Meeting tradition! Make time to reconnect with former classmates and make new friends, while celebrating your alma mater.

During the day, we encourage you to show your school pride by wearing your school colors or gear!

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**AOA Awards**

*Recognition supported by Johnson & Johnson Vision*

The AOA and AOSA annually recognize members for their exemplary service in the optometric profession. During Optometry’s Meeting this year, members will be honored throughout the week with the awards of Optometrist of the Year, Young Optometrist of the Year, Paraoptometrist of the Year, Optometric Educator of the Year, Student of the Year and Distinguished Service for their significant contributions to the profession and their communities. Stay tuned for more information!
SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY’S MEETING

AOSA Optometry Student Bowl XXXII

*Powered by EssilorLuxottica and the EssilorLuxottica Live! AFTER-PARTY*

**NEW NIGHT:** Thursday, June 22

OFF-SITE LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED!

College rivalries take center stage as optometry schools battle to be the smartest, loudest, and most creative in the 32nd AOSA Optometry Student Bowl, powered by EssilorLuxottica. The high-speed, high-stakes test of optometric knowledge pits one champion from each school against all others. Grab your friends and come cheer on your school!

Recent Past Champions:
- 2022: Ashley Olson, Midwestern University Arizona-College of Optometry
- 2021: Tyler Lesko, The Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
- 2020: Connor Christensen, The University of Houston College of Optometry
- 2019: Nora Kuby, Illinois College of Optometry

**Celebration of Optometry**

*NEW NIGHT: Friday, June 23, 2023 | 7-11 p.m.*

THE ANTHEM

Join your colleagues and new connections for an evening to remember! The AOA and AOSA are pulling out all the stops and creating an event that includes networking, entertainment, and a few surprises. Make sure to join us and give a cheers to another amazing Optometry’s Meeting. The event will go from 7-11 p.m. on a NEW NIGHT – Friday, June 23.

*This event is for all fully registered attendees and guests, and a badge will be required to attend. Transportation, along with food and beverage, will be provided.

AOA on Capitol Hill

During Optometry’s Meeting this year, the AOA will be weaving in advocacy programming and opportunities to connect with your representatives. See more on page 31.

Capitol Hill Briefings

WALTER E. WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER
- Wednesday, June 21, 1-2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 22, 7:30-9 a.m.

Advocacy Workshop
- Friday, June 23, 9-10:30 a.m.

Wellbeing Activities

*NEW this year, the AOA will have dedicated activities and spaces that focus on wellbeing and YOU!*
- Thursday, June 22, 7-7:45 a.m.: Yoga
- Friday, June 23, 7-7:45 a.m.: Bootcamp
- Saturday, June 24, 6-8 a.m: Optometry Cares®—The AOA Foundation Run/Walk
- Dedicated space in the convention center to decompress, unwind and refresh!
- Mother’s Lounge
- Voice Your Vision board

*Yoga and Bootcamp events will be ticketed events, and capacity is limited!*

AOA Awards & Hall of Fame Reception

**Friday, June 23**

Come celebrate and congratulate your colleagues during the AOA Awards and National Optometry Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. During the event, we will honor the 2023 National Hall of Fame inductees, the Dr. W. David Sullins, Jr. InfantSEE® Award recipient, and our Advocacy Awards recipients, including the Media, Federal, State and Payer Awards.
SPECIAL EVENTS AT OPTOMETRY’S MEETING

Optometry Cares®—The AOA Foundation Run/Walk

Supported by Allergan and NeuroLens

Saturday, June 24, 2023 | 6 a.m.

LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

We hope you will join us for a 3.1-mile run/walk on Saturday, June 24. An entry fee of $30 guarantees a performance-blend T-shirt and medal. Awards will be presented to top age-division finishers and overall winners. Packet pickup will take place on-site at Optometry’s Meeting.

You also can sign up to “count sheep instead of steps” if you want to make a $30 donation to Optometry Cares, get a T-shirt with the race packet swag but sleep in on race day.

Sign up for the run/walk when you register to attend Optometry’s Meeting!

AOA+ Programming & Events

AOA plus you equals a brighter future for our patients and our profession. Like no other industry opportunity, AOA+ is a unique experience for optometry students and faculty, as well as new graduates, to take their professional involvement to the next level. AOA+ brings together the profession’s next generation of leaders for a four-day, immersive experience in career development, skill-building, networking and advocacy in our nation’s capital. But our meeting is just the beginning; AOA+ is a yearlong program designed to help you find success in optometry.

Learn what it takes to stand up and be counted alongside the AOA as optometry’s advocates. See how AOA+ can help you shape optometry’s future and how the AOA can help get you here. For more information about the AOA+ program, visit page 22 and look for the AOA+ logo.
**EYE CARE SQUARE**

Eye Care Square is more than an exhibit hall – it is your immersive experience to share, craft and elevate your voice. Optometry’s Meeting is the preeminent optometric conference, where leaders connect for education, networking and to learn about advancements in the profession. Take advantage of the full exhibit hall experience and connect with peers from across the profession, unmatched continuing education to expand your influence and impact, reimagined AOA+ student programs giving students the ability to find their voice, and much more!

**EYE CARE SQUARE SCHEDULE**

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**WHAT’S NEW**

**Learn & Network**

With seven unopposed hours, you don’t want to miss what we have in store! Visit the Education Theater or an EyeTalk Stage to catch and earn CE during a hot-topic discussion, or learn about cutting-edge products during an industry session. You will then have the opportunity to connect with startup companies and learn about new products and services.
WHAT’S NEW

Eye Care Square Events
Don’t miss the Eye Care Square ribbon cutting on Thursday, June 22, at 2 p.m. We will kick off the hall opening with entertainment and giveaways, along with drinks and appetizers. During Friday and Saturday, snacks and beverages will be available in the hall during unopposed times.

Then, on Friday, June 23, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., AOA+ participants and students will have dedicated Eye Care Square time. Connect, explore and network in a more relaxed experience.

AOAExcel Booth
Don’t forget to check out the AOAExcel booth to learn about personal and professional resources that allow doctors of optometry to practice and flourish with confidence. Take full advantage of products and services from AOAExcel’s endorsed business partners, who have been carefully vetted to meet the unique needs of AOA members nationwide. Worry less about common career and practice headaches so you can focus on providing exceptional patient care.

AOA+ Lounge
Are you part of the AOA+ program or an AOSA member? Stop by the AOA+ Lounge to learn more about the AOA+ program, AOA and AOSA membership and resources. AOA+ attendees are invited to stop in to grab a snack, enter for a chance to win raffle prizes, claim some swag, charge their devices, and connect with colleagues.

Download Optometry’s Meeting Mobile App & Play EyeExplorer
Throughout your time at Optometry’s Meeting, make sure to download the mobile app! It will be your go-to guide while in Washington. You will be able to add sessions to your agenda, complete surveys and play EyeExplorer!

When you play EyeExplorer you will have the opportunity to win AOA swag and prizes. Simply download the app, answer questions and complete stops; each task completed will help you earn points, all which bring you closer to being entered into the grand prize drawing! The mobile app will be available to download in early June.
CONTINUING EDUCATION OVERVIEW

4 DAYS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION
Optometry’s Meeting is committed to providing an educational format that enables you to practice at the top of your license. Our education track will drive better outcomes for your patients and their communities.
You’ll experience premier education with a curriculum focused squarely on cohesive, coordinated care. Doctors and paraoptometric professionals alike can participate in advanced, experiential learning on the latest practices, procedures and clinically sound techniques, including surgical, laser, and suturing methodologies.

190+ HOURS
Doctors of optometry can earn up to 37 credits and paraoptometrics can earn up to 31 credits with top-notch speakers and presenters, and topics you can’t hear anywhere else. Sessions are offered in an integrated setting where doctors of optometry and paraoptometrics can attend courses together on topics that impact the coordination of care provided to patients.

136+ COURSES
From lectures to workshops to posters, hot topics and unique presentation experiences, the opportunities are endless! Practice management, gene therapy, functional vision, laser procedures, billing and coding, and systemic disease are a few topics that will be explored.

1 AND ONLY OFFICIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR BOTH THE OPTOMETRY INDUSTRY AND STUDENTS!
Did you know the AOA and AOSA combined their conferences back in 2003 to create Optometry’s Meeting? Ever since, Optometry’s Meeting has been the premier optometry event that is created by doctors of optometry, paraoptometrics and future doctors of optometry, for YOU!

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CEE/TQ EDUCATION

The AOA is pleased to offer 22 hours of Continuing Education Examination/Transcript Quality (CEE/TQ) credit at this year’s Optometry’s Meeting. If applicable, remember to scan the QR code available at the end of your CEE/TQ course to register for the examination component. Attendees must request the course examination through the QR code process. The CEE/TQ exam must be completed within the testing window in order to be claimed.

DOCTOR/PARAOPTOMETRIC INTEGRATED EDUCATION

With over 40 hours of credits offered in an integrated setting, doctors of optometry and paraoptometrists can attend courses together on topics that impact the coordination of care provided to patients. Practice management, systemic disease, billing and coding, surgical procedures and mental health are a few topics that will be explored. Enhance the cohesiveness of care provided in your practice with education offered in this team-learning setting.

EDUCATION THEATER EXPANDS

The Education Theater expands this year to include not only a classroom in the Eye Care Square but a stage as well. With at least four courses in the Education Theater classroom and a multitude of continuing education on the Education Theater stage, there is something for everyone. Come and experience the buzz in the hall.
CONTINUING EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

WORKSHOPS AND HANDS-ON LEARNING

With the continued march toward expanded scope adoption, it’s more important than ever to practice and learn contemporary optometric skills through our various hands-on workshops. These courses are open to doctors, students and paraoptometrists and focus on contemporary topics ranging from billing and coding practice scenarios to laser and surgical procedures. Find an interactive workshop to hone your knowledge and skills.

PARAOPTOMETRIC CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The AOA continues to foster the development of paraoptometrists and the necessary skills they bring to support the practice of optometry. The paraoptometric courses offered at Optometry’s Meeting are approved by the Commission on Paraoptometric Certification and AOA CE hours. The topics for these courses include billing and coding, customer service and patient intake, surgical assisting in office-based procedures, systemic disease, and office management. The catalog of courses for paraoptometrists will answer the important questions of what, where, when and why for optometry.

EYETalks

The AOA is introducing a series of 20-minute talks on various topics, live on stage in the Eye Care Square Education Theater. These talks will range from product demonstrations to contemporary optometric topics. There is something for everyone in these AOA CE Hours-approved EYETalks.

D-EYE-agnosis – Optometry

This one-of-a-kind interactive workshop follows a patient lifecycle with you as the practitioner. You will get a patient case history, then run several tests and make determinations on the patient’s underlying condition. After determining a diagnosis, a treatment plan, patient education, plus billing and coding will be applied. Choose your own adventure with D-EYE-agnosis – Optometry.

OPTOMETRIC SURGICAL ASSISTING—A PARAOPTOMETRIC MICRO-CREDENTIAL

Paraoptometrists are educated, trained and certified to be the optometric physician’s right hand during office-based surgical procedures. This four-hour workshop is the practical component of this micro-credential, but it also is an excellent in-depth, hands-on practical application in assisting during office-based surgical procedures. Whether you are interested in the full micro-credential or simply desire these practical application skills, this workshop is for you. If you are interested in completing the full micro-credential, head over to the AOA’s EyeLearn Professional Development Hub for the lecture-based content.
CONTINUING EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

AOA+ RECOMMENDED COURSES
Our AOA+ audience, comprised of faculty, students and new doctors, can seek out courses that have been selected based on feedback from faculty colleagues and student leaders. This year’s Optometry’s Meeting may be a first for many; with this in mind, the course grid highlights some suggested course offerings that faculty, students and new doctors will find beneficial. These courses are identified with an “AOA+” and represent a broad variety of topics to support the practice of contemporary optometry.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING—‘RING OF SILENCE’ SCREENING AND EXPERT PANEL
Human trafficking continues to be an epidemic facing our communities. As medical professionals, we have a duty to actively watch for, report on and assist in the treatment of patients who are victims of human trafficking. The AOA will be holding a two-hour AOA CE Hour approved continuing education course featuring the screening of the feature film “Ring of Silence,” followed by a panel of legal and other experts who will discuss the signs of human trafficking and our responsibilities as medical professionals.

WEEKEND WRAP-UP
Make sure to stick around Saturday for a multitude of continuing education featuring Drs. Melton & Vollmer, CEE opportunities, a myriad of workshops, a para micro-credential, culturally relevant topics and biologics.

CE GRID & SCHEDULE
Make sure to visit and view the most up-to-date CE Grid and Schedule here. Easily review the wide selection of CE offerings and start planning your time at Optometry’s Meeting!
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1. JJV Data on File 2022. TearStable™ Technology Definition.
2. JJV Data on File. CSM Subjective Responses ACUVUE® OASYS MAX 1-Day Contact Lenses- Retrospective Meta-analysis

Important safety information: ACUVUE® Contact Lenses are indicated for vision correction. As with any contact lens, eye problems, including corneal ulcers, can develop. Some wearers may experience mild irritation, itching or discomfort. Lenses should not be prescribed if patients have any eye infection, or experience eye discomfort, excessive tearing, vision changes, redness or other eye problems. Consult the package insert for complete information. Complete information is also available from Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. by calling 1-800-843-2020, or by visiting www.jnjvisionpro.com.

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New Lens Addresses the High-demand Lifestyle, Doctors Say

The visual demands of the day are intense, says Denise Whittam, OD, of New York, New York. She says that people are spending more time on their digital devices since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Zoom calls and hybrid work schedules often mean people work long hours without the usual breaks that are part of an in-office routine. Indeed, adults spend 13 or more hours a day on digital devices, a 35 percent increase since 2019.1

Bob Davis, OD, of Pembroke Pines, Florida, has heard this from his patients, too, noting that they say they pick up their phone to check messages often before they get out of bed in the morning or they’re scrolling through social media or entertainment sites late into the night.

Digital device usage causes 60% less blinking which can dry out the eyes and cause discomfort.2,3 The new ACUVUE® OASYS MAX 1-Day lenses with an unprecedented combination of two new technologies—TearStable™ Technology and OptiBlue™ Light Filter4—are designed to help meet the demands of today.

**Designed to lock in moisture** for all-day comfort5

TearStable™ Technology is a new state-of-the-art manufacturing process that optimizes wetting agent distribution throughout the lens and on the surface, resulting in longer tear film stability and reduced evaporation.4,6,7

**Blue light filtering**

But this lens also goes a step further with OptiBlue™ Light Filter4, which filters 60 percent of blue violet light4, minimizing the effects of blue-violet light scatter on the eye4 to reduce halos4 and starbursts4.

“I have a surprising number of patients asking me about blue light filtering,” says Ashley Roth, OD, of Miami, Florida. “They’ve been asking, ‘Should I wear blue light glasses on top of my contacts?’ and I am so excited to give them the option to have blue light filtering4 built into their contacts.”

Dr. Davis asks his patients about blue light as well. “When I ask patients if they are concerned about blue light, many comment that their eyeglasses have blue light filtering5. I’m excited to share that there’s now a contact lens that can filter blue light4 and reduce light scatter4, halos4 and starbursts4,5, he says.

Dr. Whittam says “patients come to my office concerned about blue light emitted from devices and complaining about tired, heavy eyes at the end of a day of digital device use.”

She addresses the visual effects of light scatter, halos and starbursts patterns that many patients experience and tells them this new technology provides all-day comfort4 and increased visual clarity4,5.

**Robust release**

Johnson & Johnson Vision is releasing both the sphere and the multifocal designs of this lens at the same time. For the presbyopic patient, this is great news. TearStable™ Technology, OptiBlue™ Light Filter4 and ACUVUE® PUPIL OPTIMIZED DESIGN® unite to deliver crisp, clear vision at all distances and in all lighting conditions5 plus all-day comfort.6

That’s exciting to Dr. Roth, who says, “The ACUVUE® PUPIL OPTIMIZED DESIGN is successful for my presbyopic patients, so now I will be able to offer patients using older material lenses a silicone hydrogel lens with all the extra benefits of comfort5 and crisp, clear vision.5 I think this is a lens that the market has been waiting for.” She says this lens is not only innovative but also incredibly useful for the majority of her patients. “I personally like to offer my patients the latest technology and will recommend these contacts to every single contact lens patient. With today’s high computer use among kids and adults, I think this is a breakthrough product and will set the trend for all contact lens in the future.”

Dr. Davis agrees, saying the three benefits of this lens—TearStable™ Technology, OptiBlue™ Light Filter4 and the Pupil Optimized Design—make this a standout lens.

Dr. Whittam adds “the optics are superb, and when patients put the lens on, it sells itself. It’s a fabulous thing to be able to introduce a truly innovative lens to patients. It’s our professional obligation to elevate awareness about the issues that can impact their vision and comfort.”

*Versus ACUVUE® OASYS 1-Day

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INDUSTRY SYMPOSIA

Looking for a head start when it comes to learning about innovation in the profession and the products moving it forward? Attend one of 22+ symposia held during Optometry’s Meeting, where you’ll hear from key industry leaders about the biggest advancements in optometry. These sessions are promotional and not for continuing education hours. The symposia will offer breakfast, lunch or dinner, respectively, to doctors and optometric staff. Students will be allowed to attend on a space-available basis. Register in advance so you don’t miss the opportunity to attend these valuable sessions!

# 2023 OPTOMETRY’S MEETING - SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

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AOA+ STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

• Students will receive three nights’ lodging on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Optometry’s Meeting.
• Students will be asked to select their roommates in advance of booking their room in AOA’s housing block.
• In addition to lodging, students will receive a regional travel grant of $200, $300 or $400 depending on where they are attending school.
• Schools have been broken out into regions: East, Central and West. This regional grant is intended to help ease the cost of travel, depending on where they are coming from across the country.

AOA+ FACULTY AND NEW DOCTOR TRAVEL GRANTS

• New doctors with graduation years between 2018 and 2022 will be offered a $500 travel grant and 50% off registration.
• Faculty will also be offered a $500 travel grant and 50% off registration

To learn more about AOA+, visit optometristsmeeting.org/aoa/aoaplus
AOA+ PROGRAM FAQS

Who is eligible for an AOA+ 2023 travel grant?
• All faculty
• All new doctors with grad years between 2018 and 2022
• AOSA/AOA student members

How will students, new doctors, and faculty be selected to receive an AOA+ travel grant?
• Those eligible for an AOA+ travel grant must register by March 1.
• Students will be asked to submit their housing information by March 31.
• Faculty and new doctors will receive a discounted registration price.

Will there be certain courses or events required to receive the AOA+ travel grant?
Yes, there is a short list of events and courses recommended that AOA+ travel grant recipients attend to ensure they are maximizing their experience at Optometry’s Meeting 2023; see below:
• AOA+ Rally/Affiliate Connections/AOA Experience, kicks off at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 21
• Residency Summit and Career Fair
• AOA+ Advocacy Workshop
• Attend at least one (1) Capitol Hill Briefing on either Wednesday, June 21, or Thursday, June 22
• Attendance at six (6) AOA+ Recommended Courses
• Celebration of Optometry
• AOSA Optometry Student Bowl XXXII* powered by EssilorLuxottica and EssilorLuxottica Live! (wristband required, attend EssilorLuxottica Student Education on Thursday, June 22)
  *Students only

How many grants will be awarded?
The goal is to bring 3,000 students, new doctors and faculty to Optometry’s Meeting 2023. Grants will not be capped.

When will AOA+ travel grants be distributed?
Grants will be provided post-meeting, once the required qualifications have been confirmed.

How are the student grants determined?
Schools have been broken out to into three sections of the country. Where students are attending school will determine if they receive a $200 (East), $300 (Central) or $400 (West) travel grant.
Please visit optometrysmeeting.org to view the full grid.

There will be an array of AOA+ recommended courses for students, new doctors and faculty. Look for the AOA+ logo. Please note, these are not required, but suggested courses!
AOA+, AOSA & STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

The AOSA empowers students to thrive as future doctors of optometry by providing education, career opportunities and endless networking at Optometry’s Meeting—the ONLY official national conference specifically for optometry students!

The AOSA represents more than 7,100 students attending the 25 schools and colleges of optometry throughout the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico. The AOSA works to ensure optometry students gain the knowledge needed to thrive in this great profession.

STUDENT-RECOMMENDED COURSES

This year’s Optometry’s Meeting is a first for many students; with this in mind, the course grid highlights several suggested course offerings students may find beneficial. These courses, which are identified with the AOA+, represent a broad variety of foundational topics that support the practice of contemporary optometry. Below are suggestions, which will also help you complete the AOA+ Leadership Society and receive your AOA+ travel grant. For a full listing, please review our online education schedule.

• Anterior Segment Grand Rounds
• Boxing Out Unconscious Bias: Don’t Let Your Unconscious Biases Put People in a Box!
• Ethics in the Workplace
• Optometry’s Role in Reducing Healthcare Disparities
• Preparing For Office-Based Surgical Procedures
• ‘Ring of Silence’ Screening and Expert Panel
• Squirming Patients 101: Pediatric Workshop
• Top 5 Myths of Myopia Management and How to Overcome Them
• Top 5 Posters

After the rally, grab a bite or beverage and make sure to network and connect with fellow participants from your affiliate state and learn more about how you can become involved on a local level.

*This event is for those in the AOA+ program, and a badge will be required to attend. Light snacks and beverages included during this event.

AOA+ Leadership Link
Thursday, June 22 | 1-2 p.m.

Leadership Link is a networking program designed to help students and new doctors make the transition from optometry student or recent graduate into their role as a doctor of optometry. This is an exclusive opportunity to network with some of the profession’s leaders from across the country. Students and doctors will be grouped at tables and provided topics to discuss throughout the one-hour networking session. There will be multiple Leadership Link sessions offered throughout Optometry’s Meeting and space is limited, so be sure to register and save your spot!

Eye Care Square & AOA+ Lounge
Thursday, June 22 – Saturday, June 24
EYE CARE SQUARE

Are you part of the AOA+ program or an AOSA member? Stop by the AOA+ Lounge to learn more about the AOA+ program, AOA and AOSA membership and resources. AOA+ attendees are invited to stop in to grab a snack, enter for a chance to win raffle prizes, claim some swag, charge their devices and connect with colleagues.

Then, on Friday, June 23, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., make sure to join us in the Eye Care Square for an hour dedicated to AOA+ participants and students. Connect, explore and network in a more relaxed experience.
AOA+, AOSA & STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

AOSA OPTOMETRY STUDENT BOWL XXXII  
*Powered by EssilorLuxottica*

**NEW NIGHT:** Thursday, June 22 | 8 p.m.

College rivalries take center stage as 25 schools and colleges of optometry from the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico compete to be the smartest, loudest and most creative. The high-speed, high-stakes test of optometric knowledge pits one champion from each school against all others, poised to buzz in with the right answer and bring home $1,000 and the coveted crystal trophy. The equally celebrated Spirit Award honors the school with the most energy, best costumes and flashiest entrance. Get your friends, bring your faculty and cheer on your school to bring home the winner!

EssilorLuxottica Live! and Student Education

Attend the EssilorLuxottica education on Thursday, June 22, at 10 a.m., to receive your wristband into EssilorLuxottica Live!, a student-only after-party following the AOSA Optometry Student Bowl you won’t want to miss!

AOA+ Residency Summit & Career Fair

**Friday, June 23 | 1-3 p.m.**

Interested in learning more about residencies and what is the right fit for you? Want to connect with leaders and organizations about career opportunities and additional paths to consider in the optometry industry? The Residency Summit & Career Fair delivers all the opportunities to visit with residency directors as well as meet with employers and organizations to learn about countless career opportunities that exist!

‘Ring of Silence’

**Saturday, June 24 | 9-10:30 a.m.**

Human trafficking continues to be an epidemic facing our communities. As medical professionals, we have a duty to actively watch for, report on and assist in the treatment of patients who are victims of human trafficking. The AOA will be holding a two-hour AOA CE Hour-approved continuing education course featuring the screening of the feature film “Ring of Silence,” followed by a panel of legal and other experts who will discuss the signs of human trafficking and our responsibilities as medical professionals.
This year, Optometry’s Meeting hosts the AOA’s single-largest annual advocacy experience and a foundation of optometry’s federal advocacy efforts, AOA on Capitol Hill.

Directly connecting the profession’s leaders with national policy leaders, AOA on Capitol Hill is a key reason why the AOA is consistently recognized as one of the most effective, respected advocacy organizations in the nation’s capital.

AOA on Capitol Hill participation is open to advocacy-minded AOA doctors and optometry students with sessions intended to prepare attendees to increasingly join the ongoing advocacy fight for optometry’s future. Additionally, attendees may have the opportunity, in close coordination with their state associations, to participate in meetings with their federal legislators.

AOA+ Rally & Affiliate Connections
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 | 5-7 p.m.
Join thousands of optometry students and doctors of optometry as the AOA+ Rally kicks off the experience with a rally in support of the critical primary eye health and vision care our profession provides. Hear from members of Congress and about the importance of advocating for the profession and how you can get involved.

After the rally, grab a bite or beverage and make sure to network and connect with fellow participants from your affiliate state and learn more about how you can become involved on a local level.

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Capitol Hill Appointments
Wednesday, June 21 | 2:30-5 p.m. - Thursday, June 22 | 1-4 p.m.
(Or as scheduled with your representative)
Participation in Capitol Hill meetings with your senators and/or representative will be available to advocacy-minded attendees. The AOA will provide full support to help state delegations schedule appointments for Capitol Hill meetings on Wednesday, June 21, and Thursday, June 22. AOA on Capitol Hill meeting participants will be granted advanced access to a web-based platform to view their schedule, meeting details, fact sheets and any other necessary information. The AOA Advocacy team will also be offering on-site briefings to ensure appropriate preparation for Congressional appointments.

Capitol Hill Briefings
Wednesday, June 21 | 1-2:30 p.m. or Thursday, June 22 | 7:30-9 a.m.
AOA Advocacy volunteers and staff will be hosting two separate briefing sessions to ensure attendees are fully prepared for their scheduled Capitol Hill meetings. Meeting attendees will have the option of joining one of two separate briefings containing identical content, allowing those with conflicting commitments the opportunity to attend at least one of these informative sessions. These key briefings will be oriented toward ensuring attendees have a better understanding of AOA’s 2023 advocacy agenda as well as the tips and tricks needed to conduct successful Capitol Hill meetings. AOA Advocacy volunteers and staff will be on hand following these sessions to answer questions or provide any other help that may be needed.

AOA+ Advocacy Workshop
Supported by Johnson & Johnson Vision
Friday, June 23 | 9-10:30 a.m.
After being inspired at the AOA+ Rally, gain advocacy insight and hands-on experience at the AOA+ Advocacy Workshop. Hear the steps advocates of all experience levels can take to join the ongoing advocacy fight on behalf of patients and the profession, and learn the top insider tips and tricks for being the most effective advocate and building more momentum for AOA’s pro-access, pro-patient advocacy agenda.
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