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**MARSHALL B.
KETCHUM
UNIVERSITY**

Southern California College of Optometry

Friday, May 22nd, 2026 | 2:00 P.M.





ABOUT MARSHALL B. KETCHUM UNIVERSITY

In 1904, Dr. Marshall B. Ketchum, a pharmacist and physician began a school in Los Angeles, California with the humble mission of teaching students how to refract and fit glasses to help people see better. His commitment to compassion, innovation and excellence set the highest standards for the field. With a deep responsibility to students, patients and the community, the University’s vital role in shaping the best and brightest minds in health care lives on.

In 2009, under the leadership of President Kevin L. Alexander, the campus responded to the changing face of health care with the decision to add other health care programs. To accommodate new programs, the University was established in 2013, and named after Marshall B. Ketchum. The result is a model institution immersing students in an interprofessional environment and expecting the highest quality of care and discovery from every student who passes through our doors.

Today, Marshall B. Ketchum University is leading a momentous change in health care education. Each student optometrist, PA or pharmacist has the ability and opportunity and work together to positively affect the lives of those seeking health care. In this way, our institution remains dedicated to providing only the highest level of education preparing students for the interprofessional delivery of health care.

To the SCCO Class of 2026, welcome to your new opportunity to contribute as health care providers, alumni mentors and proud believers in the value of your Marshall B. Ketchum University education.

The future is expecting you.

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Southern California College of Optometry

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EXERCISE

- 1 **PRELUDE**
- 2 **PROCESSIONAL**
Pomp and Circumstance
Sir Edward Elgar
- 3 **WELCOME**
Julie A. Schornack, OD, MEd
President of the University, Presiding Official
- 4 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Paulina Pham Akahoshi
Class President
- 5 **INTRODUCTIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS**
President Julie A. Schornack
Ray M. Baker, MD
MBKU Board of Trustee
- 6 **THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**
Edward P. Hernandez, OD
- 7 **CONFERRING OF THE VICE PRESIDENT EMERITUS TITLE**
President Julie A. Schornack
Carmen Barnhardt, OD, '95, MSED
- 8 **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE**
Jason Ng, OD, '03, PhD
Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies
- 9 **CONFERRING OF THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE**
President Julie A. Schornack
- 10 **RECOGNITION OF HONOR RECIPIENTS**
Dean Eric Borsting
Salutatorian: Alex Lam
- 11 **VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESSES**
Dylan Tran-Khiem Ha
Eliana Silvia Goncuian
- 12 **GRADUATION HONORS**
Dean Eric Borsting

13 PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE

Kristine Huang, OD, MPH

Associate Professor, SCCO Faculty Senate President

14 CONFERRING OF THE DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE

President Julie A. Schornack

15 ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH

Edward P. Hernandez, OD

Doctor of Optometry degree recipients are requested to stand and take the pledge by reading aloud, with Edward P. Hernandez, OD, "The Optometric Oath." Members of the audience holding the Doctor of Optometry degree are invited to stand and take this opportunity to reaffirm "The Optometric Oath" together with today's degree recipients. The oath is located on the back cover of today's program.

16 REMARKS TO GRADUATES

President Julie A. Schornack

17 RECESSIONAL

The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

George Frideric Handel

“ I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve. ”

- Albert Schweitzer

CANDIDATES





















FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Katherine Dinh
Anjli Patel

Priyaben Bhupendrabhai Patel
Henry Robert Prentice


FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY

Omar Acosta-Giron
Paulina Pham Akahoshi
Maggie Elizabeth Allers 
Jasmine Ang
Sohaila Baheer  
Marita Bolis
Jacquelyn Caldwell
Justine Castromayor
Meggie Chang 
Justine Chau
Angela Jingyi Chen
Heather Yoomee Choi
Alison Chun
Thida Sandy Chunwatanapong     
Emma Le Concepcion
Claudette Contreras
Christine Marie DeMartini
Abigail Dimaano
Katherine Dinh 
Robert Fitzpatrick 
Edward Augustus Fletes
Angela Isabella Flores 
Melissa Kate Fornstrom
Clayton Fung 
Irene Villacorta Garcia
Eliana Silvia Goncuian 
Hana Rei Goto
Dylan Tran-Khiem Ha 
Maya Amber Hanaoka
Michelle (Ching-Ying) Huang
Molly Hughes
Richard B. Huynh
Vanessa Jang 
Tharawadee Jarupan

Kajol Jewan 
Joshua Min Jong Joo 
Paneet Kaur Khaira
Katie Lam Kimpau
Isabelle Kreydin
Xuan Kuang 
Alex Lam 
Quyen Bao Lam
Amy Le 
Chelsea Le
Justin Daniel Lee 
Wayland Wai-Lak Leung
Peidong Li 
Caleb Liu 
Judy Ngo Ly
Vincent Ma 
Ashley Summer Macabasco 
Marian Veronica Malig 
Wafa Nasir Malik
Ethan Thoma Melton  
Wesley Namba Nakao 
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Katherine Ngo
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Anjli Patel
Shyam Patel 
Marc Claine Petersen
Taylor Phuong-Anh Pham 
Phuong Nguyet Phun
Henry Robert Prentice
Howard Quach 
Jessica Quinagoran
Alyssa Nicole Rickert 
Geovanny Rosas
Harkirat Singh Saini
Alireza Sharifzadeh 
Eddie Luay Simhairy
Chanvir Singh 
Jacqueline Nicole Snegg
Andrew Tang
Mireya Gabriela Tapia
Anna Ngoc Tran 
Phuong Linh Tran
Samantha Thuchan Tran 
Tiffany Trieu
Megan Tsiu 
Julia Vu
Vincent Vu
Nicko Vukajlovic
Shannon Darnell Watkins
Emily Wilbur 
Justin Phan Wright
Sara Yoo
Julia Claire Yuan
Amanda Zhang

 **Summa Cum Laude** 3.80 – 4.00  **Magna Cum Laude** 3.60 – 3.78  **Cum Laude** 3.40 – 3.59

 Completed the MBKU Student Leadership Development Certificate Program.

 Completed the MBKU Student Career Readiness Certificate Program.

 Completed the MBKU Student Service Learning Certificate Program.

 Completed the MBKU Student Cultural Humility Certificate Program.

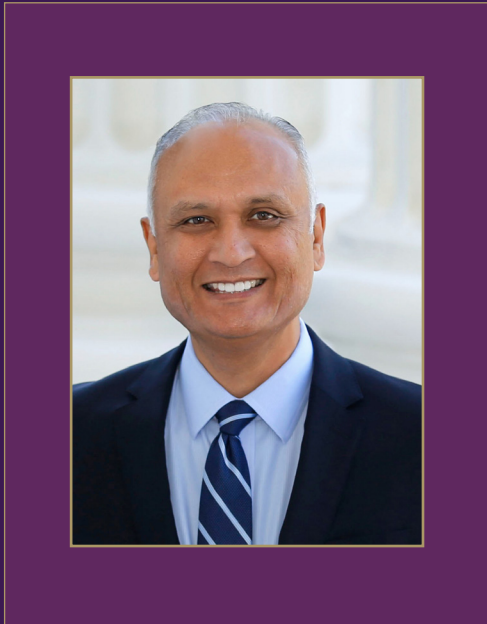
 Completed the MBKU Student Wellness Development Certificate Program.



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EDWARD P. HERNANDEZ, OD



Edward P. Hernandez, O.D. placed an indelible stamp on important policy that benefited Californians statewide. As a former State Legislator and current health care provider, he was immediately aware of the pressing issues impacting California communities.

There's no doubt Dr. Hernandez made historic changes to the health care market in California. His legacy began with being the longest sitting chair of the Senate Health Committee, under term-limited restrictions. As chair, he played a key role in setting health policies for the state, including the implementation of groundbreaking Federal health care reform laws.

Among his signature legislative accomplishments, Dr. Hernandez had a total of 112 laws passed in his 12 years as a legislator, including successfully ushering in the Affordable Care Act, which includes all the consumer protections, Medi-Cal expansion, dramatically curbing coverage mandates to hold the line on health care costs,

delivering a significant amount of funding for groundwater cleanup in the San Gabriel Valley, and championing funding for big transportation projects in his district. He successfully worked across party lines to negotiate an MCO tax that is delivering billions of dollars for various health care programs and the developmentally disabled community. His legislative record and accomplishments prove his willingness to stand up to and fight big monied interests, including Big Tobacco.

In addition, Dr. Hernandez served as a vocal member on numerous other committees during his tenure, including Business, Professions, and Economic Development, Governance and Finance, Insurance, Governmental Organization, and Ethics. He also chaired the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus, a bipartisan group of 13 Senators and Assembly members representing the greater San Gabriel Valley.

Senator Hernandez grew up in La Puente, attended local schools and graduated from Bassett High School. He worked his way through school, attending both Rio Hondo and Mt. San Antonio Community Colleges before going on to get his B.S. degree in Biology from Cal State Fullerton. He received a scholarship to study Optometry at Indiana University, which is also where he met his wife, Diane. After returning home, Dr. Ed and his wife established their first practice in his hometown of La Puente.

Although he first ran for public office in 2006, Dr. Ed is no stranger to the State Capitol. While practicing as an optometrist he worked his way up the ranks of the California Optometric Association and served as president of the organization in 2000 and 2001, advocating in Sacramento on behalf of patients and members of the Association. Until his election to the Assembly, he had also served as President of the California Board of Optometry.

In the Senate, Dr. Hernandez proudly represented the 24th Senate District, which included most of the San Gabriel Valley and parts of the City of Los Angeles, including East Los Angeles, El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, City Terrace, Montecito Heights that were later lost to redistricting. Through redistricting, the new 22nd Senate District encompasses most of the San Gabriel Valley, including the Cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Monterey Park, Rosemead, and West Covina. The district also includes the communities of Avocado Heights, Citrus, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, South San Gabriel, Valinda and Vincent.

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CARMEN N. BARNHARDT, OD, '95, MSED



Dr. Carmen Barnhardt served most recently as Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services at Marshall B. Ketchum University and has been a dedicated faculty member at the Southern California College of Optometry since 1996. She received her Doctor of Optometry and residency certificate in Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy from SCCO. Dr. Barnhardt completed a master's program in education at California State University, Fullerton, and a Graduate Certificate in Student Affairs Administration at Colorado State University. Her administrative leadership advanced institutional effectiveness through the development of comprehensive student success initiatives, including the Student Achievement Center and the Student Leadership Certificate Program, as well as the successful centralization of admissions processes across the University. Her areas of interest include student leadership development; student support systems, including academic and professional development, learning resources and advocating for health care students with disabilities; and health education, promotion and prevention.

As the previous Chief of the Vision Therapy Service, Dr. Barnhardt made significant contributions to the education and clinical training of students in pediatrics and binocular vision. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and the College of Optometrists in Vision Development, and holds Diplomate status in the Pediatric, Binocular Vision, and Perception Section of the American Academy of Optometry.

Dr. Barnhardt is widely recognized for her commitment to leadership development through strengths based education and pursued StrengthsFinder coaching with students, faculty, staff, and within the American Academy of Optometry. Her service to the profession includes sustained involvement with Special Olympics Healthy Athletes – Healthy Eyes, volunteer participation in the World Games in Anchorage and Dublin, and contributions to multi center research through the PEDIG (Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group) and CITT (Convergence Insufficiency Treatment Trial).

4TH YEAR FALL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Southern California College of Optometry, through the generosity of alumni and community benefactors over many decades, is able to offer more than 170 scholarships and awards to our students each fall and spring. They offer support for financial need and recognize academic achievement and clinical success. Many were established to honor or memorialize former students, alumni, faculty and leaders in the field of optometry and many are generously funded by industry partners. We are grateful for the support of our benefactors, and proud of the achievements of our students recognized through these scholarships and awards.

THE DRS. CAROL AND KEVIN ALEXANDER LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP
Natalie Anne Nell

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SCCO SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF LESLIE W. SCOWN, OD, '21
Marian Veronica Malig
Samantha Thuchan Tran

ALVIN APPLEBAUM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Natalie Anne Nell

MORRIS, OD & ARLEEN APPLEBAUM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
Alyssa Nicole Rickert

VSP GLOBAL ARIZONA SCHOLARSHIP
Maggie Elizabeth Allers
Joshua Min Jong Joo
Megan Tsui

BLACK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
Shannon Darnell Watkins

JULIET E. HARDTNER/BLAKE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
Amy Le

DR. WILLIAM BRISBANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Christine Marie DeMartini

CALIFORNIA OPTOMETRIC COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP
Vanessa Jang
Shyam Patel

GENE CALKINS, OD, '68 AND KATHLEEN CALKINS SCHOLARSHIP
Angela Isabella Flores

DR. REYNALDO J. CARREON, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Omar Acosta-Giron
Jacquelyn Caldwell
Daisy Nuñez Rivas

DRS. FRED AND BETTY CHELF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Shyam Patel

DR. LEON DARROW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Emily Wilbur

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Alyssa Nicole Rickert

DR. HERBERT MCCrackEN DIXON SCHOLARSHIP
Justine Castromayor
Vanessa Jang
Natalie Anne Nell
Tracy Nguyen
Matthew Nottenkamper
Harkirat Singh Saini
Alireza Sharifzadeh

DR. JOE W. DOBBS SCHOLARSHIP
Alison Chun
Justin Daniel Lee
Peidong Li

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, LYNN GABRIEL, OD, '78 SCHOLARSHIP
Peidong Li

DR. JOHN R. GRIFFIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Matthew Nottenkamper
Payton Dale Oxner

THE DONALD B. HANFORD, OD, '55 AND FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
Caleb Liu

PROFESSIONAL EYE CARE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP
Payton Dale Oxner

HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP
Omar Acosta-Giron
Daisy Nuñez Rivas

LOUIS HOFFMAN, OD SCHOLARSHIP
Clayton Fung

WOODY AND DOROTHA JARNAGIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Emily Wilbur

DR. RODGER KAME MEMORIAL AWARD
Paneet Kaur Khaira

DALE KOERS, OD ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
Robert Fitzpatrick

DR. CECIL B. KOHAKE, '77 SCHOLARSHIP
Richard B. Huynh

"MISSIO DEI" SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP
Emily Wilbur
Christine Maire DeMartini

THE MITCHELL T. MUNSON, OD, '86 AND SUSAN M. BRUNETT, OD, '86 SCHOLARSHIP
Geovanny Rosas
Alireza Sharifzadeh

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ALAN SASAI, OD, '77 SCHOLARSHIP
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Eliana Silvia Goncuian
Dylan Tran-Khiem Ha

DR. LORRAINE VOORHEES SCHOLARSHIP
Dylan Tran-Khiem Ha

VISION SERVICE PLAN/ AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY FOUNDATION PRACTICE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP
Amy Le
Payton Dale Oxner

**ALCON 4TH YEAR CASE
REPORT AWARD**

Eliana Silvia Goncuian

**ASIAN AMERICAN
OPTOMETRIC SOCIETY
AWARD IN HONOR OF DR.
RODGER KAME**

Vincent Vu

**ASIAN AMERICAN
OPTOMETRIC SOCIETY
AWARD IN HONOR OF DR.
WILLIAM YAMAMOTO**

Marian Veronica Malig

**ASIAN AMERICAN
OPTOMETRIC SOCIETY
AWARD IN HONOR OF DR.
ART SUGINO**

Chanvir Singh

**RICHARD W. BAKER,
OD, '64 CONTACT LENS
AWARD**

Richard B. Huynh

**DR. MORRIS BERMAN
CLINICAL EXCELLENCE
AWARD**

Eliana Silvia Goncuian

**BRIGHT FELLOWS 4TH
YEAR SCHOLARSHIP**

Amanda Zhang

**COUNCIL OF REGENTS
ACHIEVMENT AWARD**

Paulina Pham Akahosi

**OVDRA 2026
EXCELLENCE IN VISION
THERAPY AWARD**

Anjali Patel

DR. AL DENNIS AWARD

Clayton Fung

Natalie Anne Nell

**ESCHENBACH LOW
VISION AWARD**

Justin Daniel Lee

**SCCO FACULTY COUNCIL
AWARD**

Anjali Patel

**WILLIAM FIENBLOOM
LOW VISION AWARD**

Henry Robert Prentice

**DR. LAWRENCE E.
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AWARD**

Alison Chun

GOOD-LITE AWARD

Alex Lam

**GP LENS INSTITUTE
CLINICAL EXCELLENCE
AWARD**

Angela Isabella Flores

**DR. HOMER & MARIE
HENDRICKSON
MEMORIAL AWARDS**

Anjali Patel

Taylor Phuong-Anh Pham

**JOHNSON & JOHNSON
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EXCELLENCE IN
CONTACT LENS PATIENT
CARE**

Xuan Kuang

**KIWANIS LOW VISION
REHABILITATION
AWARD**

Christine Marie DeMartini

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SPORTS VISION
SCHOLARSHIP**

Joshua Min Jong Joo

Ethan Thoma Melton

Amanda Zhang

**DR. K. MICHAEL LARKIN
MEMORIAL AWARD**

Amanda Zhang

**DR. HARUE J. MARSDEN
MEMORIAL AWARD**

Paulina Pham Akahosi

Matthew Nottenkamper

Payton Dale Oxner

**NICK MENEAKIS
MEMORIAL AWARD**

Payton Dale Oxner

**OCULAR INSTRUMENTS
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Matthew Nottenkamper

**OPTELEC EXCELLENCE
IN LOW VISION AWARD**

Julia Claire Yuan

**ORANGE COUNTY
OPTOMETRIC SOCIETY
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IN
HONOR OF DR. RICHARD
HOPPING**

Natalie Anne Nell

Jacqueline Nicole Snegg

**HEDDA JAANUS
PODRANG MEMORIAL
AWARD**

Eliana Silvia Goncuian

VISIONARY AWARD

Jacquelyn Munet Caldwell

**DR. LES WALLS
VALEDICTORIAN AWARD**

Eliana Silvia Goncuian

Dylan Tran-Khiem Ha

**DR. RYAN P. ZAMANIGAN
MEMORIAL TRAVEL
SUPPORT AWARD**

Justine Castromayor

Payton Dale Oxner

**2026 ASCO STUDENT
AWARD IN CLINICAL
ETHICS**

Eliana Silvia Goncuian

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Congratulations to



The Class of 2026



ACADEMIC
REGALIA



The academic gowns that you see today represent a tradition that we inherited from the universities of the Middle Ages. Those institutions were founded by the church; and the students, being clerics, were obliged to wear their clerical gowns and caps at all times. Through the ages, these regalia were altered to accommodate both fashion and fancy.

In the United States, academic gowns are usually black, but the way they are worn and their cut distinguishes the wearer's academic degree. The bachelor's gown is worn closed; the master's and doctor's gown may be worn open or closed. Also, the sleeves of the gowns are shaped differently according to the level of degree: a bachelor's gown has long, pointed sleeves; a master's gown has oblong sleeves that are square in the back and have an arc cut away in the front; and a doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves. In addition, velvet panels and chevrons, either in black or the color representing the academic discipline, distinguish doctoral gowns.

The mortarboards or tams for all degree holders are black. The tassels attached to the mortarboards can be black, the color that the individual academic disciplines choose to represent their field, or in the case of faculty, gold. The hood is the most outstanding and colorful feature of the regalia. It is lined with the colors of the institution from which the wearers received their degrees. Its size and shape indicate the wearer's degree; and its collar is the color of the academic discipline.

Kelly green is the color used by PA. Optometry wears seafoam green. Pharmacy uses olive green. The colors are used for both the tassel and the velvet trim on the hood. The purple and gold satin lining of the hood represents the traditional colors of Marshall B. Ketchum University.

Along with the degree holder being identified by gown style and hood color, the holder is further identified by his place in the procession. Those having the highest faculty seniority are always positioned at the end of the processional.

UNIVERSITY MACE

Colleges and universities often employ a "mace" to connect the institution's customs with the best traditions of higher education dating to the first universities founded during the Middle Ages. A mace symbolizes authority, learning and scholarship, history, reputation and values. It suggests commemoration, elegance, honor, pageantry, purpose, quality, solemnity, stability and continuity.

MARSHALL B. KETCHUM UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT EMERITI

Marshall B. Ketchum, MD | 1920
*Los Angeles Medical School of Ophthalmology
and Optometry*

Ernest A. Hutchinson, OptD, 1913, DOS | 1952
Los Angeles College of Optometry

Richard L. Hopping, OD, DOS, DSc | 1997
Southern California College of Optometry

Lesley L. Walls, OD, MD, DOS | 2008
Southern California College of Optometry

Kevin L. Alexander, OD, PhD | 2022
Marshall B. Ketchum University

PROVOST EMERITUS

Morris S. Berman, OD, MS | 2016
Marshall B. Ketchum University

VICE PRESIDENT EMERITI

William E. Heaton Jr. | 2012
Southern California College of Optometry

Lorraine, I. Voorhees, OD, '71, MS | 2016
Marshall B. Ketchum University

DEAN EMERITUS

Edward Fisher, PhD, RPh | 2022
College of Pharmacy

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS EMERITI

Charles A. Abel, OD, '49 | 1982
Southern California College of Optometry

James Bailey, OD, PhD | 2018
Southern California College of Optometry

Timothy Edrington, OD, MS | 2020
Southern California College of Optometry

John R. Griffin, OD, MSEd | 2002
Southern California College of Optometry

Harue J. Marsden, OD, MS, '87 | 2017
Southern California College of Optometry

Jerry R. Paugh, OD, PhD | 2024
Southern California College of Optometry

William H. Ridder III, OD, PhD | 2025
Southern California College of Optometry

Michael W. Rouse, OD, MSEd | 2009
Southern California College of Optometry

PROFESSORS EMERITI

Morris Applebaum, OD, '68 | 1998
Southern California College of Optometry

Dorothy A. Bergin, OD, '45, MSEd | 1981
Southern California College of Optometry

Harry W. Bloom, OD, '49, DOS | 1969
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Southern California College of Optometry

Allan N. Fried, OD | 1995
Southern California College of Optometry

James R. Gregg, OD, '48, DOS | 1984
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Arthur W. Nye, PhD | 1962
Los Angeles College of Optometry

Leslie W. Scown, OD, 1921 | 1954
Los Angeles College of Optometry

David P. Sendrowski, OD | 2025
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Frank W. Weymouth, PhD | 1961
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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR EMERITI

Tony Carnevali, OD, '75 | 2020
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Southern California College of Optometry

George W. Comer, OD, MBA | 2022
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Catherine L. Heyman, OD, '93 | 2023
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M B K U F A C U L T Y

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

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'91
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Surbhi Bansal, OD
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MS
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MPH
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MS
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Mark Nakano, OD
Betty Ng, OD, '18
Emily Stephey, OD, '17
Melissa Tawa, OD
Erin Tomiyama, OD, '17,
PhD
Nhung Tran, OD
Lisa Wahl, OD, '13
Raymond Warner, PhD
Natalie Wilson, OD, '22
Michael Wong, OD, MS
Robert M. Yacoub, OD, '06
Jillian Youngerman, OD,
'18

Jessica Yuen, OD
Lauren Zabaleta, OD, '21

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROFESSOR

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Edeline Lu, OD, '06
Alyon J. Marion, OD, '99
Mark Marquez, OD
Michelle E. Matson, OD
Mark McKenzie, OD
Amanda Mendez Roberts,
OD
David Mietzner, OD
Jennifer Monarrez, OD
Anh-Tuan Nguyen, OD
Jason Powell, OD
Huey-Fen Song, OD
Lee Tanner, OD, '87
Nina Tran, OD, '10
Paul A. Vejabul, OD, '02
Dale Woodfield, OD, '84
Diana M. Wu, OD, '15
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Andrea Yiasemis, OD
Xiao Xi Yu, OD

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I affirm that the health of my patient will be my first consideration.

I will practice the art and science of optometry faithfully and conscientiously, and to the fullest scope of my competence.

I will uphold and honorably promote by example and action the highest standards, ethics and ideals of my chosen profession and the honor of the degree, Doctor of Optometry, which has been granted me.

I will provide professional care for the diverse populations who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.

I will work to expand access to quality care and improve health equity for all communities.

I will place the treatment of those who seek my care above personal gain and strive to see that none shall lack for proper care.

I will hold as privileged and inviolable all information entrusted to me in confidence by my patients.

I will advise my patients fully and honestly of all which may serve to restore, maintain or enhance their vision and general health.

I will strive continuously to broaden my knowledge and skills so that my patients may benefit from all new and efficacious means to enhance the care of human vision.

I will share information cordially and unselfishly with my fellow doctors of optometry and other professionals for the benefit of patients and the advancement of human knowledge and welfare.

I will do my utmost to serve my community, my country and humankind as a citizen as well as a doctor of optometry.

I hereby commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.
