

# **WATERLOO OPTOMETRY**

## **GRADUATION AWARDS**

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Visual Demonstration Theatre  
Optometry Building, Room 347

Convocation Ceremony

Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

2:30 p.m.

Physical Activities Complex

*The School of Optometry, University of Waterloo, is pleased to announce the following awards and prizes to the graduating class of 2011*

**The College of Optometrists of Ontario General Proficiency Medal** is awarded to the student with the highest academic standing.

*Megan Polack*

**The Canadian Contact Lens Society Prize** recognizes proficiency in the theoretical and clinical application of contact lenses. The prize was established by Canadian Optometrists specializing in contact lens care.

*Maggie Fung*

**The J.C. Thompson Memorial Prize for Optometry** was established by the Optometric Alumni Association of the College of Optometry of Ontario in honour of Dean J.C. Thompson. The award is given to the student who ranked highest in the clinical optometry courses. Dean Thompson was the first Dean of the College of Optometry when it was established in 1925 and held the position until 1948. He was highly regarded by all students as their mentor and friend.

*Kassidy Wolfe*

**The Canadian Association of Optometrists Award of Merit** recognizes professionalism and effective leadership in student organizations.

*Graham Berg*

**Ontario Association of Optometrists Award for Excellence in Patient Management** is awarded for professionalism and excellence in patient care.

*Shannon Fernandez*

**Abbott Medical Optics General Proficiency Awards** are awarded by Abbott Medical Optics to the two students with the highest academic standing in their class.

**First Prize:** *Megan Polack*                      **Second Prize:** *Jessica Nichols*

**Alcon Case Study Award** is given by Alcon Laboratories, Inc. to the student who submits the best case study from the School of Optometry. This year our recipient also won the North American competition for best case study.

*Megan Polack*

**Dr. Irving Baker Excellence in Clinical Optometry Scholarship** has been established by the College of Optometrists of Ontario to recognize Dr. Baker's significant Contribution to the public of Ontario through the guidance and development of the profession of optometry. He was the clinic director for the School of Optometry in Toronto and later became the first full time registrar for the College in 1967. He continued in this role until his retirement in 1997 but remained keenly interested in the clinical practice of the profession throughout his career.

*Marian Elder*

**A.W. Cole Award for Clinical Excellence** was established by the A.W. Cole family in honour of their father. Dr. Cole was an optometrist from Woodstock, Ontario. He was active in both civic government and optometric organizations. As a member of the Ontario Board of Examiners in Optometry, he was involved in the establishment of the Optometry Program at the University of Waterloo. The award is given for outstanding clinical proficiency.

*Laura Holinaty*

**CooperVision Contact Lens Award** is presented by CooperVision, Canada, Inc. in recognition of excellence in contact lens care.

*Jessica Fullerton*

**COVID Award for Excellence in Vision Therapy** is awarded by the College of Optometrists in Vision Development to the student who has demonstrated strong interest and clinical skills in the area of vision therapy.

*Clark Hyde*

**Eschenbach Low Vision Student Award** is presented by Eschenbach to recognize the skills and achievements of a student who has shown an aptitude and interest in the field of low vision.

*Breanne Facey*

**Essilor Award for Academic and Clinical Excellence in Optics** is awarded by Essilor Canada, Ltd. to the student with an excellent academic standing in the area of Geometric and Clinical Optics.

*Jessica Hall*

**William Feinbloom Low Vision Award** was established by Designs for Vision, Inc. in honour of Dr. William Feinbloom. The award is given to the student who has shown excellence in low vision care. Dr. Feinbloom practiced optometry in New York City. He is known internationally for his work in the development of contact lenses and low vision care.

*Jeffrey Tolmie*

**Good-Lite Pediatric Optometry Award**

This award will be given to a 4th year student who demonstrated outstanding clinical aptitude and interest in Pediatric and Special Needs Optometry.

*Kristen Carr*

**GPLI Clinical Excellence Award** is presented to a fourth year student in recognition of outstanding knowledge regarding RGP contact lenses.

*Kristen Fink*

**Dr. Michael Gutwein Memorial Award** was established by classmates and friends in memory of Michael Gutwein. This award is given to the student who has consistently reminded classmates that the Optometry Program involved more than just academics. Dr. Gutwein was from Kingsville, Ontario and graduated in 1987.

*Devan Trischuk*

**Dr. Margaret Hansen des Groseilliers Award** is presented annually to an optometry student demonstrating exceptional leadership skills. Dr. Hansen des Groseilliers has been a leader for Optometry at a local, provincial and national level, the latter culminating in her serving as the first female President of CAO.

*Aaron Chan*

**The Vinko and Iva Juricic Award for Perseverance** is to honour a fourth year optometry student who has overcome challenges during their optometry studies. It was created by Dr. Ana Juricic (Optometry Class of 1996) and Dr. Zora Juricic (Optometry Class of 2005) to honour the hard work and diligence their parents endured to educate all three of their children, including Dr. Pasko Juricic (Dentistry Class of 1992).

*Rafaela Thé*

**The David J. Kerko Low Vision Award** is sponsored by Winchester Optical Company. Assisting those in the low vision community has always been a passion for Mr. Kerko. He has been actively involved with the Lighthouse organization in developing glare control lenses.

*Averi Van Dam*

**O.S.I. Award for Excellence in Practice Management** is presented by Optometric Services Inc. to a student who has demonstrated competent leadership in the areas of professionalism and communication as well as academic excellence.

*Aaron Chan*

**Prize for Academic Excellence in Ocular Pharmacology** honours the student who has demonstrated an outstanding performance in Ocular Pharmacology. Initial funding for the prize was initiated by Dan Andrews, MD, of the University of Waterloo Health and Safety Department. One of his patients, who wanted to quit smoking, donated the money for the prize instead of buying cigarettes.

*Maggie Fung*

**RACH Memorial Award** was established in memory of Rachel Ann Cecilia Higgins who lost her battle with cancer during her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at the School of Optometry. Rachel was an inspiration to many. This award is created to honour individuals who have demonstrated undefeatable courage, strength, perseverance and determination, while confronting the significant challenges in their lives. Rachel Ann Cecilia Higgins was such a person.

*Heather Hyde*

**Dr. Karen Tompa Nowy Memorial Award** has been established to honour Karen for her dedication and compassion as a clinician, educator, daughter and friend. Dr. Tompa Nowy is remembered for her passion toward patient care, her dedication to teaching, her energy and giving spirit. She was committed to providing the best possible care to her patients and ensuring their overall well being. The recipients of this prestigious award have shown exceptional care and concern for their patients, have advocated for advanced eye care treatments and/or have taken steps to improve the overall health and well being of their patient(s) during the clinical education portion of the optometry program.

*Stacey Chong*

**The AOF Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care** is provided by The American Optometric Foundation with support by The Vision Care Institute, a division of Johnson & Johnson, in recognition of excellence in contact lens care.

*Tanya Polonenko*

**Distinguished Teaching Award**

*Dr. Lyndon Jones*

**Distinguished Clinical/Lab Instructor Award**

*Nancy MacNeill*

**Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award**

*Kevin van Doorn*

## Dean of Science Honours List

To be on the Dean of Science Honours List, students must have a cumulative average of 80.0% over all 4 years of the OD program.

<i>Amber Aspinall</i>	<i>Laura Holinaty</i>	<i>Selin Ozkan</i>
<i>Meghan Bantle</i>	<i>Sarah Hutchens</i>	<i>Fallon Patel</i>
<i>Graham Berg</i>	<i>Devon Huxtable</i>	<i>Megan Polack</i>
<i>Karen Blackie</i>	<i>Olivia Hwee</i>	<i>Tanya Polonenko</i>
<i>Gregory Carr</i>	<i>Clark Hyde</i>	<i>Danny Quaglietta</i>
<i>Kristen Carr</i>	<i>Heather Hyde</i>	<i>Paul Rollett</i>
<i>Aaron Chan</i>	<i>Jasleen Jhaji</i>	<i>Anna-Jane Roy</i>
<i>Stacey Chong</i>	<i>Kristen Kincaid</i>	<i>Katherine Ryan</i>
<i>Rorke Christiuk</i>	<i>Amanda Kunowski</i>	<i>Paul Savioli</i>
<i>Diane Chung</i>	<i>Samantha Lai</i>	<i>Tiffany Sieunarine</i>
<i>Laura Cookson</i>	<i>Letty Lau</i>	<i>Tamsyn Sitrer</i>
<i>Marian Elder</i>	<i>Jessica Lautenschlager</i>	<i>Justin Snell</i>
<i>Breanne Facey</i>	<i>Monica Leung</i>	<i>Jeffrey Tolmie</i>
<i>Shannon Fernandez</i>	<i>Karen Lo</i>	<i>Adrienne Tong</i>
<i>Lana Filipic</i>	<i>Tyler Lowey</i>	<i>Devan Trischuk</i>
<i>Allison Findlay Bridge</i>	<i>Sarah MacDonald</i>	<i>Clara Tsui</i>
<i>Kristen Fink</i>	<i>Emily Manning</i>	<i>Averi Van Dam</i>
<i>Vanessa Flak</i>	<i>Heather Marriotti</i>	<i>Alana Vermeersch</i>
<i>Jessica Fullerton</i>	<i>Adam McLeod</i>	<i>Catherine Walden</i>
<i>Maggie Fung</i>	<i>Diana Miceli</i>	<i>Kassidy Wolfe</i>
<i>Lindsay Geeraert</i>	<i>Annie Micucci</i>	<i>Amy Wong</i>
<i>Kimberley Goods</i>	<i>Jane Mok</i>	<i>Cristina Yakobchuk-Stanger</i>
<i>Brittany Gross</i>	<i>Jillian Munro</i>	<i>Linda Yee</i>
<i>Edward Hadzocos</i>	<i>Dawn Murray</i>	
<i>Jessica Hall</i>	<i>Jessica Nichols</i>	

## Graduates in Vision Science

### MSc

*Balsam Alabdulkader*  
*Adam Keech*

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## Program

Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

7:00 p.m. **Optometry Awards Ceremony**

**Introduction** - Dr. Marlee Spafford, Associate Director, Academics & Research

### Addresses

Dr. Thomas Freddo, Director, School of Optometry, University of Waterloo  
Dr. Etty Bitton, Associate Professor, l'École d'optométrie de l'Université de Montréal  
Dr. Kirsten North, President, Canadian Association of Optometrists

### Award Presentations

Dr. Marlee Spafford, Associate Director, Academics & Research  
Dr. Ralph Chou, Scholarships Officer

8:00 p.m. **Reception and Refreshments** – COETF Student Commons, First Floor

8:00 p.m. **Informal Tours of the Optometry Building**

Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

2:30 p.m. **Convocation Begins**

Graduates - Doctor of Optometry June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Aspinall, Amber	Langley BC
Bantle, Meghan	Saskatoon SK
Berg, Graham	Moose Jaw SK
Blackie, Karen	Winnipeg MB
Carr, Gregory	Port Elgin ON
Carr, Kristen	Port Elgin ON
Chan, Aaron	Toronto ON
Chong, Stacey	Toronto ON
Christiuk, Rorke	Steinbach MB
Chung, Diane	Scarborough ON
Cookson, Laura	Georgetown ON
De Koninck, Theresa	Boissevain MB
Elder, Marian	Elora ON
Facey, Breanne	Waterdown ON
Fernandez, Shannon	Concord ON
Filipic, Lana	Regina SK
Findlay Bridge, Allison	Niagara-on-the-Lake ON
Fink, Kristen	Montmartre SK
Flak, Vanessa	Lethbridge AB
Fullerton, Jessica	Whitby ON
Fung, Maggie	Markham ON
Geeraert, Lindsay	Saskatoon SK
Goettling, Jennifer	Kitchener ON
Goods, Kimberley	Kelowna BC
Gross, Brittany	Outlook SK
Hadzocos, Edward	Lancaster ON
Hall, Jessica	Pickering ON
Hildebrand-Bright, Jenna	St. Catharines ON
Holinaty, Laura	Saskatoon SK
Hutchens, Sarah	St. John's Nfld
Huxtable, Devon	Kelowna BC
Hwee, Olivia	Markham ON
Hyde, Clark	Medicine Hat AB
Hyde, Heather	Georgetown ON
Itzkow, Benjamin	Winnipeg MB
Izbasa, Lucian	North York ON
Jhaji, Jasleer	Waterloo ON
Jones, Andrea	Unionville ON
Kincaid, Kristen	North Bay ON
Kunowski, Amanda	Richmond Hill ON
Lai, Anita	Richmond Hill ON
Lai, Samantha	Saskatoon SK
Lam, Victoria	Richmond Hill ON
Lau, Letty	Toronto ON
Lantenschlager, Jessica	Morden MB
Leung, Monica	Toronto ON
Lo, Karen	Vancouver BC
Lowey, Tyler	Kamloops BC
MacDonald, Sarah	Montague PEI
Malkani, Deepak	Mississauga ON
Manning, Emily	London ON
Marriott, Heather	Brockville ON
McCroder, Cameron	Victoria BC
McLeod, Adam	St. Catharines ON
Miceli, Diana	Laval QB
Micucci, Amie	Ottawa ON
Mok, Jane	Markham ON
Munro, Jillian	Bedford NS
Murray, Dawn	Salisbury NB
Ngo, William	Mississauga ON
Nichols, Jessica	Newcastle ON
Ozkan, Selin	Brampton ON
Patel, Fallon	Hamilton ON
Patel, Neal	Oromocto NB
Polack, Megan	Duncan BC
Polonenko, Tanya	Guelph ON
Quaglietta, Danny	Toronto ON
Rollett, Paul	Calgary AB
Roy, Anna-Jane	Brandon MB
Ryan, Katherine	Ancaster ON
Savioli, Paul	Thunder Bay ON
Sieutarine, Tiffany	Kitchener ON
Sitler, Tamsyn	Waterloo ON
Smith, Ryan	Enfield NS
Snell, Justin	Calgary AB
Stanger, Cristina	London ON
Thé, Rafaela Pinheiro Lagos	Waterloo ON
Tolmie, Jeffrey	Tecumseh, ON
Tong, Adrienne	Burlington ON
Trischuk, Devan	Yorkton SK
Tse, Floria	Calgary AB
Tsui, Clara	Toronto ON
Van Dam, Averi	Winnipeg MB
Vermeersch, Alana	Delhi ON
Walden, Catherine	Castlegar BC
Wolfe, Cassidy	Pense SK
Wong, Amy	Markham ON
Wong, Henry	Markham ON
Yee, Linda	Vancouver BC
Yu, Joanna	Toronto ON