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FREDERICK T. ARMSTRONG SCHOLARSHIP

The Frederick T. Armstrong Scholarship recognizes students in the optometry program who have achieved academic excellence. The scholarship was established by daughter Frances Armstrong to acknowledge and remember her father's dedication to eye care. Her family has a long history of providing vision care, dating back to the 1920's.

Presented to Ethan Wohlgemuth

E.F. ATTRIDGE AWARD FOR HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT IN PATHOLOGY

The E.F. Attridge Award for Highest Achievement in Pathology is a gift from E.F. Attridge to recognize the student who obtained the highest ranking in the study of general and ocular disease. Dr. Attridge practiced optometry in Toronto from 1934 until his retirement. He has held numerous positions in optometric organizations and was a clinical supervisor at the College of Optometry from 1937 to 1950.

Presented to Michelle Hoang

E.J. CHISHOLM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is established in memory of the late E.J. Chisholm. It is awarded annually to the student who demonstrates the highest academic and clinical proficiency in Paediatric Optometry during the third professional year. Dr Chisholm practised in Ingersoll Ontario and was Chair of the Ontario Board of Examiners for ten years.

Presented to Nicole Easton

J. PAT CUMMINGS SCHOLARSHIP

This award is provided by the American Optometric Foundation and Vistakon. It is conferred annually to a second or third year optometry student who best demonstrates the ideal eye care standards of practice. To qualify, the recipient must demonstrate achievement in both academic performance and extra-curricular activities, along with other professional pursuits such as involvement with patients through internships, community service, and other volunteer activities.

Presented to Chantelle Proconier

DR. REED DAWKINS ENTRANCE AWARD

Dr. Reed Dawkins Entrance Award is given annually to an outstanding student who has achieved academic excellence entering into their first year of the optometry program. This fund was made possible through a gift from Dr. Dawkins estate, a Waterloo Optometry graduate from the Class of 1972.

Presented to Dayapreet Dhaliwal

STEVE DE PINTO AWARDS

The Steve de Pinto Award is given by the Centennial Optical Company. This award is given to students admitted to the first-year of the Doctor of optometry program. The award is made on the basis of academic achievement.

Presented to Mika Lu and Catherine Le

ROLAND DES GROSEILLIERS AND MARGARET HANSEN-DES GROSEILLIERS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

This award is made possible through the support of the Ottawa Optometric Clinic and was established upon the retirement of Drs Roland des Groseilliers and Margaret Hansen-des Groseilliers to honour their outstanding careers and devotion to humanitarian causes. It is presented to a student enrolled in any year in the Optometry program on the basis of their involvement in humanitarian initiatives and academic excellence.

Presented to Claudia Amaniampong

ESSILOR AWARD FOR ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL EXCELLENCE IN OPTICS

The Essilor Award for Academic and Clinical Excellence in Optics is based on excellent academic standing in the area of Geometric and Clinical Optics.

Presented to Michelle Hoang

FYIDOCTORS LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given to a student enrolled in Year Three in the Doctor of Optometry program. The successful candidate will have achieved academic excellence in clinical skills related courses as well as a strong start in 3rd year clinic. This award is made possible by FYidoctors to recognize students who excel in clinical education and have shown the potential to be leaders in the profession of optometry.

Presented to Jenny Lee

DR. DOUGLAS H. JENKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by his family to remember the full life that Dr. Jenkins led and to honour his memory by recognizing outstanding optometry students from Newfoundland and Labrador or the East Coast of Canada. Dr. Jenkins graduated from the School of Optometry in 1982 and returned to Corner Brook, Newfoundland, where he practiced as an optometrist until his sudden passing in 2007.

Presented to Alycia Cooper

MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF OPTOMETRISTS A.H. BASMAN OD SCHOLARSHIP

A.H. Basman OD Scholarships are awarded by the Manitoba Association of Optometrists to Manitoba residents in optometric programs. The selection for the scholarships is based on academic performance as well as extra-curricular and community participation. Dr Basman was Executive Director of the Manitoba Optometric Society and was a leading proponent of optometry in Manitoba.

Presented to Cassidy Roberts (Year 1), Shayna Timmerman (Year 2) and Katie Stewart (Year 3)

DR. DAVID MCKENNA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in their first year of the optometry program in the School of Optometry & Vision Science in the Faculty of Science. The recipient will have achieved academic excellence and will be from the East Coast of Canada. This fund is made possible through donations to the David McKenna Fund administered by the Canadian Optometric Education Trust Fund (COETF).

Presented to Simo Liu

MONAGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is a bequest by John Monaghan and is awarded to a first-year student on the basis of academic achievement and whose birthplace is within 50km of Listowel, Ontario.

Presented to Mariam Bhatti

NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF OPTOMETRISTS SCHOLARSHIP

This award is funded by the Nova Scotia Association of Optometrists to a first year student from Nova Scotia.

Presented to William Cross

SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF OPTOMETRISTS SCHOLARSHIP

The Saskatchewan Optometric Association presents a scholarship to a student from Saskatchewan admitted to the first year of the Doctor of Optometry program. This is awarded on the basis of academic achievement.

Presented to Tegan Cuddington

BARBARA SIVAK MEMORIAL AWARD

The Barbara Sivak Memorial Award was established to honour and remember Barb Sivak for her dedication and compassion as an educator and friend. This award is presented annually to an outstanding undergraduate student enrolled in Year Two of the optometry program, who has achieved an overall average of 80% or greater and who has exhibited excellence in first-year biomedical courses.

Presented to Onkarpreet Araich, Emily Lant and Caitlyn Poon

DR. KAREN TOMPA NOWY THIRD-YEAR MEMORIAL AWARD

This award has been established to honour and remember Karen for her dedication and compassion as a clinician, educator, daughter and friend. Award recipients have demonstrated exceptional care and concern for their patient(s), 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 their third-year of clinical education.

Presented to Daniel Napierski

VSP AND AAOF CANADIAN PRACTICE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

VSP, through the American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF), award scholarships to two students entering their fourth year (graduating class of 2022).

Presented to Xiaojing Katrina Li and Cedrick Mah

DRS. WENSVEEN AND SMITH AWARD IN BINOCULAR VISION AND PERCEPTION

This award was established by Dr. Janice Wensveen and Dr. Earl L. Smith III to recognize a student entering Year three of the optometry program who have demonstrated strength in binocular vision and perception courses. Drs. Wensveen and Smith are professors in the School of Optometry at the University of Houston and established this award because they are grateful for the careers their optometry education has given them and wanted to give back to help the next generation. Dr. Wensveen graduated with her OD from the University of Waterloo in 1983.

Presented to Glenda Thai

REGINALD WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. L. Williams of Trinidad established this award to recognize his father's support throughout his education. The award is presented to an outstanding student in the second year of optometry.

Presented to Laura Marno

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