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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 Nicole Easton

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 Kathrisha Jose (Year 1), Katelyn Howorth (Year 2) and Alexa Hecht (Year 4)

CENTENNIAL OPTICAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Centennial Optical Company offers two scholarships to students admitted to the first year of the Doctor of Optometry program. These awards are made on the basis of academic achievement.

Presented to Alyssa McCullogh and Alycia Cooper

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 Lana Nasser

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 Cedrick Mah

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 Zaynab Malik

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 Joanne Qiao

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 Cedrick Mah

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 Kylie Nicole Mercer

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 Alycia Cooper

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 Bailey Gushue

OTTAWA SOCIETY OF OPTOMETRISTS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a current fourth year student and recognizes excellence in clinical optometry by a student from Eastern Ontario.

Presented to Emile Jazzar

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 Alyssa McCullough

THE 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 Stephanie Milling and Kelly Lin

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 Frances Hehl

VSP AAOF PRACTICE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

VSP, through the American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF), award scholarships to two students entering their fourth year (graduating class of 2020). Each scholarship is comprised of scholarship money and a travel grant that allowed them to attend the 2019 Academy meeting in Orlando.

Presented to Joanne Qiao and Christina Chen

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 Katrina Li

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 Ethan Wohlgemuth

SUMMER RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

H. STEIN SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD

This scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence in the Optometry program and who has spent the summer as an Optometric Research Assistant. This award was established to honour Dr. Stein's contributions to Optometric Education as Head of the Clinics at the College of Optometry in Toronto Ontario.

Presented to Cassandra Bandall

GRADUATES - VISION SCIENCE - OCTOBER 23, 2020

PhD

Amritha Stalin

MSc

Sourya Sengupta

GRADUATES - RESIDENCY PROGRAM - 2020

Gabriela Camorlinga - Low Vision Rehabilitation

Jonathan Niavis - Pediatric Optometry and Vision Therapy

Olivia Ricci - Ocular Disease and Glaucoma

Yawen Rosa Yang - Cornea and Contact Lens

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