



Ocularum

Chancellor's Corner

Kierstyn Napuier-Dovorany OD, FAAO

Upcoming Meeting

- American Academy of Optometry
- General Membership Meeting and Lunch Meeting
- Thursday, October 8, 2015
- 12:00-1:00pm
- New Orleans Convention Center, Room R01

Grants, grants, grants! This year the Central World Council decided to add another grant to our repertoire: a student travel fellowship. This \$750 award will go to a BSK student member who will attend the American Academy of Optometry meeting in New Orleans this fall. We hope this grant will stimulate student members to embrace the life-long learning and scholarship that our Academy offers. BSK holds true to our mission to advance scientific attainment by supporting worthy research projects. We couldn't do this without our esteemed Board of Regents. A hearty thank you to the members of the Board of Regents for reviewing all research grant applications, and for your dedication to the organization.

Performance Journal and their first student writing contest. As always, we are happy to support the scholastic efforts of optometrists in training.

We are able to support school chapters in their quest to fulfill our mission. We keep our dues low for optometrist members, and non-existent (other than the application fee) for student members because of our strong membership. Please remember to inform us if your e-mail address changes so we can keep you in our member database.

Cheers to another successful year!

As our professions honors society, every year at all schools and colleges of optometry across the US, Canada and Puerto Rico, BSK members receive their diplomas wearing the gold and black and gold cords that signify academic excellence in the field of optometry. The gold cords are awarded to all graduating members of BSK. The gold and black cords are awarded to graduates who have been members of BSK for all 4 years. What an accomplishment!

We are very proud of the activities of our student chapters. Please see the highlights of a selection of student chapters below. If you don't see your chapter this year, inquire about how we can highlight your chapter in next year's Ocularum.



Finally, I would like to thank you for your membership in Beta Sigma Kappa. We wouldn't be able to support young scholars and researchers without your support. Because of YOUR membership, we are able to award student, resident and new faculty members with research and professional support. We are able to provide honors cords and awards to graduating members of the organization.



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BSK now offers the following grants and fellowships:

- One or two student research grants of up to \$2000
- One or two resident or new faculty research fellowships of up to \$4000, co-sponsored by the American Optometric Foundation
- One research fellowship of up to \$2000 for practicing optometrists in the field of vision rehabilitation, co-sponsored by the College of Vision Development
- One \$750 BSK student member travel grant to the AAO meeting

In addition, this year BSK supported the Optometry and Visual

ATTENTION!!

ANNOUNCING OUR FIRST TRAVEL GRANT JUST FOR BSK STUDENTS

(1)\$750 Travel Grant for this year's AAO Meeting

- Applicant must be a BSK student member in good standing
- Must apply electronically by **Sept. 15** including the following:
- One page statement stating reason for attending meeting & future impact on optometric profession
- Copy of CV
- Copy of submitted abstract, if applicable



BSK Chapter Updates

SCO

Southern College of Optometry
Advisor: Lindsey Elkins OD, FAAO

BSK at Southern College of Optometry has been keeping busy this summer! In May, SCO honored 74 student members with Doctorates of Optometry at the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2015. Many of these new grads have already joined the optometric work force while others have chosen to complete various residency programs across the US. Congratulations to student member Ben Roach '17 for a job well done at the Varilux Optometry Student Bowl which took place at Optometry's Meeting 2015.



SCO BSK member, Ben Roach

MCPHS

Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Advisor: Eric Woo, OD



MCPHS University School of Optometry's BSK chapter organized a fundraiser among the university's student body at a local restaurant in May to raise money for a travel grant that will be awarded to a chosen BSK member.

Additionally, a new e-board was elected in April.



NECO

New England College of Optometry
Advisor: Nicole Quinn, OD, FAAO

NECO's BSK Chapter had a productive year in 2014-2015 with 44 members being recognized at graduation. The club hosted a number of events during the year. The hallmark event continues to be the Mock Proficiencies, where BSK members mentor first and second year students as they hone the skills necessary for success in clinic. The club also sponsored and co-sponsored events such as guest speakers and a residency information forum. President Clifford Scott and Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Barry Fisch recognized the members during an induction ceremony during Visionaries Day (see photo). The 2015 recipient of the BSK Silver Medal was Valedictorian, Nicole Marie Janier, OD.



BSK Chapter Updates

NOVA

NOVA Southeastern University, College of Optometry

Advisor: Julie Rodman, OD, FAAO

NOVA Southeastern University Chapter of BSK welcomed thirty six new members into our club this year! The club continued it's annual mock preclinical proficiencies exam as well as guide books to help prepare the OD2 class for their proficiencies in March.

In addition, BSK held its annual Lighthouse of Broward fundraising event in January and raised \$800 to help support our local community as well as over \$500 to support a fellow classmate who was suffering from cancer.



NOVA's BSK 2015 Graduates

UAB

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Advisor: Sarah Dille Lee, OD

UABSO BSK has had another great year! An impressive number of students--17 from the rising third year class, 22 from the rising fourth year class, and 24 from the graduating class--qualified for BSK.

One of our first activities of the year was the induction last fall of new members. At the banquet and awards ceremony, Dr. Micah Kinney was our keynote speaker. He is a UABSO alumnus and a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Medical Service Corps. He is currently working on a PhD in Vision Science at UABSO.

Our first breakfast fundraiser was held during Spring mid-terms, with students, faculty, and staff enjoying a selection of bagels, fruits, coffee, and juices.



Annual UAB BSK New Member Banquet

WUCO

Western University College of Optometry

Advisor: Kierstyn Napier-Dovorny, OD, FAAO



Western's BSK chapter had a busy year. They hosted Optometric labs skills mock proficiencies for both the class of 2014 & 2016. Additionally, they hosted their annual BSK mock NBEO Part 3 exam structured to prepare current 3rd year students for the clinical skills portion of boards including injections. It was hosted by over 30 students, 10 faculty members and accommodated 25 students from the class of 2014. Currently, this BSK chapter is teamed up with Western U's LIONS club in hopes of co-sponsoring an upcoming local community health fair.

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