





Letter from the Dean

Dear UHCO Class of 2015:

First and foremost, congratulations to each of you! This is a well-deserved and defining moment in transitioning from your academic careers to your professional careers. I hope that you take time to reflect on your journey as well as celebrate with those who are instrumental in your reaching this moment.

For those of you receiving a Doctor of Philosophy in Physiological Optics degree, the need for new knowledge in the vision sciences is significant. I look to you to become thought leaders among your peers as well as for answers to advance visual health.

For those of you receiving a Doctor of Optometry degree, as a second year student you recited the optometric oath and received your white coat; a significant milestone in your optometric education. With this oath came great responsibility to honor the degree and provide the highest quality patient care. Daily, your charge is to remember and employ these words.

As the next generation of optometrists, researchers, and vision scientists, I look forward to watching your continued accomplishments as you go out in the world and give back of your time and talents while building on the foundation of those who have gone before you. You will play a crucial and ever expanding role in the healthcare field. I wish you the best in these next and new endeavors.

Remember that you have a home at UHCO and we always welcome you back with open arms. You will forever be a part of this family. Again, congratulations on receiving your Doctor of Optometry or Doctor of Philosophy in Physiological Optics degrees from the University of Houston College of Optometry!

Sincerely,

Roger L. Boltz, O.D., Ph.D.

Interim Dean

Chief Financial Officer, UHCO Class of 1972, 1977, 1978

University of Houston
College of Optometry

Convocation

Saturday, May 16, 2015, 1 p.m.
Cullen Performance Hall

PRELUDE	Classical Arrangement
PROCESSIONAL	Pomp and Circumstance <i>by Sir Edward Elgar</i>
MACE BEARER	Jan P. G. Bergmanson, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Professor of Optometry</i>
BANNER BEARER	Marcus Piccolo, O.D., <i>Associate Dean for Professional Development and Associate Professor</i>
INVOCATION	Heather Anderson, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i>
WELCOME	Roger L. Boltz, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Interim Dean and Associate Professor</i>
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES	
SUMMA CUM LAUDE	Kimberly Lambrechts, RN, O.D.
MAGNA CUM LAUDE	<i>Associate Dean for Professional Studies and Clinical Associate Professor</i>
GOLD KEY INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	Ralph J. Herring, O.D. <i>Assistant Dean for Professional Studies and Clinical Associate Professor</i>
BETA SIGMA KAPPA BSK SILVER MEDAL AWARD	
RESIDENCIES	Dean Boltz
CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS	Nicky R. Holdeman, O.D., M.D. <i>Associate Dean for Clinical Education and Professor of Optometry</i>
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS	Dean Boltz
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS FOR 2014	William Townsend, O.D.
VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR	Jennifer L. Deakins, O.D. Jenny Terrell, O.D.
CORA AND J. DAVIS ARMISTEAD FACULTY TEACHING AWARD	

STUDENT ADDRESS	Shikha Yadav
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Dr. Townsend
PRESENTATION AND HOODING OF CANDIDATES	Dean Boltz
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS DEGREE	Laura J. Frishman, Ph.D. <i>Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research and John and Rebecca Moores Professor</i>
PRESENTATION OF OPTOMETRY RESIDENTS	Karen D. Fern, O.D. <i>Director, Residency Programs and Associate Professor</i>
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE	Judith Perrigin, O.D. <i>Chair of the Faculty and Professor of Optometry</i>
ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE	Associate Dean Lambreghts
HOODING OF CANDIDATES	Anastas Pass, , O.D., M.S., J.D. <i>Associate Professor</i> Julianne Knowles, O.D. <i>Clinical Assistant Professor</i>
FACULTY ASSISTING IN HOODING	Han Cheng, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i> Amber Gaume Giannoni, O.D. <i>Clinical Associate Professor</i>
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	Dean Boltz Associate Dean Piccolo
ADMINISTRATION OF THE OPTOMETRIC OATH	Associate Dean Holdeman
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Boltz
BENEDICTION	Nimesh Patel, O.D., Ph.D. <i>Assistant Professor</i>
RECESSIONAL	War March of the Priests <i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>

Spring 2015

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IN PHYSIOLOGICAL OPTICS**

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B.S. Optometry- Elite School of Optometry,
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DISSERTATION: Application of multifocal
electroretinogram in detecting early retinal
changes in experimental glaucoma

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DISSERTATION: The Preferred Retinal Locus in
Macular Degeneration: Relating Structure and
Function

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West Bengal University of Technology
DISSERTATION: In vivo lamina cribrosa
microarchitecture and optic nerve head
morphometry in normal aging and early
glaucoma

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Cornea and Contact Lens Resident

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Honors

Doctoral students who complete their degree requirements will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the doctor of Optometry program at the University of Houston.

3.75 to 4.0	Summa Cum Laude
3.50 to 3.75	Magna Cum Laude

Summa Cum Laude

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FOURTH YEAR PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

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Catherine Dinh

The Ebling Award in Medical Contact Lens Patient Care

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Eschenbach Low Vision Award

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Excellence in Community Service Award

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William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

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Carlee Y. Young

Marchon Eyewear Practice Management Award

Jason Albert Christman

Metro Optics Excellence Award

Abigail C. Gillogly Harsch

Ocular Instruments Award of Excellence

Justine Nicole Butler

Opelec Low Vision Award

Kendall Dean Stout

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

Matthew Gareth Rosner

Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care

Colton Mark Heinrich

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE SPECIALTY AWARDS

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The University of Houston College of Optometry's faculty, staff, students, and alumni salute the Class of 1965 on the 50th Anniversary of their Commencement.

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Palmer R. Cook
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* *Deceased*

Invitation

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONVOCATION,
THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
WILL HOLD A RECEPTION
IN HONOR OF ITS 2015 GRADUATES**

*University of Houston
Health and Biomedical Sciences Building
Doctors of Texas State Optical Alumni Education Center*

**All Graduates and Their Guests
are Cordially Invited to Attend.**

In Memoriam

J. Davis Armistead, O.D.

November 11, 1915 – June 7, 2014



A champion and advocate for the optometric profession and higher education in Texas, Dr. Armistead's efforts on behalf of UHCO span five decades, from 1952, when the college was established, to the years 1971-1983 when this building was completed during his tenure as a UH System Regent, to the 1990's, when he served the college as President of the Foundation for Education and Research in Vision. A resident of Lubbock, TX, Dr. Armistead was credited as the "image maker" of famed musician Buddy Holly. He prescribed and prepared the legendary dark-rimmed glasses for Holly, his patient from junior high until Holly's untimely death in 1959. In September 1993, the UHCO Building was renamed the J. Davis Armistead Building in honor and recognition of his unyielding efforts benefiting the college, the university, and the profession. In June 2014 Dr. Armistead passed away at the age of 98. His legacy continues through the Cora and J. Davis Armistead Faculty Award and the J. Davis Armistead Presidential Endowed Scholarship.

UHCO Milestones

1950's

In 1952, UHCO officially opens. Charles R. Stewart, OD, PhD is named first dean of the college.

The Foundation for Education and Research in Vision is established to increase and promote awareness of vision and its care.

UHCO graduates the first class with 11 OD's entering the optometric profession in 1955.

Mildred Carlisle, OD is UHCO's first female graduate.

1960's

Faculty member Chester H. Pheiffer, OD, PhD assumes duties as dean of the college.

The Texas Commission on Higher Education confirms the offering of optometry at UH making the college eligible for state support.

Charles M. Stephens, OD becomes UHCO's 100th graduate.

1970's

The graduate program is established in physiological optics (vision science) with the MS degree in 1970 and the PhD in 1972. The first MS graduate is Norman E. Leach, OD, a former UHCO faculty member. The first PhD is awarded to Pierrette Dahaw-Barker, a current faculty member at Salus University.

James K. Donovan, OD becomes the 500th graduate.

The J. Davis Armistead Building is completed with both state and federal assistance. The state-of-the-art \$9.6 million building remains UHCO's home.

UHCO establishes a formal partnership with the Good Neighbor Healthcare Center and on-site optometric services begin.

William R. Baldwin, OD, PhD becomes UHCO's dean.

The UHCO Reading Room becomes an official UH recognized library.

The Nelson Reber, OD, Eye Open Golf Tournament is established to raise funds for student scholarships and emergency loans. Dr. Reber died this past October but scholarships continue.

1980's

Dan Patterson, OD becomes UHCO's 1,000 graduate.

UH Downtown formally names the vision clinic the Herbert H. Moore Vision Care Clinic in honor of the popular UHCO professor.

The Texas Optometry Career Opportunities Program (TEXOCOP) is created with grant funds contributed from the US Department of Health and Human Service Administration.

1990's

Karen M. Conway, OD becomes the 2,000 graduate.

The Weston A. Pettet Library is dedicated to honor Dr. Pettet's tireless efforts on behalf of UHCO and the profession. The Reading Room is named to honor Dr. Irvin M. Borish for his achievements in the profession.

The college building is formally named the J. Davis Armistead Building in recognition of Dr. Armistead's enduring efforts benefitting the college, university and the profession. Dr. Armistead is known for being the optometrist to singer Buddy Holly and had a hand in selecting the famous black frames.

Jerald W. Strickland, OD, PhD is named UHCO's dean.

2000's

Seren D. Ngin, OD becomes UHCO's 3,000 graduate.

UHCO caps off the 50th Anniversary celebration with a gala celebrating Visions of the Past, Present and Future.

Earl L. Smith III, OD, PhD becomes dean of the college.

UHCO and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society form an official affiliation to establish the MS Eye Care Center. The clinic is dedicated to the early diagnosis and treatment of MS, to the delivery of comprehensive eye care to patients with MS and to groundbreaking research.

UHCO debuts its Mobile Eye Institute designed specifically to provide eye care to the greater-Houston area. MEI is equipped with the latest in ophthalmic technology and brings comprehensive on-site vision services to patients in need of optometric care.

UHCO's hosts a Groundbreaking Celebration on the site that will become the UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Center featuring the UHCO Vision Institute in November 2010.

The Topping Out Ceremony and pillar signing event for the Molly and Doug Barnes Vision Institute within the new Health and Biomedical Sciences Building marks the occasion when construction on the new building reached its highest point in September 2011.

Bridget Ducote, OD becomes the 4,000 UHCO graduate during the May 2012 ceremony.

The UH Health and Biomedical Sciences Building featuring the Molly and Doug Barnes Vision Institute officially opens in November 2012 and the formal dedication ceremony celebrates this milestone in February 2013.

Pierrette Dayhaw-Barker, Ph.D., '76, a current faculty member at Salus University and UHCO's first PhD recipient, receives the Distinguished Alumna Award at the May 2013 commencement ceremony.

Vissett Sun, O.D., '95, is recognized as the 2013 Volunteer of the Year.

In August, 2013, Brady Betten from the Class of 2014 receives the Norman E. Wallis Award honoring the student earning the highest score among students from all 23 schools of optometry on Part I of the National Board Examinations.

In November, 2013, Earl L. Smith III, OD, PhD is appointed to serve as the Interim Chief Health Officer for the university and Roger L. Boltz, OD, PhD is appointed to serve as UHCO's Interim Dean.

In February 2014, William R. Baldwin, OD, PhD, UHCO Dean from 1979-1990, passes away. The UH Flag flies at half staff the day of his funeral as a tribute to his memory.

In May 2014, Dennis M. Levi, OD, PhD, '77 receives UHCO'S 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

J. Davis Armistead, OD passes away in June 2014. He is the first OD to serve

on the UH Board of Regents and completed two terms, the longest of any optometrist. He served as an advocate for the college, university and profession until his death.

The Simulation Lab is established in August 2014 giving optometry students an opportunity to learn diagnostic techniques on a state-of-the-art, first-in-the-nation set of networked computers that mimic the experience of examining a real patient's eyes. The sophisticated program is preloaded with 200 pathology cases built in with the object being to teach pattern recognition so students will become familiar with what they are seeing.

nJOY Vision Center opens in the Molly and Doug Barnes Vision Institute in February 2015. Through this partnership we have the opportunity to integrate refractive surgery into the curriculum with a wide array of clinical services including laser refractive procedures and advanced treatment options for conditions like keratoconus.

Doctors of Optometry are:

Primary health care professionals who diagnose and treat eye health and vision problems.

Optometry at the University of Houston:

The four-year Post-Baccalaureate Professional Program includes:

- 3216 hours of lectures and laboratories in optics, advanced human physiology, gross human and ocular anatomy, neuroanatomy, systemic and ocular pathology, general and ocular pharmacology, and vision and clinical sciences.
- 500 eye health and vision care experiences in the University Eye Institute's family practice, cornea and contact lens, pediatric, low vision, and medical services.
- 1200 eye health and vision care experiences during two externships (32 weeks) at vision and health care centers. These centers include military hospitals, Indian Health Hospitals, community health centers, surgical centers, Veterans Administration Hospitals and multidisciplinary vision care centers and institutes.

Licensing and Credentialing include:

- National Board Examinations
 - Basic Science
 - Clinical Science
 - Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease
 - Comprehensive Patient Care and Clinical Examinations
- State Licensure Examination
 - Optometric Jurisprudence Examination

The Optometric Oath

With full deliberation, I freely and solemnly pledge that:

- *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 those who seek my services, with concern, with compassion and with due regard for their human rights and dignity.
- *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 optometrists 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 an optometrist.
- *I hereby* commit myself to be steadfast in the performance of this my solemn oath and obligation.

Academic Heraldry

The academic costume in America consists of three components: a cap, gown, and hood. The cap is the beret or mortarboard type with a tassel color (black or gold) which represents the graduate level of education-the professional doctorate.

The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume marked with velvet panels down the front and around the neck as well as three bars on the bell-shaped sleeves. The hood design is unique to the profession of Optometry. The velvet trim of the hood is seafoam green, the color which represents the academic discipline of Optometry. The length of the hood depicts the doctoral level of education while the field of the hood is specific for the University of Houston, red with a reverse white chevron.

The hooding ceremony and the formal conferring of the degrees by the Dean or the President represent the final acts of academic endorsement by the Faculty of the College and the University.

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MASTER'S DEGREE	<i>Hood:</i> Gold <i>Tassel:</i> Black
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE	<i>Hood:</i> Royal Blue <i>Tassel:</i> Red
DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY DEGREE	<i>Hood:</i> Seafoam Green <i>Tassel:</i> Red



