



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE 2017 WILLIAM C. EZELL FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

ORLANDO, FL (May 17, 2017) - The American Academy of Optometry Foundation announces the eleven recipients for the 2017 William C. Ezell Fellowship program. The Ezell Fellowship program is named after the founding President of the AAOF, William C. Ezell, OD. It was established to provide talented post-doctoral students who are pursuing an advanced degree in optometric research and education with recognition and support. To date, over 300 William C. Ezell Fellowships have been awarded since the inception of the program in 1949.

Funding for these Fellowships is provided by leading optometric companies, private endowments, and other generous business organizations that represent most sectors of the industry.

The Foundation congratulates the following students who have been selected as the 2017 - 2018 Ezell Fellows:

American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow

Maria K. Walker, OD, MS, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry

American Academy of Optometry Foundation Karla Zadnik Ezell Fellow

Katherine M. Bickle, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

AAO Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies Ezell Fellow

Erin Rueff, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Baycross Christian Family Foundation Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Ezell Fellow

Ann M. Morrison, OD, MS
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Irvin M. Borish – Essilor Ezell Fellow

Ian Erkelens, OD
University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science

Mike Daley – Essilor Ezell Fellow

Suraj Upadhyaya, OD, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry

Merton C. Flom Leadership Ezell Fellow

Phillip Thomas Yuhas, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Michael G. Harris Ezell Fellow

Elise N. Harb, OD, MSc, FAAO
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

Optometric Glaucoma Society Ezell Fellow

Nevin W. El-Nimri, OD, MS, FAAO
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

John H. Schoen Ezell Fellow

Kevin Thomas Willeford, OD, MS, FAAO
State University of New York College of Optometry

William C. Ezell Fellow sponsored by Vision Impact Institute

Kaitlyn Anne Sapoznik, OD
Indiana University School of Optometry

This year's Ezell Fellows will be honored at the AAOF's Annual Celebration Luncheon on October 14, 2017 during the American Academy of Optometry's Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

The American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF) is a 501 (c) (3) philanthropic organization which develops and provides financial support for optometric research and education in vision and eye health to improve clinical patient care. The AAOF is also an affiliate of the American Academy of Optometry.