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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE 2018 WILLIAM C. EZELL FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

ORLANDO, FL (July 5, 2018) - The American Academy of Optometry Foundation announces the thirteen recipients of the 2018 William C. Ezell Fellowships. 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 recognition and support. To date, over 400 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 AAOF congratulates the following recipients who have been selected as the 2018 - 2019 Ezell Fellows:

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

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

American Academy of Optometry Foundation Earl L. Smith, III Ezell Fellow

Gareth D. Hastings, BOptom
University of Houston College of Optometry

American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow

Priyamvada M. Pitale, MS
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry

Baycross Christian Family Foundation Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Ezell Fellow

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

Danne Ventura – Essilor Ezell Fellow

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

Irvin M. Borish - Essilor Ezell Fellow

Daisy Shu, BOptom
University of New South Wales School of Optometry and Vision Science

John N. Schoen Ezell Fellow

Jasmine S. Junge, OD, FAAO
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

Merton C. Flom Leadership Ezell Fellow

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

Mike Daley- Essilor Ezell Fellow

Ann Morrison, 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

Laura Pardon, OD, MS, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry

Rod Tahrán – Essilor Ezell Fellow

Jessica V. Jasien
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry

Vision Impact Institute Ezell Fellow

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 November 10, 2018 during the American Academy of Optometry's annual meeting in San Antonio, TX.

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