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This issue of ICO Matters presents our Annual Report, where we celebrate the many accomplishments of our Illinois College of Optometry programs during the past year. Indeed, we have much for which to be proud. I am pleased to also report our accomplishments were made while being good stewards of our money. We operated our programs within budget, we added to our facilities without borrowing additional funds, and increases in student tuition have been modest within the last several years.

But any successful program like ICO must look to the future to assure that our leadership in optometry education blossoms. During the upcoming year, look to ICO – through the outstanding work of the Illinois Eye Institute – to begin receiving a return on the investment in NextGen, a robust electronic health care record system. We are eligible to begin receiving significant incentive dollars for our implementation of this system because our doctors see such a high percentage of Medicaid and Medicare patients, and because we meet the “meaningful use” criteria. The details of this new system were explained in the Fall 2011 ICO Matters.

In addition, the state of Illinois has promised to provide $2.6 million in much-needed capital funding during the next several years. We received the first installment of $500,000 last year, and this year we anticipate receiving an additional $1 million for capital projects. Such funding, in addition to the Name a Seat Campaign, has allowed us to build a state-of-the-art Lecture Center during the past year.

Our curricular offerings will continue to be highly responsive to the professional practice needs of our graduates, no matter which state they practice in. The support, encouragement and financial contributions of our alumni and friends assure that the Illinois College of Optometry has the margin of excellence to meet our current and future challenges. Thank you in advance for your support in 2012.

Arol Augsburger, OD
President
Melissa Coleman has been an optician for 15 years, but nothing has felt quite as rewarding as her experience with the Illinois Eye Institute at Princeton Elementary School. She is one of three opticians who delivers glasses to students after they’ve been seen at the clinic, which is often the first time they’ve ever had an exam.

When she meets with a student, she puts his or her glasses on and tells the child to look at the clock.

“They’ve been going so long without being able to see properly,” she says. “Most of the time they say ‘Wow! Everything looks so big and so close to me!’”

The Princeton clinic began seeing students in January 2011, opening its doors to bring vision and eye care services to children in the Chicago Public Schools. One year later, the clinic reports seeing 5,100 students, with the vast majority of them — at least three-quarters — needing refractive correction, according to Sandra Block, OD ’81, MEd, ICO professor and medical director of school-based vision clinics.

Most of the patients seen at Princeton are brought to the clinic during school hours on a bus with other students from the school, and each has been identified by teachers as possibly having vision problems or has failed the vision screening. They are given a comprehensive eye exam and, if necessary, fitted for glasses that are then delivered several weeks later. “The clinic originally was intended for as many as 100 students per day, but the reality has been closer to 45 students per day so that each child can be given the proper attention,” Dr. Block says. In addition to children who need glasses, doctors and student clinicians also have seen cases of glaucoma, cataracts, accommodative and vergence disorders, strabismus and other eye-health issues.

“To me, we’re only tapping the tip of the iceberg,” Dr. Block says. “There is so much more that these kids need. Maybe someday we can expand our services so we can provide that kind of care. We currently make a lot of referrals to the Illinois Eye Institute, but the challenge is that often the reason kids come to Princeton with their school was because their parents didn’t or were not able to follow through. I’m not blaming anyone — it’s just for one reason or another they couldn’t. So it would be nice for us to able to provide that care here.”

Coleman has worked as an optician in many different settings, from corporate optometry to private practice, and she says the experience at Princeton is like no other.

“Usually opticians just deal with people who have money and resources and you’re just helping them pick a style of frame they like. Here, you are giving the child the gift of sight.”
American Optometric Association President Dori Carlson, OD, who has demonstrated a deep commitment to the education of optometry students across the United States, will be the keynote speaker at the ICO Class of 2012 commencement ceremony.

Dr. Carlson, the first woman to serve as president of the AOA, also will be granted the doctor of science of optometry honorary degree during the May 19 event at Rockefeller Chapel on the University of Chicago campus.

“The entire ICO community is very proud to have Dori Carlson as our commencement speaker this year,” says ICO President Arol Augsburger, OD. “She has spent a great deal of time meeting with optometry students around the country, and we are confident her words will inspire our graduates as they leave ICO and begin their careers as optometrists.”

Dr. Carlson was elected to the AOA Board of Trustees in 2004, re-elected in 2006 and became president in June 2011. Prior to taking office, she embarked on the highly popular Dori 20/20 tour in which she visited all 20 optometry schools in the nation within 20 months to talk to students and faculty and learn what matters to the next generation of optometrists. She chronicled her experiences on her blog, www.dori20-20tour.org.

“I look forward to speaking at the ICO commencement,” Dr. Carlson says. “It’s exciting to see the fourth-year students I met during my 20/20 Tour embark upon their careers in optometry. I’ll be challenging them in my address to be thinking about ‘Who Will You Be?’”

Dr. Carlson’s visit to Chicago comes a little more than a month before the AOA’s Optometry’s Meeting, which also will be held in the city. For details about ICO events being held in conjunction with the AOA meeting, please see the inside back cover of this issue.

Ralph J. DeHaan, OD ’85, led a 12-day Iowa VOSH trip to Kenya this past December, bringing along two ICO students for the experience. Dr. DeHaan has taken eight volunteer trips, four of which have been to Kenya. This time, Lindsay Wiebers and Kassandra Wedeking, both from the ICO Class of 2013, joined his team on the trip.

Wedeking says the highlight of the trip for her was “giving a little boy glasses and seeing him smile.” She believes the experience will make her a better optometrist when she graduates next year.

“I will not take for granted the ability I have to give people the gift of sight,” she says. “The gratitude I experienced on this trip was the whole reason I chose to become an optometrist in the first place!”

Wiebers agrees that it was a life-changing event.

“People were so grateful and appreciative of what we were offering. No matter the conditions the local people were always in great spirits,” she says. “This experience will help me to really look at a person as a whole when providing them care.”
The ICO campus is the place to network **Friday, March 23**, at the 15th Annual Practice Opportunities Symposium. As many as 30 doctors and practice management experts from across the country are expected to be on campus to talk with students about their experiences and opportunities. A similar event featuring Canadian opportunities will be held April 14.

“It is a great way for alumni to reconnect with students and the campus, as well as make some inroads in building vital relationships for filling future needs,” says **Tracy Faulkner**, ICO’s career development counselor. “Those needs could be hiring a new doctor, selling an entire practice, or something in between.”

She says the symposium has changed considerably since it began in 1997.

“It went from a very traditional panel format to a progressive and trendsetting series of interactive discussions,” she says. “It now includes the doctors students wanted to hear from and the practice modes they wanted. They can choose to see and talk to whomever they want. It’s their program, their way.”

**Crystal Strickler, OD ’06**, has attended the Practice Opportunities Symposium as both a student and a practicing optometrist, and says the experience has been valuable in each of those roles. “For students, the POS is a great way to begin thinking about the process of what to do after you graduate,” Dr. Strickler says. “Even if you are really thinking about getting through that next exam, I encourage everyone to stop by and listen to some of the speakers, go to the exhibit hall afterwards, and most of all take something important away from it. This is such a golden opportunity to network, network, network.”

Likewise, she says alumni have valuable lessons to teach students about what it’s like to be an optometrist in the field – and about the twists and turns in any career path.

“Being out for close to six years now, my path has definitely changed along the way,” Dr. Strickler says. “I think it is important for alumni to be involved to really show students all the different ways to practice. I have been a part of the POS now for the past two years and I love to talk to students and answer any questions they have about my experiences in the different modes of practice I have been involved in.”

For more details about this year’s Symposium, e-mail **tfaulkner@ico.edu** or call (312) 949-7403.

“This is such a golden opportunity to network, network, network.”
Air Force Col. Philip Hasler, OD ’86. Commander of the Truax Field-based 115th Medical Group, has an awesome responsibility: ensuring the pilots and support staff on the Madison, Wisc., base are ready to respond to any homeland or global mission.

He recently received confirmation from the Air Force that he is doing just that, earning a rating of Operationally Ready after an intense five-day inspection.

"Inspectors looked at medical and dental records, making sure the base population is filling in all the squares to stay prepared to deploy at a moment’s notice," Col. Hasler says. "They also looked at anything from the public health on the base to environmental issues – every little piece related to the health of the base."

Truax is an F-16 base near Madison, Wisc., housing 18 fighter jets and 1,200 people, including 52 pilots. In addition to preparing for the Air Force inspection, Col. Hasler’s team is now part of a CERFP mission. CERFP, which stands for Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) - Enhanced Response Force Package, is an emergency response package that brought 47 more people to the base, along with six trucks and six trailers loaded with emergency medical equipment.

The base will have its CERFP evaluation in June 2012. Once it passes, the entire CERFP team and equipment can respond to a natural disaster anywhere in the world.

Col. Hasler, a member of ICO’s Leadership Circle and a Name A Seat campaign participant, followed in the path of his father, James Hasler, a 1949 graduate of ICO and 1999 recipient of the ICO Presidential Award. That tradition will continue with Col. Hasler’s daughter, Rachel, who hopes to attend ICO after she graduates from the University of Iowa next year.

Chris Martin, OD ’01.

The care Dr. Martin provides is enhanced greatly by the efforts of Jeff Smith, OD ’83, MBA, a member of the ICO Board of Trustees. Dr. Smith was instrumental in the donation of equipment for the ACCESS-Ashland Clinic.

"Having been raised in Chicago, I know this neighborhood and I am confident there are many in need of basic eye care," Dr. Smith says. "I am proud of ICO’s community-based programs."

Dr. Smith also arranged a donation of approximately 12,000 frames to be used for the IEI’s Vision of Hope Health Alliance (VOHHA) program and other charitable programs within the IEI. If you would like to help IEI serve the underserved, please contact development@ico.edu.

Two ICO alumni are making a difference for the underserved through their support of a new Illinois Eye Institute community-based clinic.

Chris Martin, OD ’01, is staffing the new IEI satellite clinic at the ACCESS-Ashland location. The clinic, located about 5 miles from ICO and the IEI, provides eye care for mainly low-income and uninsured patients. Dr. Martin is there two days per week, offering refraction, eye health examination, binocular vision testing, glaucoma screening, dilated retinal exams, computerized visual field testing, and treatment of eye disease.

Dr. Martin says the experience has been very gratifying so far, especially being able to serve a population that has had to go without optometric care for a long time. The goal is for the clinic to be a “one-stop shop” for patients, where they can see their primary care physician and an optometrist in the same visit. Whenever possible, Dr. Martin will give the referring primary doctor a report on the patient’s eye exam and any further treatment required.

"The primary care doctors love it because their focal point for each patient is total care, and I’m a specialist connected to them," he says. "I get to be a true member of the medical family and a part of the community. You have smiling patients and smiling providers. I love going to work."

Alumni Making A Difference at New IEI Satellite Clinic

Certified to Serve
Almost half the 461 seats in the $3.5 million, state-of-the-art Lecture Center have been snapped up since the launch of ICO’s Name A Seat campaign began last summer. Nearly 200 silver nameplates already have been installed, and every chair could be “booked” before the yearlong initiative ends June 30.

If you’re hoping to get Seat No. 65, though, you’re out of luck. Stephen Mazur, OD ’97, called first dibs.

As a first-year, Dr. Mazur staked a claim to the chair’s creaky predecessor, occupying it so faithfully that it became a running gag with his dorm mates in Brady Hall.

“When the opportunity came to purchase a seat in the renovated lecture room there was no doubt Seat 65 had my name on it,” the Calgary, Alberta, optometrist says. “So I purchased Seat 65 to celebrate that memorable first year and to honor my friends in the Class of 1997! Let the memory live again.”

Overwhelming Response

Every nameplate in the sleek, dove-gray hall tells a story. Together, they speak volumes about collective loyalty and affection for ICO.

“We’re truly amazed,” says Dwight H. Akerman, OD ’80, the ICO Board of Trustees member chairing the drive. “Often times, when an institution asks alums for donations, it’s viewed with skepticism. However, we’ve certainly not experienced that as evidenced by this campaign. We’re well on our way to our target of selling each and every seat.”

Just as gratifying are the stories shared by donors and alumni who signed up “for the opportunity to commemorate their years at ICO in a very positive way, or to memorialize or honor someone they care about,” Dr. Akerman says.
He chose to do both. Dr. Akerman, director of professional affairs at Alcon Laboratories in Fort Worth, Texas, purchased two seats next to each other in the center. One plaque is engraved with his name “to thank ICO for the outstanding education provided for me.” The other is dedicated to his father and mentor, Dwight M. Akerman, OD, who died at 91 in 2010. He was a 1944 graduate of Monroe College of Optometry, a predecessor of ICO.

“He was so proud of being an optometrist, so proud of his profession, and so proud that I became an optometrist and followed in his footsteps,” says Dr. Akerman, whose father practiced for more than 50 years in LaSalle and Streator, Ill. “He was my father and best friend. We’re together in the front row center, side by side, forever.”

Family Matters

That kind of sentiment is what inspired the campaign last June, and it’s what has driven seat sponsorship at a brisk pace. The front and back row chairs are the most popular, but there are still prime spots remaining at the platinum ($1,200), gold ($800) and silver ($400) levels. Supporters can request a particular or random seat.

Mark Colip, OD ’92, and vice president of student, alumni and college development at ICO, believes the decision to open the seats to sponsorships has made the Lecture Center even more of a campus centerpiece.

“As the oldest college of optometry in the United States, ICO has many traditions,” Dr. Colip says. “The Name a Seat campaign allows us to link the latest and greatest in technology for our current students with the generosity, stories and traditions of our most supportive alumni.”

Family ties are a recurring theme in the campaign. Even bittersweet back stories are tinged with a sense of legacy and unshakable commitment to the future.

Thelma Hottel, widow of Philip Hottel, OD ’48, reserved a chair in memory of her husband of nearly 60 years. Dr. Hottel, a longtime Iowa City optometrist, died in 2009 at age 83. For his wife, the engraved nameplate serves as an eternal valentine to her husband.

“He always joked that he married an older woman. I was five weeks older than he was,” Mrs. Hottel says, adding that she hopes her granddaughter will one day attend ICO.

ICO information clerk Anthony Barone – himself an ICO fixture at the main entrance – bought two seats: one for his late parents, Pasquale and Josephine Barone, and one for his late uncle and aunt, Carmen and Jenny Delabadia. He says the first-generation Italian immigrants raised him with love, and their devotion never wavered when he left school at 16 due to undiagnosed health issues.

“It’s just a way of not forgetting them and showing respect for them so their memory will stay alive,” says Barone, 74.
Alvin Zohn, OD ’49, “sat down and wrote a check right there” after touring the new Lecture Center during Homecoming 2011. The 86-year-old optometrist from Toledo, Ohio, commissioned one for himself and one as a tribute to his son and fellow alum, Michael R. Zohn, OD ’79. The younger Zohn lost his battle with cancer in 2008.

His son was the campus shutterbug during his ICO days, Dr. Zohn says. The gadget-loving Mike would have been “flabbergasted” by the high-definition TV screens, laptop and Wi-Fi friendly desks, and webcasts of lectures.

Like son, like father. The senior Zohn is very impressed with the tiered hall and its movable walls, ergonomic seats, and cutting-edge audio systems, pronouncing it “just marvelous.”

What’s in a Name?

By their nature, all inscriptions are meaningful. And some are enigmatic, none more than “The Four Horsemen of Optometry.”

Floyd Mizener, OD ’48, DOS, PhD, confesses he came up with the Bible-inspired tag, a play on the nickname for Knute Rockne’s famous backfield players. The members of his quartet, all World War II vets, revised Illinois vision care guidelines instead of gridiron history.

He personally helped draft “Rules of the Road” vision requirements for then-Secretary of State Jim Edgar in the 1980s, Dr. Mizener says. Fellow “Horsemen” Lawrence R. Vogel, OD ’48, and the late Floyd W. Woods, OD ’51, and Irving Kernis, OD ’37, backed him, teaming with him to spearhead laws ensuring schoolchildren receive comprehensive vision exams by eye doctors.

The surviving Horsemen and the Woods and Kernis families hope their chair will inspire today’s students to do the same – and form those same kinds of bonds that last decades.

His co-Horsemen “were always ready to listen on the telephone, ready to act, ready to do something,” says Dr. Mizener, 86, of Darien, Ill. “Age-wise, we were not all too far apart. We had the same common denominators: We came out of the services, got into the profession, and saw things that needed to be done for the better interest of the people.”

History of Giving

For Mary Beth Woehrle, OD ’90 – and countless other alumni – sponsoring a seat is a way to thank someone for their support on the road to becoming an optometrist. She invested in two chairs in honor of her father and her late mother, John and Shirley Woehrle, of Jeffersonville, Ind.

“They were instrumental in helping me get through school,” says Dr. Woehrle, who practices in Greenwood, Ind. “My parents paid for all my schooling, undergrad and ICO. I asked my father, when I was out of school, how to pay him back. He said, ‘I just want you to do the same for your kids some day.’”

She plans to oblige. In the meantime, she is delighted to point out “their” seats to her 6-year-old daughter. Dr. Woehrle earmarked two stage-right seats because she lectured on that side during her seven-year term as an ICO instructor.

Dedicating two chairs to her parents “is a small way for me to say ’Thank you,’” she says. “My lifestyle is dependent on my education. And they gave it to me.”

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If you want to Name A Seat

ICO’s Name A Seat campaign closes June 30, 2012. For information about naming a seat, visit www.ico.edu/name-a-seat-campaign or contact Patricia DeMaat, senior director of college development, at pdemaat@ico.edu or (312) 949-7071.
Alumni Balance Taking Care of Themselves with Helping Patients

by Jacqui Cook

At the end of a busy day seeing patients in his private practice, Aaron Werner, OD '08, doesn’t relax with a bowl of potato chips in front of the television. For someone who has completed three Ironman Triathlons in the last four years, that’s not even close to what he considers “relaxing.” Instead, he grabs his three kids, heads to the park and runs laps while they ride their bikes or run around.

Dr. Werner caught the marathon bug when he was an ICO student and a classmate invited him to run the Chicago marathon. He did his first Ironman — a grueling 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a marathon (26.2 miles) done in that order without a break — shortly after graduation. Since then, he continues to make fitness a priority, now finding it to be the ideal way of balancing the demands of work and family.

“I think everyone needs a way to relieve stress and escape the world for a little bit,” says Dr. Werner, who works five or six days per week in the practice his father established near San Diego. “Being active is my way of doing that.”

He is not alone in this belief. For many alumni, staying physically fit helps them manage their busy lives by providing a way to relax and relieve stress, as well as giving them the stamina they need. When the new year rolled around two months ago, it’s a good bet many others vowed this would be the year they figured out how to incorporate fitness and wellness into their lives while still meeting all the other demands.

Where to Begin

“There is no bad day to start exercising and eating healthier,” Sarah Engle, ICO’s fitness coordinator says. “If you didn’t start January 1, pick another day to start. It’s not too late.”

The Department of Health and Human Services recommends adults get at least 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes a week of vigorous aerobic activity. Engle says to keep it small and simple if you are just getting started on a fitness routine.

Alumni may not be aware of this, but the ICO Fitness Center is available to you at no charge. Just contact Engle at sengle@ico.edu or (312) 749-7460 to let her know when you’re coming. She can show you some exercises to do to help you achieve your goals and introduce you to gym equipment in a non-intimidating setting.

She stresses that anyone can benefit from changes in diet and exercise, no matter how old you are, how long it’s been since you worked out, or what date is on the calendar.

“Try adding in an after dinner walk around the neighborhood or performing a short set of push-ups and squats,” she says. “Climb an extra flight of stairs in your home or office. Little additions to your daily activity can help prepare you to make bigger exercise commitments.”
Jeffrey Anshel, OD ’75, FAAO, wakes up at 6:15 a.m. five days a week to make sure he gets in an hour of exercise. He’s been a diet and fitness enthusiast since he worked at an alternative healing center in the 1970s, advising patients on links between good nutrition and vision care. He has since become an expert in the field of eye health and nutrition, serving as president and founding director of the Ocular Nutrition Society and writing five books about vision care. Last year, Dr. Anshel published a revised edition of Smart Medicine for Your Eyes, a guide to natural, effective and safe relief of common eye disorders that includes a significant amount of information on nutrition for healthy eyes.

Dr. Anshel says not only does being active benefit him personally, but it also sends a message to his patients that it is important. “You can’t be 30 or 40 pounds overweight and talk to patients about nutrition,” he says. “The doctor just needs to be willing to take that step to look at their own life and see what they need to do to turn things around.” He suggests starting by contacting a local nutritionist for advice on both healthy personal food choices and what you can incorporate into your practice.

“Our lifespan is getting longer, but our health span is not,” Dr. Anshel says. “We are living longer with chronic disease. Your lifestyle and life’s purpose is on the line here. You can’t be a health care provider if you’re not healthy yourself.”

Cheri Mabin-Crouch, PhD, is a certified leadership and life vision coach who also knows what it’s like to be in an optometrist family. She is married to Craig Crouch, OD ’90, who is in practice in Storm Lake, Iowa, with his father, Donovan Crouch, OD ’63, FAAO. Like Dr. Anshel, she says optometrists who spend time taking care of themselves are exhibiting good leadership to their families, staffs and patients.

“The most important aspect of leadership is leading yourself,” she says. “If you don’t do a good job leading yourself and taking care of yourself, then you can’t take care and be effective within your organization and you can’t be effective with the people you serve.” The best way to get started, she says, is to first decide what you like – and don’t like – to do. Then incorporate that activity into your life the way you would any other appointment.

“Take a look at your calendar and see if it’s filled with patients – or is there something also scheduled in there that you’re passionate about,” she says. “This could be a challenge for someone who says, ‘Well, I’m passionate about optometry.’ But there has to be time for you to get replenished.”

Dr. Werner already has this part down, and has communicated that message to his staff. He blocks out time on his schedule to work out at the YMCA nearby, and they know it is part of his routine.

“If you hope it happens, it won’t happen. If you schedule it, it will happen,” he says. “Blocked out time is blocked out time. I schedule administrative time, patient care time and I have my time. You don’t compromise on any of them.”

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Get to know the New Alumni Council President & Members

**President:** Jeffrey R. Varanelli, OD ’98

**Personal:** Born in Waterbury, Conn., graduated from ICO in 1998. Married to Jeanette (Carbone) Varanelli, OD ’97, and father of 9-year-old girl and boy twins.

**Professional:** Bachelor’s degree in biology from Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. Currently practices with an ophthalmologist in metro Detroit.

**ICOM:** What are your memories of being at ICO?
**Dr. Varanelli:** I had many professors at ICO who were great teachers, excellent leaders in the profession and wonderful motivators. One of my early mentors was Dr. Richard Madonna, who was the chief of optometry at Castle Point VA in New York when I did one of my fourth-year externship rotations there. We still remain in contact to this day.

**ICOM:** Were you involved in any leadership roles as a student at ICO? What other leadership roles have you held during your career?
**Dr. Varanelli:** I was a class representative for our third and fourth years, and served on the Student-Faculty Relations Committee. Since graduation, I have served in executive positions and as president of the Metropolitan Detroit Optometric Society. I have held several positions within the Michigan Optometric Association and currently serve on the Bylaws and Resolution Committee. I am on the Development Committee of the newly formed Anterior Segment Special Interest Group of the American Academy of Optometry. Outside of ICO, I am the current director of Circolo dei Medici, a society for physicians of Italian descent.

**ICOM:** What do you hope to accomplish during your term as Alumni Council President?
**Dr. Varanelli:** My goals are simple: I would like to see more alumni involvement both financially and in mentoring our students and new graduates. I realize there may be obstacles in trying to accomplish these goals, but our current Alumni Council is composed of motivated individuals who want to keep ICO at the forefront of optometric education. With the group we have in place, as well as with the resources at ICO, I think we are headed in the right direction. I also would like to see the newly formed Alumni Association Scholarship continue to grow and eventually become endowed so we can award deserving students for many years to come.

**ICOM:** What are the challenges of optometric education today?
**Dr. Varanelli:** I think the most pressing concern is scope of practice. We need to constantly adapt to the changes within our profession and practice to the levels that we are taught and trained to. Refraction is still a critical fundamental of optometry, but we also need to progress as a profession and realize that change is not a bad thing.

**ICOM:** Besides serving on the Alumni Council, in what other ways do you support ICO?
**Dr. Varanelli:** I am a member of the Leadership Circle, and I also return to ICO for First Year Orientation to lecture to the incoming students. I have participated in the past during the Practice Opportunities Symposium as well.

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**I knew I wanted to become an optometrist when...** I was finishing my undergraduate education. My father was an optometrist and loved his work.

**I chose ICO because...** My father was a graduate of NICO, plus I was getting married and my fiancé was a policeman in Evanston, Ill. I wanted to stay close to him. We got married between second and third year.

**When I was a student at ICO...** I tried to be very involved. I was active in several clubs but was most active in SVOSH.

**I give back to ICO because...** I feel ICO has allowed me to become a health care provider who is able to make a positive difference in the lives of our patients, students and other eye care providers. My experiences have helped me become passionate over the years about what we do. I believe this is a result of the students and their interest and excitement about providing eye care to children and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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**I knew I wanted to become an optometrist when...** During my visits to my optometrist throughout my youth, I enjoyed the experience and benefited so much from his help that I chose optometry as my profession. There were no other professions considered.

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**Personal:** Born in Waterbury, Conn., graduated from ICO in 1998. Married to Jeanette (Carbone) Varanelli, OD ’97, and father of 9-year-old girl and boy twins.

**Professional:** Bachelor’s degree in biology from Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. Currently practices with an ophthalmologist in metro Detroit.

**Sandra Block, OD ’81, MEd, FAAO**
Morton Grove, Ill.
Faculty at ICO

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**Tommy L. Lim, OD ’77**
San Jose, Calif.
Private Practice
I chose ICO because... I did not get into the two California schools of optometry. But I can honestly say that going to ICO instead of going to optometry school locally has made me a much better person, professionally and personally. The experience of going away to school and meeting the caliber of ODs at ICO groomed me for my roles in the profession years down the road. Going to ICO opened up my world.

When I was a student at ICO... I can still remember the first day I arrived in Chicago. The cab ride was an adventure. I had never seen hub caps for sale that were mounted on the side of a building. And when I got to Brady Hall, the old house across the street had just burned down a few days before and was still smoldering.

I give back to ICO because... So many optometric mentors shared their wisdom with me, I want to do my part to help the next generation of ODs.

Larry Van Daalen, OD ’87
Waverly, Iowa
Private Practice

I knew I wanted to become an optometrist when... I was in undergraduate school and visited Bob Sharp, OD ’77, who was and still is one of the best optometrists in Iowa. It was great to see how he cared for his patients, how he interacted with each person. From that moment, I felt that this is what I would like to do.

I chose ICO because... At the time, ICO was the closest optometric school. I thought it would be very important to be close and go home for all the holidays and breaks.

I knew I wanted to become an optometrist when... I shadowed an optometrist and saw how he made people smile behind the phoropter, one after the other, day after day.

I chose ICO because... I had heard about the great clinical experience one gains from being in a dynamic city like Chicago and the types of patient cases one sees at the IRI.

When I was a student at ICO... I hated Sundays because of “quiz day” Monday! Ugh!

I give back to ICO because... Being back in a school setting like Waterloo makes me think a lot about my days at ICO. I am so grateful for my education and the amazing instructors who bestowed knowledge on us.

Nikki Rai, OD ’03
Toronto, Ontario
Faculty at the University of Waterloo

When I was a student at ICO... The first year, when all of us were unsure if we really belonged at ICO, we had Dr. Porter in Ocular Anatomy. Dr. Porter had his own special way of picking on certain class members. He made up interesting nicknames, he poked fun at some of my classmates. But the bottom line was, he knew the subject extremely well and he made a difficult subject interesting.

I give back to ICO because... My oldest daughter is in her second year at ICO. There is a great joy in talking with her about different subjects and her experiences. It gives me a unique bond with my daughter, and I am grateful for that.

Dr. Elton is currently a refractive and ocular surgery resident at Minnesota Eye Consultants in Minneapolis.

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A Message from Tommy Elton, OD ’11

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your generosity in granting me the first Alumni Association Scholarship award last year. It is an honor to be recognized by you.

Sincerely,
Tommy Elton, OD ’11

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1948
Marion E. Fray (NICO) retired in December 2011 after practicing in the Moberly, Mo., area for 38 years.

1949
Jerome K. Wohl (NICO) celebrated his 64th wedding anniversary with his wife Mildred in June 2011. He would very much like to hear from his classmates and fraternity brothers from Gamma Omega Phi. Mildred would like to hear from her fellow members of the Dames Club. They can be reached at wecu90@earthlink.net. Dr. Wohl now practices two days a week and at 92 thinks he may be the oldest practicing optometrist in New York.

1964
John C. Whitener retired from the American Optometric Association, the National Commission on Vision and Health, and the AOA Council on Research in December 2011 after serving 34 years. Throughout his career, he has successfully launched numerous programs, improved access to vision care for the public, and frequently “pushed the envelope.” He thanks all who have made his career enjoyable, challenging and rewarding.

1969
Robert P. Rutstein served as the lead author of the recently published *American Optometric Association Clinical Care Guidelines on Strabismus*. He also recently presented the poster “Aniseikonia and Its Effect on Binocular Vision in Ametropic Patients following Cataract Surgery” at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry in Boston.

1973
Michael Cron, dean and professor at the Michigan College of Optometry, announced his retirement as of August 2012 after serving the college for 34 years. During his career, he has worked with every class that has graduated from MCO. Since becoming dean, Dr. Cron has been responsible for overseeing and helping coordinate the construction of and move into MCO’s $26.7 million state-of-the-art facility.

1974
Ward R. Ransdell is part of the citizen-manned Traffic Safety Vehicle Program to assist stranded motorists and other traffic control issues on the roadway in Lexington, Ky., as part of the innovative Volunteers in Policing Program.

1978
Randall L. Beatty, a colonel in the Air Force Reserve, is currently serving as the ophthalmology consultant for Afghanistan at the theatre trauma hospital at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. An OD/MD, Dr. Beatty plans to return to his practice of Orbital/Oculoplastic Surgery at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh when his tour is over.
Dominick Maino has been appointed to the American Optometric Association’s 3D Theater Project Team for Optometry’s Meeting in Chicago in June. He was also one of five ODs appointed to the AOA Poster Abstract Review Committee.

1980

Peter L. Emer reports that his son, Benjamin, has been accepted into the ICO class of 2012. In January, Benjamin accompanied Dr. Emer on his fifth mission trip to Sabana Yegua in the Dominican Republic.

1982

Thomas M. Bobst has been appointed to the Ohio Board of Optometry by Gov. John Kasich. Dr. Bobst is the past president of the Ohio Optometric Association and practices in North Olmsted, Ohio.

1987

Jeffery Sarazen was elected president of the Wisconsin Optometric Association last September. He currently lives and practices in Wausau, Wis., as part owner of a three-doctor practice, Envision EyeCare.

1988

Brad Habermehl was awarded the Michigan Optometric Association’s “Optometrist of the Year” at the MOA Winter Seminar on Feb. 1.

2003

Karmen Holdinghausen and Jeff Kuznitz are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Tyler Jeffrey, on July 27, 2011. Tyler was welcomed by big sisters Hayleigh, 4, and Breanna, 3.

2010

Tiffany M. Andrzejewski won the AOA’s 2011 Contact Lens and Cornea Section Student-Resident Essay Travel Grant for her paper, “Management of the Dry Eye Patient,” while doing her cornea and contact lens residency at the Indiana University School of Optometry.

Delia Groshek and Michael Landy exchanged wedding vows Sept. 3, 2011, in Chicago. They honeymooned in Hawaii and are currently living in Jamestown, N.Y.

Friends and Family

Tiffany Polanek, clinical assistant professor of optometry at ICO, welcomed baby boy Paxton Glenn Polanek on Nov. 28, 2011.
IN MEMORIAM

1947

Ned P. Hobbs, NICO, of Darlington, S.C., died Jan. 5, 2012. He served as a captain in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He later served as president of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry, the South Carolina Optometric Association (SCOPA), the Southern Optometric Association, and the Pee Dee Optometric Society. He was a life member of the American Optometric Foundation. He was named SCOPA’S 1966 Optometrist of the Year and 1976 Fellow in the South Carolina Hall of Fame, as well as World Optometric Ambassador in 1991.

1948


Robert F. Friske, NICO, of Tucson, Ariz., died Sept. 25, 2011. He served in the Army Air Corps and upon graduation, specialized in Low Vision Rehabilitation. He was active in the Arizona Optometric Association, serving as president in 1965 and named Optometrist of the Year in 1974.

Mary J. McConnell (nee Gates), NICO, of Davidson, N.C., died Jan. 6, 2012. She served for years as the North Carolina legislative representative for eye health care.

1949

James Allen DeClue Sr., NICO, of St. Louis, died Nov. 16, 2011, due to congestive heart failure. He served in the Army during WWII. He later was the first black man to become an optometrist in the state of Missouri. Dr. DeClue was a tireless civil rights pioneer and activist, following the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, and Medgar Evers, and received many awards as recognition of his efforts. He was bestowed the Founders Award from the National Optometric Association and “Dr. James A. DeClue Day” was declared in 1994.


Stanley Philip Weiss, NICO, of Highland Beach, Fla., died Oct. 7, 2011. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

1950


Maurice C. Niemann, NICO, of Camdenton, Mo., died Nov. 11, 2011. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.


1953

Jacob Greenfield, NICO, of Pompton Plains, N.J., died in November 2011.

1958

Bradford G. Davis of North Fort Myers, Fla., died May 16, 2011.

1960

Gilbert Kemp, of Olympia, Wash., died Nov. 6, 2011. He practiced optometry in Juneau, Alaska, for 39 years before retiring to the Olympia area. He volunteered at the Lions Eye Center and his corneas have been donated to benefit the Lions Eye Bank.

1963

Melvyn D. Wolf, of Jackson, Mich., died Dec. 24, 2011, after a three-year battle with cancer. He served as a first lieutenant in the Air Force. Dr. Wolf also was a senior professional bowler and was inducted into the Jackson Bowling Hall of Fame in 1986.

1990

Raul E. Tramontana, of Cincinnati, died Nov. 20, 2011, at age 47. He practiced in Greater Cincinnati for the past 20 years.

1995

Douglas W. Baltrip of Maybee, Mich., died Nov. 17, 2011, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was founder and owner of Eye Care One since 1995.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SHARE ALUMNI NEWS WITH ICO.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2011
As I prepare to end my term as chairman of the Board of Trustees later this year, I look back with great pride at the many achievements of the Illinois College of Optometry. This past year, in particular, we have seen our campus transformed by the state-of-the-art Lecture Center that has greatly advanced our students’ learning, and by the Name A Seat campaign that has provided more resources to be invested in the future of the College.

Given that the name of this magazine is ICO Matters, I’d like to take a few moments to share some other ways your support of the College through time, treasure and talent really does matter:

- ICO students excelled in National Board scores, collectively achieving a nearly 100 percent pass rate on NBEO examinations. The Class of 2011 had an ultimate pass rate of 97.9 percent, more than 3 percent higher than the national ultimate pass rate of 94.4 percent, and the Class of 2012 had a pass rate of 98.16 percent on Part II, exceeding the national average of 95.2 percent and achieving the highest ICO passing rate for this exam.
- The clinic at the Illinois Eye Institute served 98,000 patients in 2011 as well as significantly increased its community health presence through the Chicago Vision Outreach program.
- ICO’s excellent continuing education programs drew more than 400 people to campus last year to learn about the latest in optometric advancements and network and share knowledge with their peers.

This list could be expanded to fill many pages, because everything you do for this institution DOES matter – and yet there is still more to be done. So I am asking you, as alumni of the best optometric school in the nation, to consider new ways in which you can support the College that has given you so much. Perhaps you could join the Leadership Circle? Or purchase a seat in the Lecture Center? Or give generously to the Alumni Scholarship?

I have made it a point to pay forward now so I can witness and enjoy firsthand how my support is benefitting ICO. Through the Kattouf Program for the Advancement of Independent Optometry, I have had opportunities to meet with students and give them in-depth information and tools to decide if private practice is the right career path for them. I greatly enjoy these encounters with the next generation of optometrists, particularly seeing them discover new career possibilities. I also am so pleased each year when I receive handwritten thank-you letters from students who qualified for the Trustee Scholarship, a fund I am proud to donate to. The thrill that comes over me when I read their words is immeasurable. I invite you to invest in the future of the College, too, and experience the satisfaction that comes from giving.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to President Augsburger, my fellow trustees, and everyone at ICO and the IEI who have made my time as chair one of the greatest joys of my professional life. Although I will no longer be chair when next year’s annual report comes around, I will always be among ICO’s greatest champions.

Fraternally Yours,

Richard S. Kattouf, OD ’72, DOS
## Financial Summary

### Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets

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Largest Giving by Class Year

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The Class of 2011 included 144 graduates, 35 percent of whom graduated with high honors and 15 percent who pursued residency.

The retention rate for faculty and staff was a very high 95.28 percent in 2011.
The Illinois Eye Institute Clinic at Princeton Elementary began seeing students in January 2011, bringing vision and eye care services to children in the Chicago Public Schools. One year later, the clinic reports seeing 5,100 students, with the vast majority of them needing refractive correction.

$2.1 million in fundraising and non-tuition support was contributed to ICO in 2011.
DEFINING ODs

ICO and the IEI worked successfully with the Illinois Optometric Association to have the state of Illinois define doctors of optometry as physicians for purposes of eligibility for EHR implementation incentive payments.

1.3 MILLION

The Illinois Eye Institute invested $1.3 million in the NextGen electronic health record system to document the 98,000 annual patient visits to the clinic. The IEI is expected to be eligible for federal EHR reimbursements.

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**97.9% NBOE**

ICO student Victoria Wenzel received the Norman Wallis Award for the highest individual NBOE score in the country. At the same time, ICO students collectively had nearly 100 percent pass rate on most parts of the NBOE examinations, and the Class of 2011 had an ultimate pass rate of 97.9 percent, more than 3 percent higher than the national ultimate pass rate of 94.4 percent.
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