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Edwin C. Marshall named IOA Optometrist of the Year

Dr. Edwin C. Marshall, professor and associate dean in the IU School of Optometry and adjunct professor of public health in the IU School of Medicine, was honored at the Indiana Optometric Association banquet on April 29 as the IOA Optometrist of the Year. This award is given in recognition of Marshall's achievements within the IOA and Indiana as well as his national and international reputation for his work in public health. This is not the first time that the IOA has honored Marshall for his contributions to the profession. Last year, he received the Meritorious Service in Optometry Award, and, in 1998, he was honored with the Distinguished Service to Optometry Award.

In 1971, Marshall received his doctor of optometry degree from Indiana University, and in that same year joined the IUSO faculty. Eight years later, he obtained his master of science degree in visual science and physiological optics. In 1982, he completed a master of public health degree at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. His interests include clinical, epidemiologic, and public health services research; health policy and public health practice; health professions education and administration; and minority health. His experience in public health has provided him with opportunities to serve at local, state, national, and international levels. Marshall is a past president of both the Indiana Public Health Association and the Indiana Optometric Association. He is also the past chair of the Executive Board of the American Public Health Association. APHA is the oldest and largest organization of public-health professionals in the world, representing more than 50,000 members from more than 50 occupations of public health.



Edwin C. Marshall, BA '68, BS '70, OD '71, MS '79, left, receives the IOA's Optometrist of the Year award from last year's recipient, Dennis Miller, BS '77, OD '79.

Closer to home, Marshall serves on numerous boards and advisory councils, including the State Diabetes Health System Advisory Group; the Minority Health Advisory Committee and the Chronic Disease Advisory Council of the Indiana State Department of Health; Indiana Area Health Education Centers; Professional Advisory Council of Prevent Blindness Indiana; and the Bloomington Hospital and Healthcare System Executive Committee.

In April 2005, Marshall was the recipient of the Distinguished Hoosier Award from the Office of the Governor of Indiana. He was recently appointed as adviser to the Interagency State Council on Black and Minority Health by Indiana Gov.

Mitch Daniels and State Health Commissioner Judith Monroe.

Given his impressive record of accomplishments and leadership, we are certain we will continue to see Marshall's influence on our profession. As Dean Gerald Lowther says, "Ed Marshall is a national figure in optometry and the public health arena. He is a tremendous ambassador for the profession of optometry with his leadership in many multidisciplinary organizations and on state and national governmental committees. His work has improved the lives of many citizens of this country as well as worldwide. We are fortunate to have him at IU and in the profession."

Congratulations, Dr. Marshall.



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Dean's report

New faculty, new activities welcome

On July 4, **Steve Hitzeman**, BA'72, OD'76; **Doug Horner**, and I took part in the dedication of the new vision clinic in Guanajuato, Mexico. The dedication was attended by the governor of the Mexican state of Guanajuato, the president of the Department of Infants and Family (the state organization that provides care to the indigent), legislators, and other dignitaries. Approximately \$1 million was provided by the Mexican government to build an outstanding vision care facility. It will house an expanded clinic for our students and faculty, an ophthalmologist, an eyewear center, an edging laboratory, and a surgical suite. **Jennifer Page**, OD'02, our faculty member who directs the clinic, and our students have done such a good job and the need is so great that the officials there took the initiative to build the new clinic for us. Thanks go to Doug for the leadership with the Mexico project over the years that led to this great facility. You can view pictures of the new clinic on our Web site at www.opt.indiana.edu.

The Eye Care Community Outreach program continues to grow. The program aids thousands of the less fortunate in the Indianapolis area by setting up and being involved with screenings and educational programs on vision and health. They provide follow-up care for those who need vision exams, surgical care, and general health care. The program is housed in our Indianapolis Eye Care Center and is a joint project with the IU Department of Ophthalmology. It has been funded by generous grants from the Nina Mason Pulliam



Charitable Trust, Anthem/Wellpoint Foundation, Marion County Health Department, Indianapolis Foundation, Alcon Foundation, and Hoover Family Foundation. **Dewana Allen**, BS'98, MPH'02, and **Kelli Barker** are the co-directors of the program and have done a tremendous job. We were just informed that the

program has won the 2006 Vision Care Section of the American Public Health Association's Outstanding Scientific Paper/Project Award that will be presented at the APHA meeting in November. This is a tribute to Dewana, Kelli, and all the others who have made this project such a success.

We have been fortunate to attract several outstanding faculty members to the IU School of Optometry recently. The newest member of the faculty is **Bill Swanson**. He received his PhD in biophysics and theoretical biology from the University of Chicago and did a postdoctoral fellowship in ophthalmology and vision science there as well. He then did research on a variety of eye diseases at the Retinal Foundation in Dallas. In 1999, he moved to the SUNY College of Optometry, where his research focused on glaucoma. He arrived at IU this summer and will continue his clinical research on glaucoma. He models responses of retinal ganglion cell mosaics to perimetric stimuli, works on improving methods for measuring the effects of glaucoma treatments, and studies temporal sensitivity and peripheral color vision. Bill is a great addition to our clinical and basic science team dealing with glaucoma.

— *Gerald Lowther*

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School news

IU clinic receives \$1 million facility from Mexican government

The Indiana University School of Optometry's Centro de Rehabilitación Visual, located between Silao and Guanajuato in Mexico, moved this month into a new, \$1 million facility designated for its use by Mexican state officials.

The clinic, known in Indiana as the Guanajuato Eye Care Center, operates in conjunction with the state of Guanajuato's Department of Infants and Family. Since 2000, it has served the indigent population by providing vision care and services at little or no cost to patients.

The new facility includes expanded exam areas, an eyewear center, an edging laboratory, an ophthalmology office, and a surgical suite.

"We were seeing a lot of patients, and the president of DIF was so pleased with us that they raised the money to build this new facility," said **Gerald Lowther**, dean of the IU School of Optometry. "Our previous clinic was just four exam rooms and a reception area, so the new facility will give us a much better opportunity to care for the patients."

The staff at the center includes director



The Guanajuato Eye Care Center's new facility was dedicated on July 4.

and optometry professor **Jennifer Page**, OD'02, and four optometry students who serve 12-week rotations. The IU team will work with a local ophthalmologist and staff whose positions are funded through DIF.

"We are hoping to actually double the daily patient load from 50 to 100 or more," Page said. "The new facility will have a significant impact on the greater Guanajuato state because the new location and combination of optometry and ophthalmology will lead DIF to transport

more economically challenged patients to our clinic for eye care."

Future plans for the center include offering more cataract surgery as well as other specialized eye operations. Page said she hopes to expand collaborations with other optometry and ophthalmology schools around the world.

The Centro de Rehabilitación Visual is the site of an annual weeklong student trip as part of Volunteer Optometrists for Service to Humanity, during which more than 3,000 patients receive vision examinations.

"This clinic provides the students with a unique clinical experience, and as important, a great cultural experience," Lowther said. "Following the rotation, the students have a better understanding of the culture and are able to perform vision examinations in Spanish."

The new facility was dedicated in a ceremony held on July 4 in Guanajuato.

For more information, contact Lowther at (812) 855-4440 or glowther@indiana.edu. Background information on the clinic is also available at www.opt.indiana.edu/clinics/centers/mexico/index.htm.

Larry Davis elected to the Heart of America Contact Lens Society's board

Feb. 11, 2006, Dr. **Larry Davis**, BS'85, OD'87, attended the Heart of America Contact Lens Society's annual congress in Kansas City, Mo., where he was elected to the board of directors. He will serve three two-year terms as director of arrangements.

Davis currently serves as dean of the University of Missouri St. Louis College of Optometry. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and Diplomate of the Cornea and Contact Lens Section. He recently completed service as a member of the Scientific Program Committee of the Academy. Davis is president of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and past president of the St. Louis Optometric Society representing more than 200 members. Just this year, Davis was selected to serve on the board of directors for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.

In 1999, the students at UM-St. Louis selected him as Outstanding Optometric



Larry Davis, BS'85, OD'87

Educator of the Year. He was awarded Optometrist of the Year in 1994 and Distinguished Optometrist for 2002 by the membership of the St. Louis Optometric Society.

Relive the *Glory Days*

Stay connected to IU. Visit Bloomington for Homecoming 2006 on Oct. 28. For details, see www.alumni.indiana.edu/events/homecoming/index.shtml.

School of Optometry alumni, faculty, students celebrate awards, honors

Awards presented at IOA Annual Congress, April 2006

IOA OD of the Year: **Edwin C. Marshall**, OD'71, MS'79

IOA Meritorious Service Award: R. Alan Roush; **David Wilson**, BS'70, BS'73, OD'74; Debbie Wilson

IOA Distinguished Service Award: **Marjorie Knotts**, BS'77, OD'84

Dr. Jack W. Bennett Humanitarian Award: **Misty Stevens**, OD'06

Jane Hofstetter Indiana Vision Foundation Awareness Award: **Monica Bedroya**, first-year student at IUSO

Alice Bennett Indiana Vision Foundation Awareness Award: **Jason Gray**, third-year student at IUSO

IUSO awards presented at the 2006 graduation ceremonies

IUOSA Past President's Award: **Julie Ferguson**

Essilor Optical Corneal Reflection Pupilometer Award: **Kelly Robertson**

David J. Kerko Low Vision Award: **Christina Vu**

John P. Davey Memorial Award: **Emily Smith, Jonna O'Connor, Gina Borgini**

Dr. Henry Hofstetter Scholarship Award: **Kelly Furniss**

Jack Bennett Humanitarian Award: **Misty Stevens**

William Feinbloom Low Vision Award: **Scott Caughell**

Alcon Scholarship Award: **Stacy Hufnagel**

Beta Sigma Kappa Silver Medal Award: **Dana McGuire**

David H. Kolack, OD, Award: **Dana McGuire**

Eschenbach Low Vision Award: **Misty Stevens**

AOA Advantage Award: **Julie Ferguson**

LWW Vision Care New OD Scholarship: **Jonna O'Connor**

Other IUSO 2006 awards

Student IOA Award — Diversified Ophthalmics Indiana:

Marie Schaaf

Student IOA Award — Bell-Duffens Optical: **Stacy Steigelbauer**

Student IOA Award — Walman Optical: **Jennifer Nance**

Rosemore Family Foundation Endowed Award: **Melissa Schroder**

AOF Rosemore Family Foundation Award: **Lupe Mejia**

Joseph Elmer Sidwell & Trula Sidwell Hardy Scholarship: **Jenny Wong**

Vision Service Plan Scholarship: **Morgan Finney, Greg Hubbard**

Kentucky Optometric Foundation Scholarship: **Matt Mooney**

AOA Student Leadership Award: **Amber Manzel**

SOLAQuest Ophthalmic Optics Scholar Award: **Heidi Lichtenberg**

John Hitchcock Memorial Scholarship: **Eric Dale**

Rogers W. Reading Endowed Award: **Jennifer Bowman**

Dr. & Mrs. Lewis Scott Scholarship: **Jennifer Weier**

AOA Dr. Seymour Galina Grant: **Jennifer Weier**

Jack Bennett Endowed Scholarship: **Lupe Mejia**

Brett Swanda, O.D., Scholarship: **Michelle Frye**

Varilux Student Grant Award Program: **Jenny Wong**

Awards presented at the 109th Annual AOA Congress (Las Vegas), June 2006

Distinguished Service Award: **Jerald W. Strickland**, BS'58, MS'59, PhD'76

Foley House Award: **Linda Casser**, BS'76, OD'78



Scott Caughell, OD'06, won the William Feinbloom Low Vision Award.



Steve Hitzeman, BA'72, OD'76, with the Foley House Award recipient, Linda Casser, BS'76, OD'78

Calendar of events

• **IOA Fall Seminar**, IMU, Bloomington, Oct. 4-5

• **Belgium Waffle Breakfast**, with guest speaker Harold Mauro, director of football operations, IMU Federal Room, Oct. 5 at 7 a.m.

School of Optometry alumni reunions

Class of 1971

35th Year Reunion

Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.
IMU Federal Room

Dinner \$26.50 per person; cash bar
R.S.V.P. to Laura Brumback at
(800) 824-3044 or by e-mail at
labrumba@indiana.edu.

Class of 1976

30th Year Reunion

Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.
The Uptown Café
(in the back party room)
102 E. Kirkwood Ave.
(812) 339-0900

Dinner and cocktails to be paid by each individual

R.S.V.P. to Sue Gilmore at
sgilmore@indiana.edu or call
(812) 855-4440.

Class of 1996

10th Year Reunion

Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m.
The Irish Lion
212 W. Kirkwood Ave.
R.S.V.P. to Eric Pederson at
mepedersen@sbcglobal.net
or Ross Cusic at
shinysideup182@yahoo.com.



Congratulations!

Alumni notebook

Before 1970

The University of Houston College of Optometry now awards the Benedict/Pitts Professorship, named in part for **Donald G. Pitts**, MS'59, PhD'64, who was a professor at UHCO for 26 years. He and his wife, Laura, '66, live in Tulsa, Okla., and can be reached at pittsandl@aol.com.

The Optometry Professional Advisory Group has created an award named after **James E. Hamilton**, MS'64, that is presented annually to a career U.S. Public Health Service Optometry Commissioned Officer who is recognized by his or her peers for outstanding work. Hamilton is the author of *From Kitty Hawk to the Moon: An Eye Doctor Looks at the Flight of Man*. He lives in Aberdeen, S.D.

Philip D. Huffman, BA'69, BS'73, OD'74, is an optometrist in North Olmsted, Ohio. In January 2005, he participated in a VOSH Ohio (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) trip to Tanzania, where the group's clinic teams provided free eye care to approximately 4,000 Tanzanians. This January, Huffman went on a VOSH Ohio trip to Ecuador. He and his wife, Carol (Cicolani), BME'73, will take another important trip in 2006: The Huffmans plan to move back to Bloomington, Ind.

1970s

Teresa L. Ball, AS'74, a sales and marketing consultant for Interstate Optical Co., Indianapolis, writes that her job is to train optometric staff and to provide ideas about income and patient care to the optometry community she serves.

Gregory B. Hagedorn, BA'75, MBA'80, OD'81, is president of the newly formed chapter of VOSH Kentucky (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity). He has been a part of 17 missions to provide eye care to underprivileged people. His private optometric office is in Henderson, Ky., and he can be reached at idox@lightpower.net.

D. Penn Moody, BS/OD'75, has his own optometry practice, Moody Eye Care, in Indianapolis.

Patricia Jennings Eckerty, AS'77, of Indianapolis, works for Dick's Sporting Goods. She reports that she and her husband, Jim, are empty nesters. Their daughter Lindsey J. Davis, BAJ'05, lives

in Chicago, and their daughter Mallory is a first-year student at Ball State University. Eckerty can be reached at pjeckerty@comcast.net.

1980s

Daniel T. Stoehr, OD'83, left private practice in January 2005 and joined the Eye Clinic of Wisconsin as an optometrist.

Mark D. Esarey, BS'85, OD'87, of Charleston, Ill., was named the Illinois Optometrist of the Year for 2005 by the Illinois Optometric Association.

Debra P. Bunch, AS'89, Cert'94, BGS'01, is a COA for the American Eye Institute, New Albany, Ind.

Frank M. "Bud" DeCleene III, BS'89, OD'91, is the Kokomo-Howard County (Ind.) Chamber of Commerce Small-Business Person of the Year for 2005. He lives with his wife, **Catherine (Schneider)**, BS'89, OD'91, in Kokomo.

Stacey O. Embry, BS'89, OD'91, will serve as president of the Indiana Optometric Association until April 2007. Upon his graduation in 1991, Embry joined Dr. Scott Brizius in private practice in Evansville. A private airplane pilot, Embry will maintain his active practice in Evansville while serving the needs of the IOA in Indiana. Embry's volunteer work includes medical mission trips to Haiti in 1989 and 2004. Since 1993, he has been active on the medical staff of St. Mary's Warrick Hospital in Evansville.

1990s

Lawrence "Larry" Jacobs, OD'90, has a private optometry practice. His wife, Lisa Comerchero, BS'87, is an office manager for GDA Real Estate Services, Englewood, Colo. The Jacobs have two children and live in Highlands Ranch. They can be reached at lisajacobs9@comcast.net.

Kimberly S. Owens, BS'90, OD'92, of Newton, Conn., writes that she recently had a second son, Hayden, who joins big brother Tristan.

Michael Brian Sehy, OD'92, is an optometrist in Effingham, Ill. He was recently inducted as a trustee for education in the Illinois Optometric Association.

Lisa B. Spevacek Michniak, of Warrenville, Ill., BS'94, OD'98, has a daughter,

Grace Ellen Michniak, born Jan. 11, 2005. She is an optometrist at Eye Boutique in Naperville.

Suzannah L. Rich, BS'94, OD'96, is an optometrist for EyeMax Inc. in Lexington, Ky. She and her husband, Barry, have two children, Alexis Grace and William Joseph.

Amy Hammond Layman, BS'96, OD'98, is a clinical instructor in the ophthalmology department at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Her husband, Geoffrey, MA'92, PhD'95, is a tenured professor at the university. They live in Elkridge with their 3-year-old daughter, Grace Catherine.

Monica M. Price, BS'97, OD'02, of Greenfield, Ind., practices optometry in New Castle and serves as vice president of the IU School of Optometry Alumni Board. Her address is iu_idoc@hotmail.com.

Shital Sheth Chatwani, BS'98, OD'01, practices optometry in California, teaches at the California School for the Blind, and works as a consultant.

Jason P. Rich, BS'98, OD'01, recently purchased the Spectacle Shoppe in Warsaw, Ind., the practice he's worked at since graduation. He writes, "Solo private practice was always my dream, and it's come true."

Rachel V. Mortenson, OD'99, of Oelwein, Iowa, bought her own optometry practice in May 2002. Her third child was born in January 2005.

2000s

Timothy W. James, OD'01, is president and owner of Ken-Caryl Vision Center in Littleton, Colo. He writes, "I'm loving the mountains and skiing as much as I can!"

Jennifer R. Bass, OD'02, works for ProVision Eyecare in Mount Vernon, Ill.

Amy R. Kress Daunhauer, AS'02, is a technician for Zionsville (Ind.) Eyecare.

Jamie L. Ertl, OD'05, of Oshkosh, Wis., works for Pearle Vision. Her address is jaimee3878@hotmail.com.

Kevin E. Johnson, OD'05, practices optometry with Accurate Optical in Stevensville, Md. His address is kevinjohnsonod@gmail.com. On June 11, 2005, he married Rebecca L. Eldridge, BS'05, on Paradise Island's Sunrise Beach in the Bahamas. She is a self-employed fitness specialist. The Johnsons live in Annapolis, Md.

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