

September 2008

2008 Scholarships



Harold A. Stein, MD, FRCS(C) Prize For Best Scientific Paper

Congratulations to Craig Simms, COMT, ROUB, the recipient of the 2008 Stein Prize for Best Scientific Paper. Craig will receive a \$2,000 cash prize for his paper titled "The Role of 20MHz Anterior B-Scan". All clinical ophthalmic medical personnel are eligible to submit an **original, unpublished scientific paper** on any topic of their choice. Detailed information is available at www.jcahpo.org/JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation/scholarships.

Continuing Education (CE) Scholarships

Recipients will attend the 2008 JCAHPO and ATPO continuing education program and Scientific Session in Atlanta, GA, November 7-11

- **Five** Continuing Education (CE) Scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$500 and totaling \$1,950 were awarded for submissions of questions for certification examinations and ideas on how to get more OMP into the field. Thank you to all who participated! Recipients will attend the 2008 JCAHPO Annual CE Program in Atlanta, GA, Nov. 7-11. Watch the Foundation Web site for the *NEW COMPETITION COMING IN 2009!*
- **ATPO Phil Weber Memorial Scholarships** - Through the generosity of the Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology, the Foundation awarded **two** \$500 scholarships to attend the 2008 Scientific Session in Atlanta, GA, November 8. The winners, who wrote essays titled, "My Most Rewarding Patient Experience", are Mona Carpenter, COMT, Lexington, KY; and Anitra Strumbo, COA, Harold, KY.
- **Alimera Sciences Scholarship**- Through the generosity of Alimera Sciences, Inc., the Foundation awarded **one** \$250 scholarship to Kris Fey, COMT, of Eagan, MN, for a winning essay titled, "The Role of the Technician in Diabetic Patient Education." Ms. Fey will attend the 2008 JCAHPO Annual CE Program in 2008 JCAHPO Annual CE Program in Atlanta, GA, Nov. 7-11.

Certification Scholarships

Twelve OMP wishing to advance in the field were awarded a total of \$1,775 for their essays titled, "Why Certification is Important to Me." Each received a voucher valued at \$100-\$300 to use when applying for a JCAHPO certification examination.

Training Program Scholarships

Thirty-three applications were received from students in accredited training programs for ophthalmic medical personnel. A total of \$28,142 ranging from \$270 to \$1,850 was awarded to these students, with first-year students receiving vouchers to take the certification exam as part of their scholarship award.

Virginia Boyce Service Award



The recipient of the 2008 Virginia Boyce Service Award is Tim (Teotimo) Mendez of LaMesa, CA. Tim's life work in ophthalmology epitomizes what Virginia Boyce and the Service Award represent. Mr. Mendez has two passions in life, which he expresses with enthusiasm and joy: ophthalmic education and a desire to help the less fortunate receive the ophthalmic treatment they need.

Mr. Mendez retired in 1986 after serving 22 years in the U.S. Navy (including two tours of duty in Vietnam), then worked 20 years as the Senior Ophthalmic Technician (Surgery) at the University of California/San Diego, Shiley Eye Center. For the last five years, Tim has participated in two-week-long missions to Ukraine, Philippines, Vietnam, and Guatemala to train ophthalmic nurses, scrub techs, and residents, in addition to participating in surgeries on underprivileged patients. He was instrumental in establishing an on-going volunteer program in Tijuana and Tecate, Mexico, where he volunteers with local ophthalmologists to treat poor patients. Tim is also a volunteer at the Fresh Start program in Encinitas, CA, where he assists in surgeries (pediatric, strabismus, oculoplasty, cleft palate repair) for the underprivileged, and has volunteered with SEE International on many eye expeditions.

Tim is a teacher at heart and endeavors to share his vast knowledge at every opportunity. In addition to his volunteer work, he has participated in research programs and presented numerous papers on that research, including DSAEK procedure; retina/cornea labs AIDS-related CMV retinitis/ blindness/gancyclovir implant; and silicone oil. Tim has also collaborated on the design of numerous ophthalmic surgical instruments, based on his practical clinical experience.

This award is given to Ophthalmic Medical Personnel who generously volunteered their time to improve the quality of vision.

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Frequently Asked Questions



Q. Do I need a lot of money to participate in the Legacy Society?

A. Absolutely not! Many have taken out a small Certificate of Deposit, IRA, or life insurance policy listing the Foundation as a beneficiary. This is very easy to do and does not require a new will or updating a current will.

Q. Must I be rich to have an Estate Plan?

A. The word "estate" sounds "rich", but an Estate Plan is simply deciding how you want your possessions disbursed upon your death. With an Estate Plan, your survivors will not need to pay estate taxes, and your estate will not be held up in probate court for a long period of time. It is simply a way to make sure your possessions, investments, retirement plans, etc. go to your loved ones and organizations you believe in, rather than your state government.

Become a member of the Legacy Society. Remember the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation, Inc. in your estate plans. Call the Foundation office for detailed information--(800) 284-3937, ext. 246.

The mission of the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation is to expand and strengthen the delivery of eye care.

Thank you 2008 Contributors!



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Remember, individuals need to contribute only \$500 for recognition by the Visionary Society in any given fiscal year (August 1 – July 31). There were 19 participants in fiscal year 2007-2008.



Federal Employees

Be sure to check with your federal employer, who may be willing to accept your contribution through payroll deductions to the Combined Federal Campaign. JCAHPO is listed under unaffiliated international/national organizations, and has been assigned the five-digit code **10889**.

Thank you to the 18 Combined Federal Campaigns who contributed a total of \$1,000 in 2007!

Since 2004, Combined Federal Campaigns throughout the U.S. have contributed a total of \$3,000 to our Foundation, the highest being the Arizona CFC, totaling nearly \$500.

Did You Know.....?

...The Foundation Web site has a whole new look? Check it out at www.jcahpo/foundation

...The Foundation needs more applicants for Certification and Continuing Education Scholarships? Please consider submitting an application in 2009 for one of the many scholarships offered to assist with certification exams and travel to the Annual Continuing Education program (ACE). Applications and guidelines can be found on the Foundation Web site listed above. ***New CE Scholarship competition in 2009!***