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JCAHPO - to enhance the quality and availability of ophthalmic patient care by promoting the value of qualified allied health personnel and by providing certification and continuing education.

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## 2005 Tech Bowl Winner, Margaret "Maggie" McKune, COMT®

Nearly 330 Tech Bowl spectators watched with anticipation as the 10th Annual Essilor Tech Bowl ended another successful competition with Margaret "Maggie" McKune, COMT, announced as the 2005 winner. Designed to test contestants' knowledge in all areas of ophthalmic topics, the educational game-show-like event is a big hit among all levels of ophthalmic medical personnel.

Contestants Maggie McKune, COMT, Regina Altemus, COMT, and John Rowan, COMT, advanced to the challenge of competing in the final round. The suspense ended with a correct answer from Maggie, earning her the title of 2005 Tech Bowl Winner and a cash prize of \$1000! Regina finished in second place and received a complete set of SLACK reference books, while John Rowan, COMT, took third place, and received a prize of full registration and all course fees for the 2006 Annual CE Program to be held in Las Vegas, NV, November 10-14, 2006. The attendees were also big winners, as they received two hours of JCAHPO Group A Continuing Education Credits, a free Essilor of America Tech Bowl 2005 T-shirt, as well as a full reception of food, drinks, and jazz directly following the Tech Bowl competition, all sponsored by Essilor of America, Inc.

Danne Ventura, COA, FNAO, Essilor's Director of Professional Relations, and Donna Leef, COMT, CO, MMSc, co-chaired the event. Ms. Ventura began the competition by welcoming the attendees, reading the rules, and introducing moderator Steve Lichtenstein, MD. The distinguished panel of judges included JCAHPO's Secretary of Certification, William Ehlers, MD; JCAHPO's Treasurer, Tyree Carr, MD; 1997 Tech Bowl Champion and Tech Bowl committee member, Paul Larson, COMT, COE, MMSc; Tech Bowl committee member Donna Loupe, MMSc, COMT, CO; and JCAHPO's President-Elect, Ken Woodworth, Jr., COMT, COE. Carol J. Pollack-Rundle, BS, COMT, and John Randazzo, COT, ROUB, were the Secretaries; timekeepers were Pam Lichtenstein, COMT, and Tina Lee. The scorekeeper was Donna Leef, COMT, CO, MMSc, and Lindy DuBois, COMT, CO, MED, MMSc was the back-up scorekeeper. The Tech Bowl was produced and directed by Joe Scholz.

A special thanks to Danne Ventura and Donna Leef for their dedication and the countless hours it took to bring another successful Tech Bowl to the ATPO Annual Meeting. A very special thanks to Essilor of America for their continued support and dedication to educating ophthalmic medical personnel. Also, thanks to the many ATPO member volunteers who assisted Danne and Donna. As in previous years, the event was a success and enjoyed by all who attended. It was another great highlight of the 2005 Annual Meeting.

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C.J. Pollack-Rundle, BS, COMT

## Happy New Year!

The fire chief hat is now in my possession and I promise to do the best I can to continue to uphold Natalie Loyacano's fine leadership over the past two years. An organization such as ATPO is reliant on many individuals, from the excellent, hard-working staff members in St. Paul, to the board members, as well as each volunteer who comes forward to help organize or run the annual or regional meetings. Even a member who writes or calls in a suggestion to ATPO is helping the organization continue to grow and flourish. If you have comments, questions, or ideas, please send them to me at [cjrundle@med.umich.edu](mailto:cjrundle@med.umich.edu) or to Mary Evans at the ATPO office.

The next ATPO board meeting will be held in St. Paul in early March and it is vital that we hear from you. Could we make the Scientific Session, Tech Bowl or Review Sessions better for your needs? If you're not an ATPO

member, why not? Please check out the website [www.atpo.org](http://www.atpo.org) and see all that ATPO has to offer. In numbers there is strength, and if our profession is to be taken seriously, our numbers need to reflect a high percentage of JCAHPO-certified ophthalmic medical personnel.

I want to congratulate the Scientific Session Committee members for recruiting such high-caliber speakers with such diverse topics. I also want to recognize Donna Leef, COMT, CO, MMSc and Danne Ventura, COA, FNAO and their committee on the fine job they did once again on the 10th Annual Tech Bowl. Everyone who attended was a winner as they learned a lot, earned two credits, and had a great time! I thank Chris Johnson, PhD, Neil Choplin, MD, and Steve Burke, MD, for providing the dance-inspiring reception music. Paul M. Larson, COMT, COE, MMSc, Debra Baker, MA, COMT, Charlene Campbell, COMT, Donna Applegate, COT, and Natalie Loyacano, COMT, ROUB, OCS, deserve a round of applause for the time, effort, and

wonderful jobs they did coordinating the written and practical review sessions. And a 3-D thank you to Rosalind Stevens, MD, for her Keynote Lecture!

A final personal note of appreciation to Eve Higginbotham, MD, who has been a long-time supporter of ATPO and was the person who got me involved in clinical trials and, in a round-about way, more involved in ATPO. A friend with a unique and frequent laugh, Dr. Higginbotham is a promoter of continuing education for OMP, and very involved in glaucoma screenings with Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation. Whenever I see her, I tell her I don't know if I should blame her or thank her for getting me involved. But, Eve, I definitely thank you! I hope all of you have someone as encouraging in your professional life.

As we all make our resolutions for 2006, let's strive to include increasing our professional skills by attending a regional meeting soon and making plans for Las Vegas in November!



Kenneth E. Woodworth, Jr., COMT, COE

## Introducing JCAHPO's 2006-2007 President,

Kenneth E. Woodworth, Jr., COMT, COE

*"The legacy that past presidents have left provides the framework and momentum on which to build JCAHPO in these exciting and challenging times."*

At JCAHPO's 33rd Annual Continuing Education Meeting in Chicago, IL, Kenneth E. Woodworth, Jr., COMT, COE, was installed as 2006-2007 president.

Mr. Woodworth, currently the Chief Operating Officer of the Kentucky Eye Institute based in Lexington, KY, brings over 25 years of ophthalmic experience and knowledge to this prestigious position. His leadership accomplishments include JCAHPO's Secretary of Certification and Treasurer, ATPO past president, ASOA board member, NBCOE chair, and AAO Allied Health Education committee member.

"I am committed to high quality certification examinations and continuing education products to ensure that JCAHPO certificants are the best-qualified, trained, and skilled ophthalmic

assistants, technicians, and medical technologists," says President Woodworth.

Mr. Woodworth's goals as JCAHPO President for 2006-2007 include plans to increase the availability of distance learning via state-of-the-art technology and enhancing JCAHPO's certification examinations utilizing content updates and multimedia items.

JCAHPO extends congratulations to Ken Woodworth, and looks forward to his leadership during these exciting, challenging, and growth-oriented times.

## 2005 Annual Meeting Highlights

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual JCAHPO Continuing Education Program and 20<sup>th</sup> Annual ATPO Scientific Session and Tech Bowl were held October 14 - 18 in Chicago, IL

Thank you 2005 attendees, instructors, sponsors, staff, and volunteers! JCAHPO attendance reached nearly 2,900 - and ATPO attendance exceeded 500!

The excitement began Friday night with the presentation of three special awards: the Virginia Boyce Service Award to Cynthia Fulton, COMT, RN; the Commissioner Statesmanship Award to John A. Buesseler, MD; and the Non-

commissioner Statesmanship Award to Ramachandra Pararajasegaram, MD.

This year we were fortunate to welcome two outstanding keynote speakers. Alan Y. Chow, MD, spoke at the Harold A. Stein lecture and Rosalind Stevens, MD, at the ATPO Scientific Session. Dr. Chow is a founder of Optobionics Corporation where he heads a team of scientists and engineers in their development of the Artificial Silicon Retina (ASR) vision prosthesis, and Dr. Stevens is Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Dartmouth Medical School.

The 10th Annual Essilor Tech Bowl had an outstanding attendance and was a

huge success. Maggie McKune, COMT, won the \$1,000 cash first place prize.

Hopefully everyone had the opportunity to experience the JCAHPO Learning Systems demo in the AAO Exhibit Hall. But, if you missed it, please check out our Web site at [www.jcahpo.org](http://www.jcahpo.org)

Credit letters were mailed the week of December 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact us if you have not received your letter by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2006 meeting in Las Vegas, NV November 10-14, 2006. The 2006 course bulletins will be mailed in July.

## 2005 Virginia Boyce Service Award Recipient, Cynthia Fulton, COMT, RN

This year's winner is Cindy Fulton, COMT, RN, who first became involved with volunteer eye surgery with SEE International in 1991, when she was a team leader for Surgical Eye Expeditions to Borneo, Zimbabwe (1992), China (1993), Malaysia and Costa Rica (1994). She traveled to Ukraine with a pediatric ophthalmologist in 1999 and 2000 to assist on cataract/strabismus cases, and has volunteered with Fresh Start Surgical Gifts in Encinitas, California, since 1995, providing gratis plastic surgery/ophthalmic surgery to children from all over the world. Cindy volunteered in Tijuana, Mexico, in 2002 with Prevention of Blindness to help set up and operate a freestanding clinic/surgery center with glaucoma specialist, Marco Cortez, MD. Dr. William Basuk has worked with Cindy the past 10 years performing cataract surgeries in Tecate, Baja California, Mexico for Flying

Samaritans, a volunteer organization providing eye care services for indigent, usually bilaterally blind, residents of the area. Dr. Basuk describes Cindy as one who serves her patients with love, extraordinary compassion, and humor. She has a knack for doing much with very little, and for making the impossible possible.

Dr. Harry Brown, who Cindy traveled with for SEE International, says that "her 'can do' attitude serves as an example for all of us...she represents the best of the profession in the selfless service of her fellow man." And Dr. William Selezinka, who has worked with her in Mexico and Ukraine, says "she has an inexhaustible energy to demonstrate her empathy, compassion and devotion; she is an outstanding achiever." Dr. Blake Shaw, who works with Cindy doing surgeries for the Flying Samaritans, said, "She can

always be counted on to raise your spirits, tell a good story, and fill in wherever needed, at clinics around the world."

Cindy has been JCAHPO-certified since 1986 and is currently employed as the Refractive Surgery Coordinator at Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital in Oceanside, CA, where she oversees quality and safety control for PRK and Lasik surgeries for Marines deploying to Iraq. Cindy learned in her travels around the world that she received far more than she gave, and is grateful to be a part of the "gift of sight."



Zoraida Fiol-Silva, MD and Cynthia Fulton, COMT, RN

*The deadline to receive nominations for the 2006 Virginia Boyce Service Award is May 2, 2006.*

## ATPO 2005 Awards

2005 ATPO Luncheon

*Congratulations to A T P O award winners!*

The following members were presented with special awards at the 2005 ATPO Luncheon held in Chicago, Illinois.

### SPECIAL PRESIDENTS' AWARDS



Paul Larson, COMT, COE, MMSc (left)  
Donna Leef, COMT, MMSc, CO (right)

### ATPO FELLOW AWARD



Deborah Diggins, BS, COMT, CRA (left)  
Debra Baker, MA, COMT (right)

### ESSILOR RECOGNITION AWARD



Danne Ventura, COA, FNAO

### ATPO PRESIDENT ATPO PAST PRESIDENT



ATPO President: Carol J. Pollack-Rundle, BS, COMT, (left)  
Immediate Past President:  
Natalie Loyacano, COMT, ROUB (right)

## ATPO Member-of-the-Quarter, Rose Struckhoff, COA



Rose Struckhoff, COA

*Thank you to CJ Pollack-Rundle, COMT, for nominating me as "ATPO Member of the Quarter".*

I feel as though ophthalmology has given me an opportunity to work with some of the most wonderful people. I started working in this field 22 years ago in the Washington Department of Ophthalmology. I actually started in the accounting department. But one day, an ophthalmologist needed assistance with a patient. This initial day launched a career, which has included being an ophthalmic technician, surgical assistant, surgical coordinator, and an office manager.

In November of 1985, I became a mother and decided to work part-time in a private practice setting with a comprehensive ophthalmologist, Dr. George Bohigian. I spent the next 15 years with Dr. Bohigian, who encouraged me to become a Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (1995) with a subspecialty in surgical assisting. After having a second child in 1989, I continued to work with Dr. Bohigian in both a clinical office setting and the operating room until May of 2001.

In 2001, my career evolved when I started working with Dr. Andrew Blatt, a pediatric and adult strabismus specialist. My new occupation included working not only as a clinical ophthalmic technician but also as a surgical coordinator and office manager.

Over the past 22 years, I have enjoyed organizing ATPO and JCAHPO meetings and having the opportunity to educate other medical professionals, as well as to learn from them. I have attended many JCAHPO/ATPO meetings as a member and feel it is my personal mission to help expand the knowledge of other members and share my enthusiasm for the profession of ophthalmology. I sincerely appreciate this honor and look forward to continued professional interactions for many years to come!

**ATPO Member-of-the-Quarter:** ATPO highlights a member each quarter in the Viewpoints Newsletter. To nominate an ATPO member to be "Member-of-the-Quarter", tell us how that person inspired you to become a member, did a good deed, made a difference in a patient's life, shared a valuable clinical tip, served as a mentor, etc. Write a short essay about the person and submit to ATPO. Details for submission can be found at [www.atpo.org](http://www.atpo.org).

## ATPO MEMBERSHIP

### *Meet our New and Renewing Members*

The following list represents ATPO members who joined or renewed their memberships between August 1 and November 30, 2005

Gloria L. Althouse, COT, Davidsonville MD  
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 Lizabeth Ault, COT, Buffalo NY  
 Kelly Avery, COMT, CO, Santa Barbara CA  
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 Camille Crust, COA, Olathe KS  
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## A Very Special Thanks

to ATPO presenters and moderators from the 20th Annual Scientific Session in Chicago -

### PRESENTERS

Donna Applegate, COT  
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 Sylvia Samarjian, COT, CRA  
 Laura Savage, COMT, CRA  
 Rose Struckhoff, COA  
 Karen Susco, COMT

*Thank you for supporting your professional association!*

## 2005 Scholarships Awarded by the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation

Twelve **Continuing Education Scholarships** totaling \$4,250 were awarded in 2005 for attendance at JCAHPO- and/or ATPO-sponsored annual and regional continuing education programs. Recipients wrote essays entitled "*How I Influenced My Co-Workers to Pursue Certification.*"

Twenty **Certification Scholarships** totaling \$4,300 were awarded for the first time in 2005 to ophthalmic medical personnel wishing to advance in the field. Recipients wrote essays entitled, "*Why Certification Is Important To Me.*"

Twenty-four **Program Scholarships** totaling \$23,925 were awarded, based on financial need, to deserving students in accredited training programs for ophthalmic medical assistants, technicians, technologists, and orthoptists.

2005 ALIMERA SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP  
ERIN BROWN, ESSAY WINNER

*"How I Best Soothed the Eyes of a Dry Eye Patient."*



Dr. Fiol-Silva, JCAHPO's Past President,  
Erin Brown, the 2005 Alimera Sciences Scholarship Recipient,  
and Antonio Cutino, COT, Director of Medical Marketing,  
Alimera Sciences, Inc.

You may read excerpts from the winning essays at <http://www.jcahpo.org/newsite/foundation.htm#certschol>



2005 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS  
(Not shown in order) Donita Baker, COT, Dorcas Fikejs, COA, Carolyn Latham, COA,  
Karen Macziewski, COT, Judy Masters, COT, Noelle Matta, COT, Sandra Sall, COA, Jackie  
Sanguinet, COT, Sally Scanlon, COA, Shari Struck, COT (Not shown: Jennifer Bryskiewicz)

### Winner of the 2005 Essay Contest, Jackie Sanguinet

*"How I Influenced My Co-Worker to Pursue Certification"*

FUD (Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt) is a term for any strategy intended to make customers insecure about future product plans with the purpose of discouraging them from adopting competitors' products. For example, "You can try using X instead of our product, but you may lose all of your data." The term "FUD" may apply to all of us at one time or another. We all fear the unknown to some extent. We fear asking questions that may make us sound uninformed. All of this FUD results in anxiety about trying new things. Was FUD anxiety keeping the many talented employees in our practice from pursuing certification? I thought this was the case and I thought anxiety could be reduced by starting a study group for all employees who were interested in participating. The study group was promoted as a group endeavor, not a class or instructional program . . . The goal of the study group was to complete the Home Study Course\* together over 11 months and to pass the quiz at the end. After the group completes the Home Study Course and the quiz, they will become eligible to apply for COA certification. At that point the study group will continue to meet in order to improve the knowledge and skills of the COA applicants and help them prepare for the COA examination. The study group meets once a month at one of the four offices in our practice for three hours. The first meeting started with 15 employees in attendance and the second with 18. There are 25 individuals signed up for the group. Some of the group's participants are Jackie Sanguinet administrative assistants, but would like to be ophthalmic medical assistants and have joined the study group. Some of the attendees are seasoned technicians who may or may not have been certified at some time in the past. The study group helps beginners to gain knowledge and prepare for the COA examination. The group also helps the more experienced staff members to improve their knowledge of ophthalmology through review and the opportunity to share their knowledge while preparing for certification. I believe I have influenced my co-workers to become certified by organizing a study group in our ophthalmic practice. I prepared a plan and presented it to our ophthalmic practice board of directors for approval. This was followed up by getting the word out to our staff at four different locations. The response was phenomenal. Those who attend sign in and the sign-in sheet is forwarded to our personnel department for record keeping. The study group members are not paid for their time, but the sign-in sheet let's the practice know that they are serious about gaining new skills. This study group has helped break down the fear, uncertainty, and doubt of becoming certified.

\*The "Home Study Course" is available through AAO.

## 2006 Scholarships Available

Guidelines and applications for each scholarship is available at [www.jcahpo.org](http://www.jcahpo.org) on the Foundation pages.

- **Program Scholarships** are available for students accepted in accredited training programs for ophthalmic medical assistants, technicians, technologists, and orthoptists.
  - Deadlines for receipt are March 24 and June 23, 2006.
- **Continuing Education Scholarships** are available for registration fees and travel to JCAHPO- and/or ATPO sponsored annual and regional programs, and is open to all ophthalmic medical personnel who have not received scholarships from the Foundation between 2003 and 2005. The venue for the 2006 scholarship competition will be a choice of either writing 15 questions for any of the certification examinations or 10 ideas on how to recruit more people into the profession of ophthalmic assisting.
  - Deadline for receipt is July 14 for the Annual CE Program, or three months prior to a regional program.
- **Alimera Sciences** will again be sponsoring two \$500 Continuing Education Scholarships for the 2006 Annual CE Program in Las Vegas, NV, for winning essays entitled, *"How I Best Soothed the Eyes of a Dry Eye Patient."*
  - Deadline for receipt in the Foundation office is July 14, 2006.
- **Certification Scholarships** will be awarded for Winning Essays entitled, "Why Certification is Important to Me." These scholarships will assist with examination fees for ophthalmic medical personnel wishing to advance in the field.
  - Deadline for receipt in the Foundation office is April 29, 2006.
- A **Hurricane Relief Fund** was established after Hurricane Katrina to assist those affected and/or displaced by the storm. Funds may be used for continuing education courses, certification examination fees, and recertification fees. The Foundation is matching all contributions to this fund, up to \$20,000. In addition, ATPO's 2005 contribution designated for the Phil Weber Scholarship was also reallocated to this fund, as well as proceeds from its Silent Auction held during the ATPO Scientific Sessions.
 

Scholarships up to \$300 per person will be awarded, based on available funds. Guidelines and application for the Hurricane Relief Scholarships are available on our Web site at [www.jcahpo.org/newsite/foundation.htm#hrs](http://www.jcahpo.org/newsite/foundation.htm#hrs), or from the Foundation office at (800) 284-3937, ext. 246. Print the application and mail it to: JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation, 2025 Woodlane Drive, St. Paul, MN 55125-2998.

  - The Foundation will accept applications through December 2006.



## Foundation Elects Board Members

At its Annual Meeting on October 15, the Board of Directors of the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation elected the following officers and board members:

- MELVIN I. FREEMAN, MD, CHAIR, nominated for a third and final two-year term
- PETER C. DONSHIK, MD, PRESIDENT, nominated for a third and final two-year term
- MARY A. O'HARA, MD, VICE PRESIDENT, nominated for a second two-year term
- DANNE VENTURA, COA, FNAO, nominated for a first two-year term for Treasurer
- MARY A. O'HARA, MD, nominated for a third and final three-year term as Director
- PETER C. DONSHIK, MD, nominated for a second three-year term as Director
- STEVE LICHTENSTEIN, MD, nominated for a first three-year term as Director



## Is the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation Included in Your Will?

The JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation recently established the Legacy Society to honor those who have included JCAHPO in their wills. Watch this space for information on planned giving, a part of estate planning that allows you to make substantial contributions to organizations you want to support. Bequests, cash, life insurance, and securities are just some of the ways you can include JCAHPO in your estate plans. Please call the Foundation office for additional information.

## What is the ATPO Regional Buddy Network?



The regional buddy network consists of ATPO members who are available to assist you in different regions of the United States. Think of them as your neighborhood "welcoming committee" for your particular area. Your Regional Buddy is available to answer your questions about ATPO! They can also help you with suggestions on how to tackle a task or problem you may have with your job - from office

procedures / policies, to skills and certification. We don't have all the answers; however, we have a lot of resources and will do our best to help you. We also look forward to meeting OMP to discuss new ideas and share knowledge, as we build a network of colleagues who can help each other. Please remember that we are volunteers, with many full-time jobs, so give us a little time to respond to your questions.

### Who is your Regional Buddy?

Take a look below and see!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>National Chair</b> Susan Busch, COMT skbusch@flash.net</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>South:</b> AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, OK, TX Natalie Loyacano, COT, ROUB, OCS loyacano_n@yahoo.com</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Northeast:</b> CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT Debbie Diggins, COMT, CRA debbieye@adelphia.net</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pacific Northwest:</b> AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY Joanne Harris, COT jmharris@pcc.edu</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Mid-West:</b> IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WI Carol Pollack-Rundle, COMT cjrundle@med.umich.edu</li> </ul>	<p><b>Feel free to contact us and we will do our best to assist you.</b></p>

## Speakers Invited

The ATPO Scientific Session Committee INVITES SPEAKERS TO PRESENT at the 2006 Scientific Session in Las Vegas.

Presentations should be 25 minutes in length, plus a five-minute question and answer period, and should be at an advanced level.

Please submit your name, course title, and a short description of your presentation by January 30, 2006 to Mary Evans, ATPO Coordinator, at mevans@jcahpo.org or call (800) 482-4858, ext. 245.

The Scientific Session Committee will review all submissions and speakers will be notified by March 15, 2006.

## ATPO Fellow Award

Deborah Diggins, BS, COMT, CRA



It was with great honor that I accepted the Fellow Award in Chicago this past October. I would like to take this opportunity to thank ATPO and its members for allowing me the opportunity to give back to the profession that I love. Promotion of the ophthalmic medical personnel profession and continuing education of OMP will continue to be on my "to-do list".

## New Volunteer Achievement Award!

The success of ATPO is due to the commitment of its members. ATPO represents many opportunities for you to show your dedication to your profession by sharing your time and expertise through volunteer efforts. Go to our Web site at [ww.atpo.org/vaa.html](http://ww.atpo.org/vaa.html) to download our Volunteer Achievement Award Program Form.

With your points, you will be eligible for a Lifetime Achievement Award, Sustaining Member Award, or Honorable Achievement Award. So don't delay, download your form today!

## ATPO Buffalo Conference Highlights

September 2005

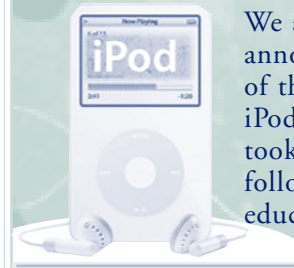
The 3rd Annual Buffalo ATPO conference was held on Friday, September 30, 2005 in Buffalo, NY, at the Holiday Inn Amherst Hotel. Sixty-seven attendees enjoyed a day filled with outstanding lectures, and an opportunity to visit with exhibitors. The program was sponsored in part by Alimera Sciences, Inc., Allergan, Inc., Alcon Laboratories, Inc., Carl

Zeiss Meditec, and Eyetechnic Pharmaceuticals. Program Chair, Deborah Diggins, BS, COMT, CRA, was instrumental in arranging the program and securing the faculty, which included: Joseph A. Murphy, MD, Kevin M. O'Brien, BA, AAS, COT, Antonio Cutino, BA, COT, Vishal Sharma, MD, Debra Baker, MA, COMT, Umberto Albanese, MD, Charles J. Fetterman, MD, Kyle A. Arnoldi, CO, COMT, Donna Hoch, COT, Peter Busch, BS, and Linda Grant, COMT.

ATPO would like to express their sincere appreciation to Debbie Diggins for her commitment to ATPO!

*"In the June issue of Viewpoints, KATPO's Tenth Anniversary was recognized. KATPO inadvertently left out the name of Pam Lichtenstein, COMT, as one of the original founders of KATPO. Pam played a very important role in the organization and development of KATPO. Our apologies to Pam!"*

## Alimera Sciences iPod Winners



We are pleased to announce the winners of the Apple Mini iPod drawing which took place at the following regional education programs:

San Diego Regional Education Program

● **Janet Tarrant**  
Phoenix, AZ

Buffalo ATPO Regional Education Program

● **Maria Rivera**  
Snyder, NY

Annual CE Program - Chicago

● **Wendy Rabenhorst, COA**  
Denmark, WI

Florida Regional Education Program

● **Yana Massoud**  
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*Congratulations iPod winners, and  
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**VICE PRESIDENT,  
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2-year term

#### Eligibility:

- Member of ATPO
- Membership in good standing
- Certified by JCAHPO

Nominations are due February 15, 2006.  
Please submit recommendations to:

- Natalie Loyacano, COT, ROUB, OCS  
Nominating Committee Chair  
loyacano\_n@yahoo.com
- or to ATPO:  
- ATPOmembership@jcahpo.org

Include a statement explaining why you are nominating the individual.

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- A personal record of outstanding contributions to ATPO.

#### Criteria:

1. The nominee must have demonstrated nationally prominent leadership, influence and achievement in clinical practice, education, or science.
2. The nominee must have documented evidence of significant contribution to the profession.
3. The nominator must be an ATPO Regular Member or Fellow in good standing.

Nominations are due February 15, 2006. A nomination form is available at:

- [www.atpo.org/FellowNominationForm.pdf](http://www.atpo.org/FellowNominationForm.pdf)

Please submit recommendations to:

- Natalie Loyacano, COT, ROUB, OCS  
Fellow Selection Committee Chair  
loyacano\_n@yahoo.com

or to ATPO:

- ATPOmembership@jcahpo.org

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A-Scan Challenge	March 4/Cincinnati, OH	8(A)	Rhonda G. Wilson, MMSc, COMT, CRA, ROUB, RDMS/ Emory Eye Center	(404) 778-3691
Pharmaceuticals in Ophthalmology	February 14/Independence, OH	2(A)	Audrey Gargas, COT/Cleveland Ophthalmic Pers Society (COPS)	(330) 273-6308
2006 Coding & Billing Medicare Services for Eye MD's	January 18/Fort Wayne, IN	6(A)	Maureen Hoffmeyer/Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology	(317) 577-3062
Various Titles	Various Dates/Indianapolis, IN	12(A)/OPS: 5/AOC: 4	Nora Sackett, RN/Indiana University	(317) 274-2116
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2006 CE Seminar for Ophthalmic Personnel	February 18/Columbia, SC	7(A)	Carol Peterson, COT/Columbia Eye Clinic	(803) 791-8159
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12 Elements of a Comprehensive Eye Exam	Various Dates & Locations*	4(A)	Sharon Day/Key-Whitman Eye Ctr	(214) 220-3937
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