

September 2006

## Look What Your Contributions Have Done!

### Continuing Education (CE) Scholarships

Ten Continuing Education (CE) Scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$500 and totaling \$3,550 were awarded for submissions of questions for certification examinations and ideas on how to get more OMP into the field. Thanks to everyone for their great submissions! Recipients will attend the 2006 JCAHPO Annual CE Program in Las Vegas, NV, November 10-14.

### ATPO Phil Weber Memorial Scholarship

The Foundation awarded **two** \$500 scholarships to attend the 2006 Scientific Session in Las Vegas, NV, November 13-14, 2006. The winners, who wrote essays entitled, "My Most Memorable ATPO Experience", are:

Chasity Davis, COT - Lexington, KY

Michelle Kaminski, COT - Kansas City, KS

### Alimera Sciences CE Scholarship

Alimera Sciences, Inc., makers of Soothe<sup>®</sup> eye drops, awarded **two** \$500 scholarships for winning essays entitled, "How I Best Soothed the Eyes of a Dry Eye Patient." The winners are:

Theresa Klein, COMT - Coon Rapids, MN

Pamela Spurbeck, COT - Riverside, CA

Alimera Sciences is a 2006 Partner in Learning for JCAHPO and ATPO regional CE programs, and the makers of Soothe<sup>®</sup> eye drops.

**Certification Scholarships** totaling \$1,500 were awarded to **eight** OMP wishing to advance in the field. Each received a voucher valued at \$100-\$300 for a JCAHPO certification examination for essays entitled, "Why Certification is Important to Me."

### Training Program Scholarships

**Thirty-five** applications were received from students in accredited training programs for ophthalmic medical personnel by the deadline date of July 14, 2006. A total of \$34,430, ranging from \$150 to \$1,800 was awarded to these students.

The **Hurricane Relief Fund** distributed \$3,360 to 14 individuals affected by the 2005 Hurricane Katrina disaster. Deadline for receipt of applications for this assistance is December 31, 2006.

View excerpts from essays at [www.jcahpo.org](http://www.jcahpo.org)

## Our Recipients Say.....

"Thank you, Dr. Evans, for the scholarship...It was a financial relief and an inspiration for me...I would like to express my appreciation for your idea, for what it became, for the role we play in the bigger picture. I will carry out that role as professionally and as proudly as I can."  
(M. Donat, Georgetown Univ.)

"What a better way to honor the field of ophthalmology than to be the best!" (C. Powell, COA)

"It is a privilege to be in the eye care field with such generous and supportive contributors." (J. Whalen, COA)



Offering the **new** COT Flash Cards, along with the COA Flash Cards so popular in 2005! You are invited to visit Capri Rooms 112-113 at the Riviera Hotel & Casino to view many new publications, along with all the old favorites. Also available are demos of the original Learning Systems, along with the **NEW Contact Lens Learning Systems!** Your support of the bookstore is very much appreciated, and all proceeds from the bookstore are designated to the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation.



Nearly **400 training programs and ophthalmic clinics** are using this innovative computer simulation training tool, thanks in part to a generous educational grant from Alcon Laboratories, Inc. The six training courses include Keratometry, Lensometry, Ocular Motility, Retinoscopy/ Refinement, Tonometry, and Visual Fields, each worth one JCAHPO A credit.

JCAHPO Learning Systems will be offered at a discounted price during the Annual CE Program in Las Vegas, NV, November 10-14, 2006, at the JCAHPO bookstore (Riviera Hotel & Casino) and at the JCAHPO Booth (#2262) at the Sands Convention Center.

**Stop by and see demos of this CD, along with the new Contact Lens Learning Systems!**



## LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society was created to recognize and honor individuals who have included JCAHPO in their estate plans. There is a time in all of our lives when the importance of an estate plan comes into focus. Beyond the primary concerns of family, those of us who have devoted our lives to special causes want to ensure that the work we supported is able to continue. Making gifts for the benefit of others offers a wonderful way to affirm your values and priorities, while assuring that worthwhile values continue to influence the world around us.

### Legacy Society Members

Virginia Boyce  
Jennie Busch  
Peter Y. Evans, MD  
Judith Hall, COT  
Michelle Pett Herrin, COMT, CO  
Margie Maura, COT  
Harold A. Stein, MD, FACS



The JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation accepts the following charitable bequests:

- **Wills:** Naming JCAHPO in your will defers your gift until after your lifetime; your heirs are exempt from federal estate taxes.
- **Life Insurance:** Name JCAHPO as owner and beneficiary to a policy. Payments to policy are tax deductible.
- **Retirement Plans:** Name JCAHPO as beneficiary of assets after your lifetime; avoid taxed gifts to heirs.
- **Charitable Remainder Trust:** Name JCAHPO as beneficiary of assets in a living trust that you control; save on estate taxes to heirs.
- **Securities:** Decrease tax liability on income; take a tax deduction on appreciated income.
- **Memorials:** Honor those who have been a vital part of your life. Send a gift in memory of loved ones or to honor a special occasion, i.e., Mother's or Father's Day, birth of grandchild, birthday.



## ATTENTION FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Be sure to check with your employer, who may be willing to accept your contribution through payroll

## VIRGINIA BOYCE SERVICE AWARD

Do You Know Any Ophthalmic Medical Personnel Who Generously Volunteer to Improve the Quality of Vision? Honor them with a nomination for the Virginia Boyce Service Award. For information about Virginia Boyce, the Service Award named in her honor, and how to nominate someone, please visit the Foundation pages at [www.jcahpo.org](http://www.jcahpo.org) or call the Foundation office at 800/284-3937, ext. 246.

## GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2006

**THANK YOU!**

Alimera Sciences, Inc.  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology  
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology  
Charles T. Campbell Charitable Foundation  
Consortium of Ophthalmic Training Programs  
Delta Gamma Foundation  
Essilor of America, Inc.  
JCAHPO Commissioners, Staff, & Vendors  
JCAHPO Foundation Board of Directors  
Virginia Society of Ophthalmic Medical Personnel  
VISTAKON, Inc.  
And...

Two Individuals at the Chairman's Level of \$10,000+!

**Remember, individuals need to contribute only \$500 for recognition by the Visionary Society in 2006! There were 21 participants in 2005, and already 25 in 2006!**

## NEW.....FAQ

**Q. From whom does the Foundation request funding?**

A. Ophthalmic corporations, foundations with an interest in eye care, OMP and their sponsors, ophthalmic societies, commissioners, Board members, vendors, and staff.

**Q. How many scholarships have been awarded since the Foundation began offering them in 1991?**

A. Scholarships totaling \$584,880 have been awarded to 611 students in training programs, for OMP to attend annual and regional CE programs, and to OMP wishing to enter or advance in the field.

*Have a question you want answered? Let us know, and we will publish it in a future issue of Focus. Suggestions? Let us*

