

August 2007

2007 Scholarships New in 2007!

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

All certified or non-certified clinical ophthalmic medical personnel in the U.S. and Canada were eligible to submit an **original scientific paper** on any ophthalmic topic of their choice. The 2007 recipient of the \$2,000 cash prize is April Cantrell, BS, COA, of Arlington, TN, for her paper entitled, "*Paraneoplastic Syndromes & Relevant Diagnostic Tests Correlated With a Clinical Case Study.*" Congratulations April!

Harold A. Stein, MD, FRCS(C), was president of JCAHPO in 1986 and 1987, and is the author of numerous publications, including the ever-popular Ophthalmic Assistant/A Text for Allied & Associated Ophthalmic Personnel, now in its 8th edition. Dr. Stein has generously agreed to fund this prize through royalties from specific books he has authored.

Continuing Education (CE) Scholarships

Five Continuing Education (CE) Scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$500 and totaling \$1,600 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 2007 JCAHPO Annual CE Program in New Orleans, LA, November 9-13.

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 2007 Scientific Session in New Orleans, LA, November 10. The winners, who wrote essays entitled, "*My Most Memorable Patient Experience*", are Denise Sediq, COA, Falls Church, VA, and Daphne Breshears, CCRC, COA, San Diego, CA.

Alimera Sciences Scholarship

Through the generosity of Alimera Sciences, Inc., the Foundation awarded **one** \$500 scholarship to Lorrie Durbin, COMT, of Decatur, IL for her winning essay entitled, "*How I Best Soothed the Eyes of a Dry Eye Patient.*" Ms. Durbin will attend the JCAHPO Annual CE Program in New Orleans. Alimera Sciences is a 2007 Partner in Learning for JCAHPO and ATPO regional CE programs.

Certification Scholarships

Fifteen OMP wishing to advance in the field were awarded a total of \$3,750 for their essays entitled, "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-eight applications were received from students in accredited training programs for ophthalmic medical personnel. A total of \$30,175, ranging from \$300 to \$1,800, was awarded to these students.

Hurricane Relief Fund

Twenty-one individuals affected by the 2005 Hurricane Katrina disaster were awarded a total of \$5,500. Funding is available for certification examinations and continuing education. The deadline for receipt of applications for this assistance *has been extended to December 31, 2007.*

View excerpts from all essays at www.jcahpo.org

Our Recipients Say.....

"You have no idea how much I appreciate the continuing education grants you offer!...I love my work and am deeply grateful for (the) excellence in keeping us going and organized."

(R. Martin, COT)

"Grants such as these are excellent indicators to me that I have chosen a future career in a field with organizations that value education, generosity and life-long learning. I am honored to be a recipient of this scholarship." (C. Collins, Portland Community College, OR)

"... 'Follow your dreams and touch the stars, open your mind and you will go far.' With the help from your scholarship, my dreams and aspirations will come true." (L. Wesson)

Virginia Boyce Service Award

The 2007 Recipient of the Virginia S. Boyce Service Award is Leslie W. France, CO. Watch for additional details about Ms. France on our Web site and in the next Foundation Focus newsletter. 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. How many special funds does the Foundation have?

A. Eight funds have been established to honor those people who were instrumental in certification and education of ophthalmic medical personnel: Alice Gelinis Endowment Fund; Arthur Keeney Memorial Fund; Budd Appleton Memorial Scholarship Fund; Charles Douglas Memorial Scholarship Fund; Harold Stein Endowment Fund; Peter Evans Scholarship Fund; Phil Weber Memorial Scholarship Fund; and Virginia Boyce Endowment Fund. These funds support scholarships and special projects.

Q. When was the Foundation established?

A. The JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation was founded in 1990 to fund compelling needs in ophthalmic medical assisting: 1) strengthen training programs; 2) develop certification in subspecialties; and 3) continue research into methods of testing to ensure valid and reliable examinations.

Have a question you want answered? Let us know, and we will publish it in a future issue of Focus. Suggestions? Let us know that too! Contact: carol@jcahpo.org.

To view the JCAHPO and Foundation Annual Report, visit www.jcahpo.org, or call 1(800) 284-3937, ext. 246, to have a copy mailed to you.

Become a member of the Legacy Society. Remember the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation, Inc. in your estate plans by naming us as beneficiaries in your will, on life insurance policies, retirement plans, charitable remainder trusts, etc. Call the Foundation office for detailed information.

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

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ONE Individual at the Chairman's Level of \$10,000+!

Remember, individuals need to contribute only \$500 for recognition by the Visionary Society in any given fiscal year (August 1 – July 31). There are 28 participants in 2007.



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 a NEW five-digit code (10889).

Thank you to the 15 federal employees who contributed \$755 in 2006!

Since 2004, Combined Federal Campaigns throughout the U.S. have contributed a total of \$2,000 to our Foundation, the highest being the Arizona CFC, totaling nearly \$500.

Did You Know.....?

- ... the majority of adults do NOT have a will?
- ... that most states allow the establishment of a will at the minimum age of 18?
- ... just \$20/month will purchase a whole life insurance policy? This is a GREAT way to bestow a permanent contribution to the Foundation!