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

## 2008 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Virginia Boyce Service Award Winner!

Go to [www.jcahpo.org/about\\_jcahpo/education and research foundation for applications and guidelines](http://www.jcahpo.org/about_jcahpo/education_and_research_foundation_for_applications_and_guidelines), or call 1(800) 284-3937, ext. 246 for information

**Certification Scholarships:** Assists OMP wishing to advance in the field; up to \$300 to pay for a JCAHPO certification examination. Essays entitled, "Why Certification is Important to Me" are due in the Foundation office no later than **April 25**.

**Continuing Education Scholarships:** Up to \$500 to attend JCAHPO's Annual CE Program. Submit an article on 10 ways to recruit OMP into the field, or 15 questions for any JCAHPO examination. Deadline: To Foundation office no later than **August 1**.

**ATPO Phil Weber Memorial Scholarships:** Two \$500 scholarships for attendance at the ATPO Scientific Session in Atlanta. Essay title is "My Most Rewarding Patient Experience." Deadline: To Foundation office no later than **August 1**.

**Alimera Sciences Scholarship (\$500 for two scholarships to attend JCAHPO's Annual CE Program):** Essay title is "The Role of the Technician in Diabetic Patient Education." Deadline: To Foundation office no later than **August 1**.

**Harold A Stein, MD, Prize for Best Scientific Paper** \$1,500 cash prize, plus \$500 travel and lodging reimbursement for attendance at JCAHPO's 2008 Annual CE Program. Deadline: To Foundation office no later than **June 27**.



*"I consider the gift of sight to be a marvelous design and the most precious of senses. No doubt that sentiment is especially felt by those who are at risk of losing their vision. The privilege to play a significant role in the hope and healing of another human being is truly rewarding."*  
R. Cortez, COA

View additional excerpts from 2007 essays at [www.jcahpo.org](http://www.jcahpo.org)

The JCAHPO Education & Research Foundation was pleased to present the 2007 Virginia Boyce Service Award to Leslie Weingeist France, CO, as the 7<sup>th</sup> recipient of this award that honors Virginia, a life-long contributor to improvement of eye care for more than 50 years. Leslie has devoted 3-1/2 decades to her career and as a volunteer in the allied health arena in North America and Latin America. She has served as Executive Director of the American Orthoptic Council since 1983, and was a JCAHPO commissioner representing the American Association of Certified Orthoptists from 1980-85. She was JCAHPO-certified from 1969-2000.

Leslie is fluent in Spanish and has served on the Allied Health Committee of the Pan American Association of Ophthalmology since 1992, and has instructed numerous allied health courses for them in Ecuador, Mexico, Dominican Republic, and Chile. In addition, she has been a member of the International Program Advisory Council of Orbis International since 2004, and has traveled with Orbis since 1989 to the Philippines, Columbia, El Salvador, Romania, Bolivia, and India.

Leslie is also part of Prevent Blindness America's Wisconsin Coalition Vision Screening Committee (1998-present), and a consultant to the National Society to Prevent Blindness/Wisconsin (1997-present). She has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed professional journals, and was honored with the 2002 Scobee Memorial Lecture by the American Association of Certified Orthoptists.

Leslie and her husband, Tom, a past president of JCAHPO, spend two months a year in Argentina.

Congratulations, Leslie!



If YOU want to nominate someone who has generously volunteered their time to improve the quality of vision and vision care, please submit required information to the Foundation office no later than May 1, 2008.

# LEGACY SOCIETY

Eleven people have now included JCAHPO in their estate plans through their wills and as beneficiaries of IRAs, CDs, royalties, and life insurance. The Foundation office displays a special plaque with their names. Thank you to those whose gifts will ensure JCAHPO with long-term financial stability. Members receive a special gift and are honored each fall at the Foundation awards event during JCAHPO's Annual CE Program.

# VISIONARY SOCIETY

Remember, individuals need to contribute only \$500 by July 31 for Visionary Society recognition in 2008. Thank you to the 28 participants in 2007!



## ATTENTION FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

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# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. Who are past winners of the Virginia Boyce Service Award?**

- A. 2001: Judith Hall, COT  
2002: Deborah McDonald, COT, CRA  
2003: Marie Vowels, COMT  
2004: Julie Burlew, RN, CRNO, CNOR  
2005: Cynthia Fulton, COMT, RN  
2006: Caroline Cavanaugh, CRNO, RN  
2007: Leslie Weingeist France, CO

**Q. How much did the Foundation award in scholarships in 2007?**

- A. The Foundation awarded 75 scholarships totaling \$44,525 in 2007 through seven different opportunities (Stein Prize, training programs, continuing education, certification, ATPO, Alimera Sciences, and Hurricane Relief).

**Q. Who are the major contributors to the Foundation?**

- A. Alcon Foundation (1992-2007); Charles Campbell Charitable Foundation (1992-2007); Delta Gamma Foundation (1995-2007); VISTAKON (1992-2007); commissioners; ophthalmologists; ophthalmic allied health personnel; JCAHPO member organizations; OMP organizations; vendors; and staff.

*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](mailto:carol@jcahpo.org).

## Did You Know.....?

- ...Some of JCAHPO's commissioners donate to the Foundation in memory of their patients? A card is sent to the family of the patient from the Foundation letting them know that a gift was made. The amount of the gift is not given.
- ...You can honor the living on special occasions such as the birth of a child or grandchild, a birthday or anniversary, with a contribution to the Foundation.
- ...You may view the JCAHPO and Foundation Annual Report at [www.jcahpo.org](http://www.jcahpo.org), or by calling (800) 284-3937, ext. 246, to have a copy mailed to you.