



College of Optometrists in Vision Development Awards Board Certification at the 49th Annual Meeting

Aurora, OH—College of Optometrists in Vision Development welcomed 31 new Certified Optometric Vision Therapists (COVTs) and 31 Fellows of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (FCOVDs) at the 49th Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. The newly-certified were inducted on April 12th, 2019 at the 49th Annual Installation and Induction Banquet.

To become a Fellow (FCOVD), the doctor must have graduated from an Accreditation Council for Optometric Education (ACOE)-accredited institution; been in active clinical practice for at least three years, at least two of which have included the direct diagnosis and management of vision therapy patients; completed 100 hours of relevant CE or a relevant residency program; successfully completed the guided study portion of the process set forth by the International Examination and Certification Board (IECB), which includes three case reports and six open-book questions, as prescribed by the Fellowship Candidate Guide; and successfully completed the oral and written examinations according to the established criteria of the IECB.

This year, COVD welcomed the following new Fellows:

Emily J. Aslakson OD, FCOVD

Justine Simon Bailey, OD, FCOVD

Alyssa Bartolini, OD, FCOVD

Heidi Bell, OD, FCOVD

Linda Luong Bellomy, OD, FCOVD

Lindsay Berry, OD, FCOVD

Michaela Betka, OD, FCOVD

Devin Duval, OD, FCOVD

Katie D. Fisher, OD, FCOVD

Jana Giebel, OD, FCOVD

Joelle Saliba Greenaway, OD, FCOVD

Jamie Ho, OD, FCOVD

Jasleen Jhaggi, OD, FCOVD

Tedra Kindopp, OD, FCOVD



Laura J Knapp, OD, FCOVD

Zoe Lacroix, OD, FCOVD

Miranda Lepinski, OD, FCOVD

Megan Sumrall Lott, OD, FCOVD

Duc Q. Nguyen, OD, FCOVD

Leigha M. Nielsen, OD, FCOVD

Emily O'Meara, OD, FCOVD

Pravina Patel, OD, FCOVD

Julia Sirianni, OD, FCOVD

Lauren Strawn, OD, FCOVD

Allison R. Toler, OD, FCOVD

Stacie A. Van Voorst, OD, FCOVD

Fotis Velissarakos, OD, FCOVD

Cassandria Warr, OD, FCOVD

Nathaniel Wernick, OD, FCOVD

Janet M. Wilson, OD, FCOVD

Samantha Zaczyk, OD, FCOVD

The Academic Fellowship (FCOVD-A) is awarded to candidates who submit ten authored and published works related to the advancement and education of vision therapy. Once reviewed, Academic Fellow candidates must also complete an Oral Interview to be awarded Fellowship.

COVD welcomed the following FCOVD-A at the 2019 Annual Meeting:

Stanley W. Hatch, OD, FCOVD-A



To become a Certified Optometric Vision Therapist (COVT), an individual must work under the direct supervision of an optometrist who has completed a fellowship (FCOVD) with the COVD International Examination and Certification Board (IECB) for 2,000 hours, complete a guided study process that includes nine open-book questions, and pass a written exam and an oral interview administered by the IECB. The certification process provides an opportunity for optometric vision therapists to expand their knowledge and skills in providing vision care as related to development and behavior in optometric vision therapy.

This year, COVD welcomed the following new COVTs:

Jessica Agens, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Dan Fortenbacher, FCOVD
Taylor Benton, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Lynn Hellerstein, FCOVD
Lauren Brickley, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Dan Fortenbacher, FCOVD
Kimberley Burgess, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Ted Kadet, FCOVD
Joseph Colangelo, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Robert Prazer, FCOVD
Melody Delamarter, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Benjamin Winters, FCOVD
Karlie Drexler, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Kara Heying, FCOVD
Nicole Ferreyros, COVT	Employed by: Drs. Marcia Moore, FCOVD and Ann Voss, FCOVD
Erin Finley, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Robert Prazer
Sefra Gemma, COVT	Employed by: Drs. Macson Lee, FCOVD and John Reski, FCOVD
Robin Herskowitz, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Nancy Guenthner
Tobi Hitow Karch, COVT	Employed by: Drs. Michael Cook, FCOVD and Anna Lammers, FCOVD
Kaitlyn Kennedy, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Robert Prazer, FCOVD
Justin Kramon, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Lynn Trieu, FCOVD
Brittney Langford, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Elizabeth Crandon, FCOVD
Jessica Liedke, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Juanita Collier, FCOVD
Crystal Lin, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Ted Kadet, FCOVD
Ryan Mann, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Ingrid H. Lorenzana, FCOVD
Benjamin Mazur, COVT	Employed by: Drs. Mehrnaz Green, FCOVD and Amanda Manley, FCOVD
Elizabeth Melmer, COVT	Employed by: Drs. Macson Lee, FCOVD and John Reski, FCOVD
Christy Milks, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Joshua Watt, FCOVD
Karen Miller, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Maura Massucci, FCOVD
Jill Mosny, COVT	Employed by: Drs. Jennifer Smith Zolman, FCOVD and Neil Draisin, FCOVD
Michelle O'Brien, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Dominick Maino, FCOVD-A
Mia O'Driscoll, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Leanna Dudley, FCOVD
Hillary E. Reeves, COVT	Employed by: Drs. Marcia Moore, FCOVD and Ann Voss, FCOVD
Kimberly Torres, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Kacie Monroe, FCOVD
Susan VanMetre, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Kara Heying, FCOVD
Jordan Wilson, COVT	Employed by: Dr. Brianna Larson, FCOVD
Stephen Yednock, COVT	Employed by: Drs. Mehrnaz Green, FCOVD and Amanda Manley, FCOVD
Michelle Zellers, COVT	Employed by: Drs. Macson Lee, FCOVD and John Reski, FCOVD



The College of Optometrists in Vision Development extends congratulations to all of the newly inducted FCOVDs, FCOVD-A, and COVTs!

About COVD

The College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD) is an international, non-profit optometric membership organization that provides education, evaluation, and board certification programs in behavioral and developmental vision care, optometric vision therapy, and visual rehabilitation. The organization is comprised of doctors of optometry, vision therapists, and other vision specialists. For more information, please visit www.covd.org.

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