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## ***Maryland Optometric Association Announces 2017 Award Winners***

**Baltimore, MD., December 7, 2017** — On Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the annual award winners of the Maryland Optometric Association (MOA) were announced. Awards were presented at the MOA Annual Convention during the Annual Meeting of the Association. Recipients were acknowledged for their outstanding efforts to improve eye care in Maryland and for their dedication and service to the profession of optometry. MOA congratulates all 2017 award winners.

Dr. Alan Glazier received the Optometrist of the Year award for his performance of outstanding services on behalf of the profession and to the visual welfare of the public. Dr. Glazier is a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation optometrist and the practice owner of Shady Grove Eye Care in Rockville, Maryland. He is an accomplished lecturer and the founder of *ODs on Facebook*. “Much like his father, who served as President of the MOA in the 70’s, Dr. Glazier is a force to be reckoned with,” said MOA Executive Director Jennifer Levy, noting that It is no coincidence that *Vision Monday* recognized Dr. Glazier as ‘one of the most influential optometrists in the U.S.’

Dr. Howai “Jenny” Chan received the Young Optometrist of the Year award given to a MOA member optometrist who has been in practice for less than 10 years and who has shown remarkable skills when serving the profession, patients, and the community. Dr. Chan is member of the MOA Board of Directors and serves as the President of the Greater Baltimore Optometric Society.

Dr. Mark Gordon received the Mel Waxman award for his years of service to the optometric profession and the citizens of Maryland. Dr. Gordon was chosen for this prestigious award based on his many contributions in the areas of public service to the visual welfare of the people and public service to the profession of optometry and on his outstanding qualities of character, citizenship, and leadership. “Dr. Gordon’s dedication to the profession is unwavering and his accomplishments innumerable. He has been, and continues to be, a tremendous asset to Maryland optometry,” said MOA Executive Director Jennifer Levy.

The V. Eugene McCrary award was received by Delegate Karen Lewis Young in recognition of her significant contributions to the enhancement of eye care for the citizens of Maryland. Delegate Young was the 2017 House sponsor of legislation to modernize the scope of practice of optometry in Maryland and improve access to primary eye care for all Maryland citizens. “I have been in State politics my entire career, and I can honestly say, Delegate Young is one of the most dedicated and passionate legislators I have had the pleasure of working with. She really understands and cares about the issue and has been a tremendous advocate for Maryland optometry,” said MOA Executive Director Jennifer Levy.

### ***About the Maryland Optometric Association (MOA)***

*The Maryland Optometric Association serves as the voice of optometry in Maryland to protect doctors and their patients. We advocate, educate and connect optometrists by strong advocacy efforts, providing premier educational resources, and engaging events that bring doctors and industry partners together.*

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