

Summer, 2022



Beta Sigma Kappa

Ocularum

Upcoming Meeting

- General Membership Meeting
- Virtual by Zoom
- Link to be released week of Meeting
- November 3, 2023
- 8:30pm EST

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The involvement of Beta Sigma Kappa members to support academic attainment has been more important than ever as optometric institutions continue to adjust curricular delivery in an ongoing pandemic. While classes and the American Academy of Optometry meetings have returned to in-person delivery, the BSK annual meeting will continue utilizing a virtual platform. The attendance at the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting was the largest that BSK has had in several years at approximately 160 active attendees! School Chapters were able to share their activities through the year and provide a platform for idea sharing among the groups, in addition to several attendees receiving gift cards for attending. The cost savings from the virtual meeting also allowed the World Council to more fully support the mission of BSK by providing additional funds to support student, resident, and faculty research. Thank you all for your contributions to your institutions and BSK chapters. We look forward to seeing you at the virtual annual meeting this fall!

Sincerely,

Lindsay Elkins, OD, FAAO

Chair of Optometric Education
Associate Professor
Southern College of Optometry
Dipl. American Board of Optometry
Chancellor, Beta Sigma Kappa World Council

BSK Chapter Updates

SCO

Southern College of Optometry

Advisor: Lindsay Elkins OD, FAAO

The 2021-2022 academic year for SCO's chapter of BSK was a successful one! We inducted 60 new members into the chapter and graduated 54 fourth year students in this year's graduating class. BSK has remained active in the SCO community by facilitating several mock practicals for first and second year students, including a focus on refractive and chair skills as well as BIO technique. Additionally, BSK took part in sitting for fourth year students as they practiced to take Part III of the NBEO board exam. Our BSK chapter had the honor of naming a Southern College of Optometry clinical and didactic teacher of the year in the college's annual convocation ceremony. Our chapter is proud of our contributions to our institution and look forward to the year ahead!



BSK Chapter Updates

Midwestern-Chicago

Midwestern University - Chicago College of Optometry

Advisor: Daniel Deligio, OD, FAAO

Chicago College of Optometry is happy to announce that 21 new students will be inducted into Beta Sigma Kappa with 31% of the class of 2025 achieving over a 3.50 GPA. CCO graduated 11 black and gold cords and 5 gold cords from the class of 2022! We will recognize all of the new inductees during a pinning ceremony in the Fall Quarter

CCO's BSK chapter volunteered at Midwestern University's Easter Day in the Spring of 2022, by handing out candy to children of MWU faculty and staff. Additionally, CCO's BSK chapter conducts an annual mock proficiency designed to help underclassmen and help them prepare for their BIG proficiency. Passing the BIG proficiency is what allows students to enter our clinic for patient care.

We are also proud to introduce our 2022-2023 BSK executive council at CCO: Eryka Uehling (President), Jewel Lee (Vice President), Brittany Mohning (Secretary), Sara Javidinejad (Treasurer), and Anna Thomas (Mock Proficiency Coordinator).



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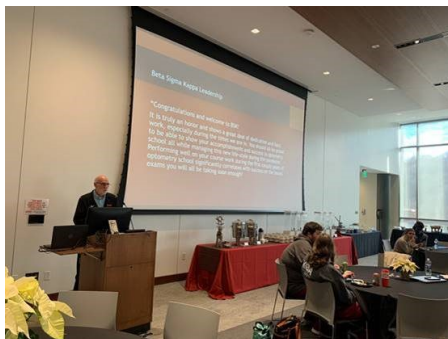
University of Pikeville

Advisor: Donald Egan, OD, FAAO

Below is a photo of our luncheon ceremony just before Winter Break. The venue overlooks the Kentucky mountains in our Health Professions Education Building and includes our holiday Christmas tree.



The students were all enthusiastic and as the saying goes “a good time was had by all”. It was also nice to see our students present at the annual membership Zoom meeting. Students during the Covid pandemic still played an active roll in tutoring services for KYCO curriculum courses and board preparation.



Dr. Donald Egan – Associate Dean
Academic Affairs - Faculty Advisor/
Moderator



Dr. Michael Bacigalupi – Dean Kentucky
College of Optometry - Presenter

BSK Chapter Updates

SUNY

State University of New York,
College of Optometry
Advisor: Sarah Zuckerman, OD, FAAO

SUNY Optometry's BSK chapter has had a great academic year. We welcomed 41 new members at our induction dinner and graduated 24 fourth-year students. The winner of the BSK Silver Medal was Jared Rahn from the class of 2022. Our 90 members continued the tutoring tradition, providing over 300 hours of didactic and pre-clinic tutoring. We also held retinoscope and gonio workshops for the first and second years. For the coming academic year, we hope to include more social events and pre-clinical workshops including mock board events.



BSK Chapter Updates

MCPHS

MCPHS University School of Optometry Chapter Update

Advisor: Alia Khalaf, OD

Here at MCPHS University School of Optometry, we have finally started our journey into the new normal. Being back in person was something we were all missing and we are happy to announce that in the fall of 2021, students and faculty gathered in person to honor 11 new members inducted into the MCPHS University Beta Sigma Kappa Chapter!

The BSK executive board also hosted our third annual fundraiser. The MCPHS University campus is located in a diverse city with many patients with a lower socio-economic status. As a way to contribute to the community, BSK established the Vision Tree Fund in 2019. We are so excited to announce that this year was our most successful yet, raising \$2,300!!! These funds are used for those patients without the means to pay for glasses. The intention for the Vision Tree Fund, is that it will be a continual resource for the Worcester community. We would like to thank our outgoing executive board for all their hard work and are looking forward to another great year with the newly inducted executive board!



BSK Chapter Updates

ICO

Illinois College of Optometry
Advisor: Michelle K. Man, OD, FAAO, FSLs

Illinois College of Optometry's BSK Chapter recognized all the students' accomplishments this past year in person! After two years of virtual banquets, it was great to see everyone and celebrate.



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- ♦ **BSK would like to recognize Sun Pharma for their generous financial contribution to fund optometric research**
- ♦ **Sun Pharma was our first BSK Corporate Donor**
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BSK Student Grant Winners 2022

Maddi Fortman

Ohio State University College of Optometry

Characterizing Biomechanical Parameters of Eyes with Keratoconus Using Two Dynamic Bidirectional Applanation Devices

Zachary Turple

New England College of Optometry

Intravital repeatability of retinal optical coherence tomography measurements in cerebral small vessel disease

BSK-AOF Research Grant Winner 2021

Kevin Willeford, OD, MS, PhD, FAAO

NOVA Southeastern University

Do non-strabismic individuals use slow fusional vergence to stabilize binocular alignment across gaze positions?

BSK-COVD Grant 2021

Patricia M. Cisarik, OD, PhD

Daniel Fuller, OD

Southern College of Optometry

Inter-examiner repeatability of eyelid laxity measurements in adults

Mitchell Scheiman, OD, PhD

Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University

Development of Patient-Reported Outcome Measures for Children with Concussion-Related and Non-Concussion-Related Non-Strabismic Binocular Vision, Accommodative and Visual Tracking Problems: Phase1

For more information about our grants, including application instructions, go to

<http://www.betasigmakappa.net/bsk-grantlist-2016.pdf>

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