Dr. Karen Rosen Receives Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Karen Rosen (’84) was one of six UM-St. Louis alumni to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award at the University of Missouri-St. Louis Founder’s Dinner held September 19, 2000 at the Ritz Carlton.

Dr. Rosen was a member of the first graduating class of the school of optometry at UM-St. Louis. She is also a founding member and former chairman of the Optometry Chapter of the UM-St. Louis Alumni Association.

She practices at Rosen Optometry Associates, Inc. in St. Louis County and has served her patients from the same location for more than 10 years.

A tireless advocate for her profession, Rosen belongs to many professional organizations, including the American Optometry Association, the Missouri Optometric Association, the St. Louis Optometric Society and Heart of America Contact Lens Society. Governor Mel Carnahan has appointed her to a second term on the Missouri State Board of Optometry.

She and her husband Dr. Steven Rosen live in west St. Louis county with their son Scott.

New Scholarships for Fall 2000

The School of Optometry is pleased to announce three new endowed scholarships to be awarded Fall 2000.

The Bellingrath Scholarship in Optometry - An alumnus has graciously endowed this scholarship, which will be providing support to three students each Fall. Students must be nominated by faculty, staff or alumni, demonstrate academic merit and student leadership and civic responsibility.

Mary M. Gilbert Scholarship in Optometry - This scholarship was established by Mrs. Gilbert, a longtime friend of the School of Optometry and of UM-St. Louis, to help any optometry student who is a member of the AAOS or the American Optometric Student Association.

Women in Optometry Scholarship - This scholarship was established by an optometry alumna and a Friend of the School who both hope other alumni and friends also will contribute to support this fund. One student with demonstrated financial need will receive this scholarship each Fall.
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Alumni

Dr. Rebecca Wartman (‘87) is the current President-Elect of the North Carolina State Optometric Society. When elected, Rebecca will be the first female president of that society. Congratulations!

Dr. Mike Murphy (‘85) appeared on the 5:00 p.m. news on Thursday, September 14, 2000 with Kay Quinn on NBC (St. Louis local news). He discussed diabetes and its effects on vision, in preparation for the Coalition Healthfair.

Dr. Sean Mulqueeny (‘91) and Kirk Morey, M.D. have entered a partnership to create the Morey-Mulqueeny Eye Center which opened August 24, 2000. It is a lasik center with an autonomous laser on-site. The Morey-Mulqueeny Eye Center is located in West St. Louis County.

Faculty

Dr. Larry Davis was invited to present “Complex Refractive Errors” at the annual meeting of the Missouri Optometric Association on October 8, 2000.

Dr. Timothy Wingert was elected and sworn into the office of Secretary of the Missouri Optometric Association on Saturday, October 7, 2000 at the MOA Annual Meeting in Columbia, MO.

Dr. Edward Bennett gave a presentation entitled: "Rigid Gas Permeable Contact Lens Fitting" and Dr. Larry Davis presented "Soft Contact Lens Fitting" at the CLAO Regional Basic Contact Lens Course, September 10, 2000 at St. Louis University.


Dr. Alex Harris was featured in the September 28 edition of the St. Louis American in a special

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Vision Care for Students in the Special School District Continues

by Barbara Willis Brown, O.D. (‘88)

The Special School District launched a program, funded by the State of Missouri, to provide visual examinations and eyeglasses for every student within the School District, without regard for the parent’s ability to afford the care. This program was begun about four years ago, and from the beginning Drs. Ralph Garzia and Monica Harris worked annually to help these students. However, funding for this project ran out over the summer.

Dr. Monica Harris, at the University Eye Care Center, and Dr. Jane Shea, at the Optometric Center, will provide eye examinations and eyeglasses for those children needing them through a generous grant from the Pearle Vision Foundation. A new funding source will need to be identified for next year, but Dr. Barbara Brown, the new development officer for the School, is already on the look-out for possible funders for this very worthwhile project.

Where Are They?

Help Us Find Our Missing Alums

Melissa Benson
Mark G. Birkmann
Steven D. Bresnahan
Susan Cerneka
Jason Diehl
James B. Elledge
Karen S. Galvin
Candace Hamilton
Cathy Heller
David Hoel
Ron D. Loflin
Harvey Mack
Carla Matz
Jason E. McDowell
R. Payson Moreland
Mary Murphy
Sandra Peters
Darren Plank
David E. Semon
Christine Siebert
Mark Siefkes
Janet G. Smith
Robert G. Soltys
Craig Steinberg
Susan Whipple

Optometry's Most Wanted

There are several alumni with whom we have lost contact. We would very much like to ensure that these alumni keep receiving the EyeWire and other mailings. If you know any of these alumni, please let them know that we would love to stay in touch, but have lost his/her address and telephone number.

Please contact either Barb Brown (314-516-6030), email: BrownBW@umsl.edu or Janice White (314-516-5566), email: Janice.White@umsl.edu or YOUR-EMAIL@umsl.edu.

Thank you so much!
Donors—July—October, 2000

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Dr. Moses Albalas  
Dr. Karen S. Aldridge  
Amcon Eyecare Supply Center  
Dr. Richard J. Apell  
Assn. Of Schools & Colleges of Optometry  
Dr. Lee Ann Barrett  
Bausch and Lomb  
Dr. Edward D. Bellingrath  
Dr. Edward S. Bennett  
Dr. Ronald M. Berger  
Bonebrake Vision & Eye Center LC  
Dr. Barbara W. Brown  
Dr. Sharon Saum Buruss  
Mrs. Judith Buss  
Dr. David W. Christensen  
CooperVision  
Dr. Larry J. Davis  
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Doell & Klein Optometry, PC  
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The Ophthalmic Education Institute Optometric Vision Development Center  
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Saint Louis Optometric Society  
Dr. John E. Scott  
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Spectrum Eyeglass Repair, Inc.  
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UM-St. Louis Alumni Association  
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Room Renovations

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Research Center

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Chouteau Lions Club  
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Laser Vision Center, Inc.  
Lemay/Jefferson Barracks Lions Club  
Lions Club of Clayton  
Lions Club International Dist. 26-A1  
Lions Club International Dist. 26-A2  
Lions Club of Jennings  
Lions Club of Kirkwood  
Lions Club of South Side St. Louis  
Mrs. Dorothy A. Maer  
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Resler-Kerber Optometry, Inc.  
Rotary Club of Saint Charles Sunrise  
Saint Louis Cheltenham Lions Club  
St. Louis Midtown Lions Club  
St. Louis Optometric Society  
Dr. Harold Tachman  
Webster Groves Lions Club  
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Choices/Careers issue. The article focused on the school’s efforts to recruit more minority students in to the optometry field.

Dr. Edward Bennett was an invited lecturer to the San Diego Optometric Society meeting on August 17, 2000. He also lectured at Vision Expo West, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 14-15, 2000.

Dr. Vinita Henry and Dr. Edward Bennett published a book chapter entitled: Contact Lens Induced Distortion and Corneal Reshaping. It was published as part of the text from Anterior Segment Complications of Contact Lens Wear by Dr. Joel Silbert.

Dr. W. Howard McAlister has been elected to serve as the UM-St. Louis School of Optometry Faculty Liaison to the Missouri Optometric Board.

Drs. Edward Bennett, Vinita Henry and Belinda Luk, coordinated the second Annual Optometric Contact Lens Residents Educational Symposium and Workshop in St. Louis, August 18 - 20, 2000. Dr. Bruce Morgan served as a faculty member for the workshop.

Alumni Personals

Dr. Lori Sarver (’85) has just celebrated her son’s first birthday! Easton Sarver was born July 20, 1999.

Dr. Kenton L. McWilliams (’99) has joined Karen (’84) and Steve Rosen at Rosen Optometry & Associates at the North Lindbergh location. Dr. McWilliams married Tanya Allison in May 2000. Congratulations!

Dr. Carl Abbott (‘95), his wife Debbie, and their 2 1/2 year old daughter Carly are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their second child in January 2001.

Thank You!
Did you know . . . other than the office of Secretary (which is actually held by Timothy Wingert of the School of Optometry faculty), all officers of the Missouri Optometric Association are now UM-St. Louis School of Optometry alumni!

Officers sworn in on Saturday, October 7, 2000 at the MOA Annual Meeting in Columbia, MO were President, LeeAnn W. Barrett ('85), President-elect, Kyle E. Brost ('87), Treasurer, Scott R. Ream ('87), and Immediate Past-President, Michael R. Penney ('87). Congratulations!

We have two new email addresses for the convenience of the alumni and friends. Feel free to update us on any happenings in your professional or personal life.

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