

EYE TIMES



The latest news and updates from the Opticians Association of Washington

MAY 2019

Spring Convention Was Out-Of-This World!

"Love it. Great members, great speakers, and great CE's."
-Jeff Z.

"I had a great time presenting to a wonderful group of Opticians. Very encouraging to see individuals who are passionate about our profession. Thanks for having me, and a special thanks to all the organizers."
-Andrew B.

"We had a great time! It was efficient, fun and really positive vibes all around. Donna and all the staff deserve a round of applause!"
Doc R.

"I really enjoyed this convention so nice to see everyone and also learn new things."
-Nicole S.

"Kayla Scanlon's classes were phenomenal! Her delivery of information was on point and I came away with a new mission to increase revenue and improve my office environment. AMAZING!"
-Lori F.

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A Word From the OAW President



by David Reed

Once again I find myself sitting at my desk contemplating the OAW convention in Vancouver. For all of you that were unable to attend, you missed not only some great education but the opportunity to meet with fellow opticians and vendors. Although our attendance was low, the spirit of the convention was very positive and exciting.

On Sunday morning we voted in the new board members. We set some high goals this year and we are asking for the help of everyone. Here they are:

1. We want to increase our membership. We need to bring in friends and co-workers who value their licensing and are willing to support us as we strive to keep it.

2. We are encouraging all of our chapters to become active once again. We are looking for new chapter leaders. We have many resources available that can help keep your chapter active. We are asking local chapters to have meetings to help us bring opticians in.

3. We would like to become more active in our local communities. We would like to create more community awareness, so we are asking that each chapter take an active role with some type of project for their local community.

4. We are hoping to turn Highline School into at least a 2 year degree program. We feel that as Licensed Dispensing Opticians we should have the best education that is available to us.

5. We need to raise money, so that if a time should arise where we need a lobbyist, we can afford to pay them.

I am looking forward to an exceptional year where by working together we can build up the Opticians Association of Washington to be the best organization in the U.S.. I am asking that you please join me in this effort. -



Fall Education Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019

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Updates From the Highline College Opticianry Program

by Deirdre Howard

I want to first say thank you for all your support and efforts. It is the end of week 6 for Spring quarter 2019 and I am happy to share with everyone the progress Highline College is having with its Optic 101 course.

As you may know we started the quarter with 17 students 9 more than what was required; congratulations to all who participated in making that happen. Currently, we are finishing the series on the theory of light, it has been difficult with the vast levels of education, optometric knowledge and individual course expectations. Gratefully, I have a strong core group of excellent students that are engaged and committed. They are exceptional at giving feedback and waste no time in letting me know when something is not working for them. We are constantly adjusting to fit the mean of the class. There is a mutual understanding that we're all rookies and we are all learning and growing at the same time.



Unfortunately, we have lost some students due to various reasons some of which can be attributed to the class not meeting expectations for immediate exam preparation. We have also had some students just never show up or participate. Our current enrollment is 14 students. They are a strong cohort and I see most of them continuing through the program.

Note: There are those that are really pushing the envelope as far as wanting to know everything, and that's an instructor's dream. They make a stressful job worth giving your all. -

The Mission of the Advisory Board for Highline College Optical Program

Are you interested in education for apprentices? The advisory board for Highline College Optical program, is looking for volunteers to help promote and make the program bigger and better. It can be done remotely for most meetings and only requires about 4 hours a month. Please contact Diane Charles at atgadmcharles@Comcast.net.

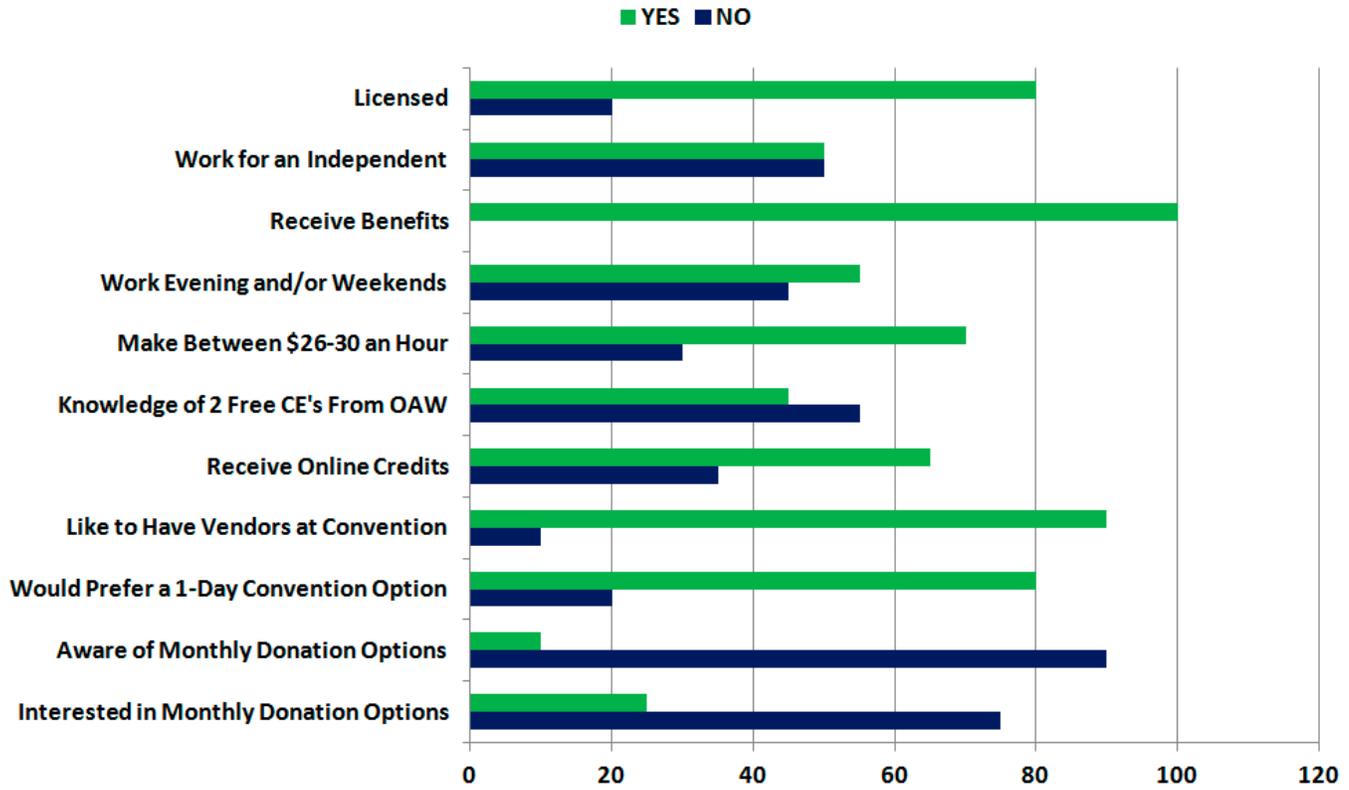
A Word About The Highline College Opticianry Program:

Our Goal: Assist in the training of apprentice opticians and promote growth in the industry of eye care through education.

Our Mission: Provide an educational base for persons wanting to enhance or develop their skills as dispensing opticians.

(Currently, Highline College is the only apprentice education program for opticians which is approved by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.)

Survey Results



An Invitation to Join the Dispensing Optician Examining Committee

The Department of Health, Health Systems Quality Assurance Division, is accepting applications to fill one committee member vacancy on the Dispensing Optician Examining Committee. We are accepting applications through August 9, 2019.

We seek diversity in committee members. We recognize the value variety brings in understanding and serving the people of Washington state.

Health profession boards, commissions, and committees operate under legislative mandate to protect the health and safety of the public and promote the welfare of the state by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers under their authority.

The Examining Committee consists of three licensed dispensing opticians appointed by the secretary of health.

The committee meets about four times a year to provide technical expertise, to advise, and to make recommendations on administering the dispensing optician statute

Duties of the Dispensing Optician Examining Committee include:

- Providing recommendations on the apprenticeship program.
- Participating in policy development.
- Providing recommendations on continuing education or continuing competency requirements.
- Providing recommendations on standards of professional conduct or practice.

If you are interested in applying for an appointment to the Dispensing Optician Examining Committee, the secretary of health-appointed application is at: www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/ProgramsandServices/BoardsandCommissions.aspx.

Please note on the application that you are applying for the Dispensing Optician Examining Committee.

If you have any questions about serving on the committee, please contact Debra Mendoza, program manager, at 360-236-4841 or e-mail debra.mendoza@doh.wa.gov -

Chapter News

Current OAW Chapters are working hard to revitalize their involvement within their optical communities. Chapter meetings are a great way to meet opticians in your area acquire continuing education, and network. If anyone is interested in hosting a meeting or starting a chapter in their region, please contact Chapter Chair Rebecca Swislow - rebeccaswis@msn.com



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you are
INVITED

OAW Tacoma Chapter Meeting

Speaker Geoff Ng
Jorgensen-Peninsula Optical

“New Innovations in Vision” - 1 ABO

Monday July 22nd @ 6:30pm

1901 S Union Ave # B1001
Tacoma, WA 98405

Please RSVP by July 1st
Stacey Gabrio 253-740-8696 or
Jeff Zeitler 206-853-3791





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*Reach out if you would
like to join a committee!*



Thanks for attending Spring Convention 2019!

CLASSIFIEDS

OPTICIAN WANTED

Monroe Vision Clinic

We are looking for a licensed optician who can work 4-5 days per week. We are a large private practice in a medical setting in Monroe and if hired, you would be working with amazing next level doctors and support staff, as well as 3 LDO's. Respond with your resume to optical@monroevisionclinic.net

Spokane Optical Company

We are seeking a team member with optical experience. We are looking for a person that is friendly, motivated, and able to float between our 3 Spokane locations throughout the week. This is a full-time position, M-F, 8-5. Competitive pay and benefits that include medical, dental, life, LTD, profit sharing, 401(k), sick time, vacation and holiday pay, and more. Spokane Eye Clinic is the largest eye care organization in Spokane. See our website at www.spokaneeye.com for more information. Please email cover letter and resume to DBezember@spokaneeye.com.

Vision Plus Snohomish

Looking for a Licensed Dispensing or Registered Optician
Excellent Opportunity to expand your career!

Must have a strong work ethic, great customer service skills, inventory and frame buying, billing insurance and posting payments helpful but willing to train the right person. This is full-time position Tuesday – Saturday (Saturday hours 10:00am – 2:00pm)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Email: vpsnohomish@gmail.com

Fax: 360-568-6868

Advanced Vision Bellingham

Professional eye care clinic in Bellingham, WA is looking for the right person to join our office as an optician/office manager to support our management team. This position is full time with 38-40 hours Monday through Friday.

Licensed Dispensing or Registered Apprentice Optician (required 30 days after hire), High school diploma or equivalent, Optical and dispensing experience required, Lensometry skills required, Experience in a supervisory role, Ability to multi-task, while taking direction and follow through with assigned tasks, Strong interpersonal communication and writing skills, with the ability to work as part of a team, Commitment to maintaining the confidentiality of all patient records

Salary DOE. Please submit a resume and cover letter to apply to AdvancedVisionBellingham@gmail.com

OPTICIAN WANTED

Advanced Eye Care of Covington

We are looking for the right individual to help grow with our team as a superb Licensed Optician/Apprentice. Looking for the right person with a positive attitude, superior written & verbal skills, and outgoing personality. Technical ability, professionalism, and health consciousness are a must.

Experience is always preferred but we are willing to continue training the right apprentice.

Our practice takes care of all vision needs, medical eye concerns, and surgical co-management. We are an exciting, fun clinic who put patient needs first and are passionate about providing the best eye experience and above and beyond level of care for the patients.

Please send your resume to: aprilcaeccovington@gmail.com

Tulalip Wal-Mart Vision Center

We are seeking a Licensed Optician to join our team! This is a full-time position with competitive pay, health benefits, associate discounts, profit sharing, 401k, paid time off, and more.

Successful candidates must be a WA State Licensed Optician, have strong teaching skills, ability to learn & adapt quickly, excel at multitasking, and have excellent customer service skills.

To apply please send your resume and cover letter to :

Bess-Marie Barr 8924 Quil Ceda Blvd, Tulalip, WA 98271.

ru2020bmb@yahoo.com or fax to 360-657-5512. You must

also apply at <https://careers.walmart.com/> For more information contact Bess at 360-657-5513

Edmonds Vision Center

Hiring for a full-time optician position, prefer licensed or apprentice, prefer edging experience, in beautiful downtown Edmonds by the waterfront. We have benefits available and salary is DOE.

If you want to be an optician in a gorgeous location with amazing people to work with and to help on a daily basis, please send resume and cover letter

toofficemanager@edmondsvisioncenter.com and we will contact you to discuss the possibilities.

SEE Eyewear Seattle

Hiring a State Licensed Optician who is customer centric, goal focused, flexible, team-oriented, dependable, and fashion focused. Prefer a candidate with experience in a luxury or contemporary selling environment.

To apply: Please send all resumes to Ndondero@seeeyewear.com or visit SEEEyewear.com/Careers