



Resolution

ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2022

Whereas, the Illinois College of Optometry was established in 1955 based upon predecessor institutions founded in 1872, including the Chicago College of Ophthalmology and Otology, the Needles Institute of Optometry, and the Northern Illinois College of Optometry; and

Whereas, leaders of the Illinois College of Optometry have fostered continuous program growth and maturation that make the College the renowned educational institution and valued member of the optometric community that it is today; and

Whereas, the Mission of the Illinois College of Optometry is to develop highly qualified clinical optometrists through excellence in optometric education; and

Whereas, the College contributes to the health and welfare of Chicago's most vulnerable communities through the provision of comprehensive evidence-based eye health and vision services through the Illinois Eye Institute; and

Whereas, the Illinois College of Optometry contributes to the body of scientific knowledge; fosters life-long learning among its students, faculty, and staff; and, develops effective leaders who serve the institution, patients, communities, the profession, and the world; and therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry formally recognize the Illinois College of Optometry administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumni for their remarkable contributions and accomplishments as the oldest continuously operating optometry program; and be it further

Resolved, that the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry extend its enthusiastic congratulations to President Mark K. Colip and the entire Illinois College of Optometry community upon the auspicious occasion of celebrating in 2022 the historic 150th anniversary of its founding.