



# Resolution

## CONGRATULATING SUNY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**Whereas**, April 2021 marks 50 years since the founding of SUNY College of Optometry under the leadership of the inaugural president, Dr. Alden N. Haffner; and

**Whereas**, since the inaugural four-year class received the Doctor of Optometry degree in May 1975, SUNY College of Optometry has expanded its programmatic offerings to include graduate degrees in vision science, dual degrees of OD/MS, OD/MBA, OD/PhD, and micro-credentialing in key specialties; and

**Whereas**, SUNY College of Optometry established one of the profession's first residency programs in 1975 and has since expanded to 19 individual residency programs with over 40 residents annually; and

**Whereas**, the scientists within the Clinical Vision Research Center, Schnurmacher Institute for Vision Research, and the Graduate Center for Research are internationally recognized, publish in highly ranked journals, and are frequently requested presenters on optometry and vision science; and

**Whereas**, all successive leaders of the College, Dr. Edward R. Johnston and Dr. David A. Heath, 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 therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Board of Directors of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry formally recognize the SUNY College of Optometry administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumni for their remarkable contributions and accomplishments; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry extend its enthusiastic congratulations and best wishes upon the auspicious occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the SUNY College of Optometry.