



Resolution

CONGRATULATING THE HERBERT WERTHEIM SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Whereas, the year 2023 marks 100 years since the inaugural class entered the Berkeley Optometry program; and

Whereas, Berkeley Optometry became a separate department in 1939, an independent School of Optometry in 1941, and was renamed in 2021 to be the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry and Vision Science; and

Whereas, in 1946, when its Physiological Optics Graduate Research Program was created and later was renamed the Vision Science Graduate Group; and

Whereas, Berkeley Optometry's impact on vision and eye care, as well as optics and vision science, continued to increase throughout the last century; and

Whereas, its talented and diverse student body included Dr. Jennie Chai Louie Mew, graduating in 1931 as the first woman, and Dr. Marvin Poston, graduating in 1939 as the first black optometrist and later serving as President of Vision Service Plan and on the California State Board of Optometry; and

Whereas, all of its distinguished faculty and alumni contributed immensely to eye care, vision health and scientific discovery to live up to the school's mission to "advance optometric education, clinical practice, and vision research for the benefit of society"; and

Whereas, its leaders, throughout its history, including its current Dean, John Flanagan, ensured its growth and maturation to establish its renowned international reputation and outstanding legacy; and

Whereas, its global influence increased with the launching of the Berkeley Vision Cure program in 2022 to ensure that all children worldwide have access to vision care and vision correction; and therefore be it

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

Resolved, that the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry enthusiastically congratulate and send its best wishes upon the auspicious occasion of its 100th anniversary.