



Resolution

CONGRATULATING PACIFIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY ON ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Whereas, September 2025 marks 80 years since the founding of the Pacific University College of Optometry, originally the North Pacific College of Optometry, becoming the ninth optometric educational program established in the United States; and

Whereas, as the first health professions program established at Pacific University, whose current President is Dr. Jenny Coyle, an accomplished Past President of ASCO, the College is a cornerstone in the University's graduate and professional programs that build on Pacific's liberal arts base; and

Whereas, the College's Doctor of Optometry program offers a comprehensive contemporary curriculum that embraces its traditional strengths, incorporates active learning strategies, values interprofessional education and practice, and has contributed to the development of optometry internationally; and

Whereas, the College proudly offers Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs in Vision Science as well as optometric residency programs in multiple specialty areas, and the College's Pacific EyeClinics provide state-of-the-art vision and eyecare services; and

Whereas, the College's administration and faculty have worked alongside the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and its members in the collective quest for excellence and progress in optometric education; and

Whereas, all successive leaders of the College have fostered continuous program development and growth 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 salutes Dean Fraser C. Horn, the faculty, staff, students and alumni of the Pacific University College of Optometry upon this significant milestone of its 80th Anniversary year; and be it further

Resolved, that the ASCO Board extends sincere appreciation to the colleagues of the Pacific University College of Optometry who have contributed in meaningful and substantial ways to the success and transformative changes realized by the profession of optometry, optometric education, and the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, and we look forward to what the future will hold at this exemplar ASCO member institution.