



MOA Awards and Recipients

Optometrist of Year Award

This award recognizes a deserving individual doctor of optometry for performance of outstanding services on behalf of the profession and to the visual welfare of the public.

1967	Art Dorman, O.D.*	2002	Timothy Madgar, O.D.
1974	Lester Caplan, O.D.*	2003	Howard Levin, O.D.
1975	Ivan Tellis, O.D.	2004	Elizabeth McGinn, O.D./Thomas Wong, O.D.
1976	Jim Poland, O.D.	2005	Rob Stutman, O.D.
1978	Morty Davis, O.D.	2006	James Colgain, O.D.
1979	Robert Schwartz, O.D.	2007	Lori Sportelli, O.D.
1980	Eugene McCrary, O.D.*	2008	David Reed, O.D., FAAO
1982	Israel Dvoring, O.D.*	2009	None Given
1984	Egon Werthamer, O.D.	2010	Elliott Myrowitz, O.D.
1985	Harold Glaizer, O.D.	2011	Tracie King, O.D.
1986	William Seabold, O.D.	2013	John L. Burns, O.D.
1987	Forrest Miles, O.D.	2014	Nina Doyle, O.D., FAAO
1988	Richard Piel, O.D.	2015	Andrew Morgenstern, O.D.
1989		2016	Kevin Johnson, O.D.
1990	William Eisner, Ph.D.	2017	Alan Glazier, O.D.
1991	None Given	2018	Bryan M. Rogoff, O.D.
1992	Richard Edlow, O.D.	2019	Joshua S. Gordon, O.D.
1993	Christine Kispert King, O.D.	2020	Jennifer J. Kungle, O.D., F.C.O.V.D.
1994	Paul Brant, O.D.	2021	Dean Gogerdchi, O.D.
1995	Elliott Klonsky, O.D.	2022	Vicky Wong, O.D.
1996	Eric Cohen, O.D.	2023	Whitney Fahrman, O.D.
1997	Calvin Osterman, O.D.	2024	Natalie Sukontasup, O.D.
1998	Brian Manspeaker, O.D.	2025	Bryce St. Clair, O.D., M.P.H., FAAO
1999	Edward Wasloski, O.D.		
2000	Beverly Miller, O.D.*		
2001	Diane Serex-Dougan, O.D.		
			Others -- Dantzie, Lebowitz, Bernie Saltizak

* AOA OD of Year



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Young Optometrist of the Year Award

Presented to a member optometrist who has been in practice for less than 10 years and who has shown remarkable leadership skills when serving his/her profession, patients, and community

1996	Judy Goldstein, O.D.
1997	Elizabeth McGinn, O.D. & Alan Glazier, O.D.
1998	John Burns, O.D.
1999	James N. Hess, Jr., O.D.
2000	Robert Stutman, O.D.
2001	None Given
2002	Lori Sportelli, O.D.
2003	Tracie King, O.D.
2004	None Given
2006	Nina Nghi Doyle, O.D.
2007	Alan Bishop, O.D.
2008	Andrew Doyle, O.D., FAAO
2009	Lauren Gormley, O.D.
2010	Jennifer Kungle, O.D., FCOVD
2011	William R. Davis, O.D., M.S.
2012	Kevin Johnson, O.D.
2013	None Given
2014	Dean Gogerdchi, O.D.
2015	Vicky Wong, O.D.
2016	Whitney Fahrman, O.D.
2017	Howai "Jenny" Chan, O.D.
2018	None Given
2019	Corinne Casey, O.D., FAAO
2020	Heather Atcherson, O.D.
2021	Judy Hu, O.D. FAAO
2022	Bryce St. Clair, O.D.
2023	Laura Goldberg, O.D., M.S., FAAO
2024	Katharine Funari, O.D., M.P.H., FAAO
2025	Diana Chu, O.D.



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Melvin Waxman Award

Presented to an optometrist in recognition of his/her dedicated and loyal service to the profession and to the Maryland Optometric Association

1978	Gerson M. Woolf, O.D.	2006	Howard I. Woolf, O.D., FAAO
1983	Richard Piel, O.D.	2007	Barry Weiner, O.D.
1988	Alton Billmeier, O.D.	2008	Richard C. Edlow, OD
1989	Gerald Resnick, O.D.	2009	Christine King, O.D.
1990	None Given	2010	Elliott Klonsky, O.D.
1991	Drs. Robert & Lila Schwartz	2011	Thomas A. Wong, O.D.
1992	Morton Spind, O.D. (Posthumously)	2012	James A. Eickhoff, O.D.
1993	Joshua Breschkin, O.D.	2013	Harold Rowe, O.D. & James Poland, O.D.
1994	Egon Werthman, O.D.	2014	Jo Anne Brilliant, O.D.
1995	Norman Zipper, O.D.	2015	Robert Stutman, O.D., MBA, FAAO
1996	Monroe Stokvis, O.D.	2016	Kevin King, O.D.
1997	Calvin Osterman, O.D. & Jim Poland, O.D.	2017	Mark B. Gordon, O.D.
1998	William Barnett, O.D.	2018	John L. Burns, O.D.
1999	Howard Levin, O.D.	2019	Alan Bishop, O.D.
2000	Arthur Dorman, O.D.	2020	Not Given
2001	Vernon Pennington, O.D.	2021	Not Given
2002	Lester Caplan, O.D.	2022	Not Given
2003	Paul Harris, O.D.	2023	Helen L. Hooper, O.D.
2004	Paul Brant, O.D.	2024	Perry Lucente, O.D.
2005	Ed Wasloski, O.D.	2025	Not Given

Others -- Bill Seabold, Doug Cook, Bill Engle, Gene McCrary, Bill Barnett, B. Saltizak



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V. Eugene McCrary Award

Presented to someone outside of the profession in recognition of significant contributions to the enhancement of eye care for the citizens of Maryland

- 1991 Del. Kathleen Reilly
- 1992 Roberta Curtis (Board of Examiners, Exec. Sec.)
- 1993 Ira C. Cooke, Esq. (Lobbyist)
- 1994 Thomas C. Shaner, CAE (Executive Director)
- 1995 Del. Jeanette Bonsack & Del. Casper Taylor
- 1996 Sen. Perry Sfikas (for legislative commitment to vision care)
- 1997 Martin Wasserman, M.D. (Sec. of Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene)
- 1998 Kristin Jones, Esq. (Legislative staff to Association)
- 1999 Cynthia Ambrose (legislative assistant to MOA lobbyist)
- 2001 Ivan Garcia, M.D.
- 2002 WBAL-TV (for vision care coverage)
- 2003 Pat Bennett (Board of Examiners)
- 2004 Donna Mazyck, RN (MD. Department of Education)
- 2005 Del. Shane Pendergrass (for legislative commitment to vision care)
- 2006 Rifkin, Livingston, Levitan & Silver, LLC
- 2007 Kathy Curtain, (Executive Director of Society of Sight)
- 2008 Delegate Peter Hammen
- 2009
- 2010
- 2011 Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (anniversary of Medicare parity)
- 2012 Margaret Hayes, MS
- 2013 Sen. Katherine Klausmeier & Del. A. Wade Kach
- 2014 Christal Parker Batey, BA, MPA
- 2015 Delegate Joseline Pena-Melyñk
- 2016 Senator Nicholas R. Kipke
- 2017 Delegate Karen Lewis Young
- 2018 Catherine Carter
- 2019 Senator Paul Pinsky
- 2020 Venable LLP
- 2021 Not Given
- 2022 Not Given
- 2023 Not Given
- 2024 Jennifer Cohen
- 2025 Ashley M. Biggs, MSL (Maryland Library for the Blind and Print Disabled)