



CLASS OF 2026
AWARD WINNERS

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

10:00 A.M.

SCHWARZ THEATER

WELCOME

GUILHERME F. C. ALBIERI, PHD
VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

DAVID TROILO, PHD
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CLASS OF 2026

DR. MELISSA TREGO
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD
FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE

CLAIRE CONSTANCE GOUCHER
S. PAGE HAZEN

ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL AWARDS

BETA SIGMA KAPPA AWARD
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

MONICA VAN DUYNÉ

DR. FREDERICK W. BROCK MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING CLINICAL PERFORMANCE
IN VISION TRAINING

SAMIA AHMED

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS IN VISION
DEVELOPMENT AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN VISION THERAPY

JOCELYN LIU

COLUMBIA CLASS OF 1936 AWARD
FOR ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT
IN OCULAR DISEASE

S. PAGE HAZEN

CLASS OF 1991 PACESETTER AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRIMARY CARE

LORENZO GIANLUCA STAMPONE

DR. STANLEY EISENBERG MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT
AND ADMINISTRATION

KAITLYN NGUYEN

DR. WILLIAM FEINBLOOM MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING CLINICAL PROFICIENCY
IN LOW VISION

LUCILLE MEIER

IRA GOLDFARB MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN LOW VISION

SARAH YATONG WU

DR. LOUIS HERRMANN MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING COMPASSION IN
PATIENT CARE

SAMIA AHMED

MR. AND MRS. IRVING UNGER AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN OPTOMETRY

LORENZO GIANLUCA STAMPONE

JOSH WALLMAN, PHD MEMORIAL RESEARCH AWARD

SHAOHENG CHEN

ESTHER J. WERNER MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SEONGEUN KIM

SERVICE AWARDS

DR. MAX COHEN MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

ANASTASIA AMALIA DAKIS
MAN YI GAO
MELINDA CLEOPATRA WIJETILLEKE-MORVAI

DR. BENJAMIN FREED MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE
CREATED BY READER'S DIGEST PARTNERS FOR SIGHT FOUNDATION

DIXIE VASQUEZ

MORTON L. KIMMELMAN MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP IN
ORGANIZED OPTOMETRY

REBECCA MARIE TREEN

BILLIE M. LYONS MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE
COLLEGE COMMUNITY

S. PAGE HAZEN
NICHOLAS PREMNAUTH

NEW YORK STATE OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION
AUXILIARY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO
THE CLASS OF 2026

LORENZO GIANLUCA STAMPONE

INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AWARD
SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION
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JOVON STEVEN PRYCE
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CHRISTINA CHAN

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTION AWARDS

COOPERVISION 4TH YEAR CONTACT LENS
CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

KAITLYN NGUYEN

GP LENS INSTITUTE CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING CLINICAL PROFICIENCY
IN CONTACT LENSES

OMADE AZIZ

DR. WILLIAM M. EISENBERG MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN OCULAR DISEASE

RUSSELL BAYAN CHIN

GOOD-LITE PEDIATRIC AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN PEDIATRIC OPTOMETRY

CARLIE C. STALKER

ESCHENBACH AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN LOW VISION

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JOHNSON & JOHNSON EXCELLENCE AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL CONTACT LENSES
PATIENT CARE

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OPTELEC LOW VISION AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN LOW VISION

RACHAEL ELIZABETH TEVIS

BETA SIGMA KAPPA

*NIYATI BOGHANI
*ALYSSA CLEMENTE
*MURIEL REID DAWSON
*MONICA VAN DUYNÉ
*PRIYA SHEEBA FELIX
*MAN YI GAO
*CLAIRE CONSTANCE GOUCHER
*S. PAGE HAZEN

*TAHMINA JAHAN KEYA
*SEONGEUN KIM
*LUCILLE MEIER
*STUTI PATEL
*JACQUELINE MARIE SHANNON
*GABRIELLA SINOWAY
LORENZO GIANLUCA STAMPONE
HANYANG WANG

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