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Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute Host Alumni Reception

Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute hosted an Alumni Reception at the American Academy of Ophthalmology convention this year held in San Francisco, California. A crowd of more than 45 faculty and staff, resident alumni, Arkansas ophthalmologists and their guests gathered at the InterContinental Hotel in downtown San Francisco on Sunday, October 25th. Thanks to Dr. Laurie Barber for helping organize a great turnout and thanks to Dr. John Shock and Dr. Christopher Westfall for their support to make this annual event possible.



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John P. Shock, M.D., Honorary Guest of American Academy of Ophthalmology

This year, Dr. John P. Shock served as one of three guests of honor of Michael W. Brennan, M.D., residing president, at the 113th annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in San Francisco in October 2009. As a medical student in San Antonio, Dr. Brennan admired Dr. Shock for his character and class. "It was very easy for me to seek residency training in ophthalmology at Brooke Army Medical Center under his guidance," Dr. Brennan stated. "I have always felt that his mentorship was the perfect start for my opportunities to serve the profession, the physicians and the patients." Over subsequent years, Dr. Shock continued to rise through the Association of University Professors in Ophthalmology to become president and continue to lead in the educational realm.



Sight Saving, Life Changing



Parmalee Byrd wore glasses for 50 years before successful treatment at UAMS. He remembers entering the first grade and could not keep up because he couldn't see the board. He was delayed for a whole year and returned the next year with very thick glasses. He was teased a lot as a child. He said, "People with disabilities such as mine are sometimes viewed as having a lack of intelligence."

Byrd was even prohibited from joining the military during the Vietnam War, because he was unable to pass the physical due to his vision. At one time, he had broken glasses that were taped together in the middle. Byrd spent a lot of time in his house. He developed an ear for music and became a musician. After his cataract surgery, he was able to see clearly for the first time in his life. He was able to read license plates the first day and uses over-the-counter reading glasses now.

Romona Davis, M.D, along with Nicola Kim, M.D., treated him like a family member. "Dr. Davis's bedside manner was excellent," said Byrd, who had unfavorable experiences with some doctors in that area. "She touched my hand and looked in my eyes, so I had faith in her. I could not believe it could be done, but I was willing to try. And thank God I did."

New JEI Resident, Tayyeba Ali, M.D.

Tayyeba Ali, M.D., joined the department of ophthalmology residency program in November 2009. She received her medical degree in May 2007 from Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. Following medical school, she completed her preliminary year in internal medicine at UAMS in June 2009.

Some of her honors, awards, and achievements include: National Eye Institute ARVO Travel Award (2007); Esther Bleich Medical Scholarship (2004-2005); Medical Student Summer Research Grant (2003); Magna Cum Laude Bachelor in Arts (2003); Amy Chappell Medical Scholarship (2002-2004); Mary Angela Herbin McLennan Medical Fellow, four time recipient (2002-2006); Agnes Scott Study Abroad Travel



Grant (2001); Summer Undergraduate Research Program Grant (2000); Mortar Board (2001-present); the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (2000); Georgia Governor's Scholar (1998-2002); HOPE Scholar, State of Georgia (1998-2002); Agnes Scott Merit Scholar (1998-2002); and Westinghouse Scholar (1998).

Some of her public service and activities include: operations director, Humanity First USA; vice president of Respectable; conflict resolution facilitator for Soliya; overseas ophthalmology outreach, Arequipa; the Carefree Foundation, Peru, volunteer; Unite for Sight, Emory School of Medicine, volunteer; Central Night Shelter; Health and Fitness Fair; Physicians for Human Rights Workshop; Pregnancy Partnership Program; East Lake Elementary School; and Best Buddies.

Tasha Starks - Enucleator, Arkansas Lions Eye Bank and Laboratory



Tasha Starks graduated from Philander Smith College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Currently she is a second year medical student at UAMS and is also pursuing a Master of Public Health in the College of Public Health. Before attending medical school, she worked as a research assistant in the department of endocrinology, under Dr. Phillip Kern. Her research interests include type II diabetes, as well as weight reduction in overweight children from disadvantaged populations.

Starks has served as the president of the Honor Council and Student Council in the College of Public Health. She is currently the vice president of the Student National Medical Association and a member of the Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee at UAMS. Starks joined the enucleation team for the Arkansas Lions Eye Bank and Laboratory in July 2009.

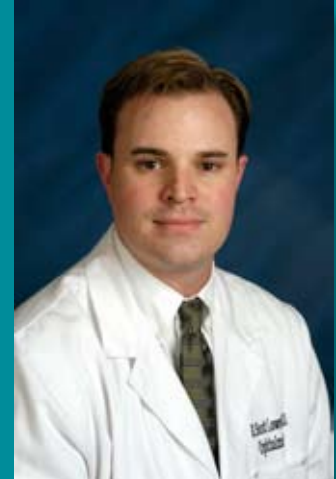
In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her two children, Timia, 5, and TJ, 3. She enjoys singing, reading and traveling.

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CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE CORNER

R. Scott Lowery, M.D., assistant professor in the department of ophthalmology, received the Arkansas Childrens Hospital Patient Satisfaction Dean's List. This list is a quarterly honor roll of the College of Medicine faculty on staff at ACH. Honorees scored at or above the 90th percentile on inpatient satisfaction among all returned Press-Ganey surveys and among 10 similar, peer pediatric hospitals (with at least seven surveys returned).

Congratulations to Dr. Lowery!



We would also like to congratulate JEl faculty, Dr. Laurie Barber, Dr. Richard Harper, Dr. Nicky Kim, Dr. Paul Phillips and Dr. John Shock, who were listed in the *Arkansas Times Best Doctors 2009*.



Barber



Harper



Kim



Phillips



Shock

JEI Staff Receive UAMS Employee Service Awards

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences 2009 Employee Service Awards ceremony and reception was held on October 13th and 14th at the Jackson T. Stephens Spine and Neurosciences Institute. On October 13th, employees with 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 60 years of service were honored. Carryl Blackburn (45 years), Dr. Gissur Petursson (35 years) and Dr. John Shock (30 years) received their service pins. Employees with 5, 10 and 15 years of service were honored on October 14th. Other JEI staff members that received their service pins this year were:

Cynthia Bond, 15 years
 Barbara Wright, 15 years
 Dr. Richard Harper, 15 years
 Kathryn Eisele, 10 years
 Susan Cunningham, 10 years
 Angi Covert, 10 years
 Allison Johnson, 10 years
 Brenda Duhamel, 10 years
 Debbie Terry, 10 years
 Daniela Buhayevska, 5 years
 Marsha Johnson, 5 years



FREE LUNCH & LEARN SEMINAR

Diabetes and the Eye

**Wednesday, November 4
 11:30am to 1:30pm
 Bowen Auditorium
 Jones Eye Institute
 Led by Dr. Sami Uwaydat**

Diabetic retinopathy causes the most blindness in the U.S. At this seminar we will discuss:

- Why you need a healthy retina to see clearly
- How to keep your eyes healthy
- How to prevent diabetic retinopathy
- Symptoms of diabetic retinopathy
- Treatment for diabetic retinopathy

Plus, plenty of time for Q&A.

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THE LUNCH AND SEMINAR ARE FREE, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
 Call Anna Latta at 526-6000 ext 2600 or email her at AMLatta@uams.edu.

**Wednesday, November 4
 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**Bowen Auditorium
 Jones Eye Institute**

Calendar of Events, Birthdays and Anniversaries

by Brenda Hull

Birthdays

October 3 – Dr. A. Henry Thomas
 October 6 – Susan Cunningham
 October 7 – Donna Mattingly
 October 13 – Jennifer Doyle
 October 15 – Meredith James
 October 19 – Amanda Dozier
 November 10 – Bharati Matta
 November 21 – Shane Carter
 November 22 – Dorothy Gray-Stallcup

Anniversaries

October 1 – Ruslana Tytarenko, 3 years
 October 1 – Dr. Bhairavi Kharod, 2 years
 October 9 – Louise Geer, 3 years
 October 24 – Mary Rinke, 26 years
 October 24 – Deanna Ely, 4 years
 October 30 – Amanda Dozier, 9 years
 October 31 – Allison Johnson, 10 years
 November 1 – Dr. Nicola Kim, 7 years
 November 1 – Diane McVinney, 3 years
 November 1 – Dr. Sami Uwaydat, 1 year

November 1 – Shannon Hughen – Giger,
 3 years
 November 1 – Angi Covert, 1 year
 November 7 – Barbara Wright, 15 years
 November 16 – Susan Callans, 11 years

November

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30					