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### **Gretna Resident Receives 2016 Walmart/Sam's Club NOSA Leadership Award**

**Elkins Park, Pa** – Gretna resident Evelyn Dearing, '17OD recently received the 2016 Walmart/Sam's Club NOSA Leadership Award at the National Optometric Association (NOA)'s 48<sup>th</sup> annual convention in Chicago.

Comprised of a scholarship and associated benefits, this award is presented to an individual who demonstrates leadership in the field of optometry. Dearing also received an Allergan Travel Grant for associated expenses and was named a Cooper Vision Future Contact Lens Leader for her leadership qualities and interest in the field of contact lenses.

A Gretna High School graduate, Dearing earned her undergraduate degree from George Mason University. Currently enrolled in Salus University's optometry program, Hwang previously served as the Salus/Pennsylvania College of Optometry chapter president of the National Optometric Student Association.

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