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Salus University Student Kalie McCartin Awarded Second Place in American Optometric Association InfantSEE Scholarship Contest

Elkins Park, Pa – Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry student Kalie McCartin, Class of 2017, was awarded second place in the 2016 InfantSEE Scholarship contest by the Scholarship and Endowment Fund Advisory Committee of the American Optometric Association (AOA), sponsored by Vision West, Inc. and Optometry Cares – The AOA Foundation.

To be considered for the scholarship, third-year optometry students must write a 1,000-word essay and submit a short video that covers mandatory assigned topics relating to InfantSEE, a national public health program designed to ensure that eye and vision care becomes an integral part of infant wellness care. Students must also be members of the American Optometric Student Association and be in good academic standing.

For the past two years, McCartin has volunteered to plan and organize campus visits for grade school students from the City Neighbor Charter School in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition to providing campus tours and clinical lab demonstrations, McCartin and the other volunteers lead an in-depth study of the eye and provide an opportunity for the grade school students to ask questions and create a discussion. She also established The McCartin Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to increased awareness and education for binocular vision disorders and vision therapy.

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