

MOA Presents 2011 Awards

Four Maryland professionals will be honored by their fellow colleagues at the Maryland Optometric Association's (MOA) award luncheon taking place at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore on Dec. 4. This event is part of the 2011 Fall Convention featuring Continuing Education Forum & Board Certification Preparation. Below are the four 2011 award winners. The MOA would like to extend a congratulations to the recipients!

Optometrist of the Year

Tracie King, O.D.

Bay Family Eye Care
Elkridge, Md.

Dr. King was honored for her remarkable leadership skills when serving the profession, patients, and community as well as her dedication to the profession and the association. Dr. King opened her private practice in July 2001. She is an active Member of the American Optometric Association, Maryland Optometric Association, and Vision Source. Dr. King is currently serving on the Maryland Optometric Association Executive Board as 1st Vice President and Legislative Chairperson. Dr. King earned a BS in Physiology from Michigan State University, and earned her doctorate in Optometry from the Michigan College of Optometry in the spring of 1999. Her Professional Mission is to improve the quality of eye care and access to that care in Maryland through education and working with our legislators in Annapolis.



Mel Waxman Award

Tom Wong, O.D.

SUNY College of Optometry
New York, N.Y.

Dr. Wong was honored in recognition of his long-term, sustained, dedicated and loyal service to the optometric profession and to the MOA. Dr. Wong received his Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University and his Doctor of Optometry degree from SUNY College of Optometry in 1989. He had an 18-year career with Kaiser Permanente, where his responsibilities included both direct care as well as extensive administrative responsibilities. During his time at Kaiser, Dr. Wong served as the Optometry Chief in the Vision Services Department in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia and was the Optometry Supervisor for eight medical centers in Northern Virginia. Dr. Wong also served as Immediate Past President of the MOA. He has volunteered with Healthy Eyes Healthy People, Washington Jesuit Academy and Virginia Optometric Services for Humanity.



Young Optometrist of the Year

William Davis, O.D.

Washington Eye Physicians and Surgeons
Chevy Chase, Md.

Dr. Davis is one of fewer than 5% of optometrists nationwide to have completed a hospital-based residency program in ocular disease. He has presented research at several major professional meetings and contributed to the published vision science literature. Dr. Davis graduated from the Ohio State University, College of Optometry with a Doctorate of Optometry and a Masters of Vision Science, both with honors. He has received many awards, honors and certifications including The Vincent J. Ellerbrock Memorial Award for Vision Science research. Dr. Davis currently serves as the MOA Education Chairman.



Eugene McCrary Award

Senator Barbara Mikulski

Baltimore, Md.

This award is presented in recognition of a layperson's significant contributions to the enhancement of eye care for the citizens of Maryland. It is the 25th anniversary of optometry being included in Medicare and Sen. Mikulski was instrumental in its implementation. Sen. Mikulski's experiences as a social worker and activist provided valuable lessons that she draws on as a United States Senator. She is always looking out for the day-to-day needs of Marylanders and the long range needs of the nation. She believes her constituents have a right to know, a right to be heard and a right to be represented.

