



Summary of Award Winners

Clarence L McEachern Hall of Fame: Awarded to an OD or other optometrically involved individual who has a long and distinguished career of service and dedication to the profession and the advancement of its causes.

Past recipients include:

Clarence McEachern	Bill Payne	Joe Jenkins	Robert Lopanik – 2013
Wayne Cannon	Paul Burrell	Marvin Efron – 2008	Bill Spearman – 2014
Bill Oliver	William Ezell	Harold Bell – 2009	Neil Draisin - 2016
Ned Hobbs	Strom Thurmond	Bud Antley – 2010	Kenneth Nash – 2017
Henry Sawyer, Sr.	Scarborough	James Vaught – 2011	Lonnie Randolph - 2017

Optometrist of the Year: The award of Optometrist of the Year is not always an annual event. It is given to the SCOA member who has provided outstanding public service, service to the general welfare of the public, service to optometry and service to the AOA and/or its affiliates.

Past recipients include

Wayne Cannon	Jim Lyday	James Vaught	Neil Draisin – 2011
Clarence McEachern	William Ezell	Lonnie Randolph	Philip Flynn – 2013
Bill Oliver	Bill Tucker	Walt Mayo	Wayne Cannon – 2015
Ned Hobbs	Bill McCurdy	Vaughn Parfitt	Deborah Long - 2016
Paul Burrell	Bob Lopanik - 1998	Peter Candela – 2008	

Distinguished Service Award: Normally awarded to that member or individual whose dedication to a particular project either optometrically, community or service oriented, has brought distinction and success to the profession. (Not awarded in 2008)

Past recipients include

James Vaught	Jim Dunn	Deborah Long – 2005	Greg Bailey – 2013
Neal Williams	Lonnie Randolph	Jennie Smith – 2009	Vince Ford – 2013
Walt Mayo (twice)	Neal Williams	Philip Flynn – 2010	Nikki Haley - 2014
Rob Sieffert (twice)	Alva Pack	Tom MacMillan – 2011	
Vaughn Parfitt	Tim Stafford	Rhett Richardson – 2011	
Tim Burrell	Jack Frasher	Philip Flynn - 2012	

Young OD of the Year: Candidate must have exhibited exemplary involvement in the following: service to Optometry, service to the visual welfare of the public, public service within ten years of graduation from optometry school.

Past recipients include:

Cynthia Wike	Melissa S. Wood – 2008	Jennie Zolman – 2012	Johndra McNeely - 2016
Michelle Reeves	Lori Roberts Donovan – 2009	Mike Zolman – 2014	
Steve Wearden - 2006	Philip Flynn – 2011	Jamie Hill – 2015	

Optometric Horizon Award: Candidate must have exhibited initiative and involvement in SCOA and community within five years of graduation from optometry school.

Past recipients include:

Steve Brzytwa	Katie Mason	Jennie Smith – 2008	Katie Davis – 2016
Buck Buchanan	Philip Flynn	Mike Zolman – 2010	Justine O'Dell - 2017
Michelle Spittler	Keith Jones	Nicole Psaltis – 2011	
Steve Wearden	Lori Roberts Donovan - 2006	Johndra McNeely – 2012	

Tim Burrell Legislative Award: The Tim Burrell award is awarded to an optometrist that has shown exemplary volunteer service in the area of grassroots politics involving the SCOPA and SC government.

Past recipients include:

Lori Roberts Hauser- 2008	Ted Newman - 2010	Philip Flynn – 2016
James Vaught – 2008	Philip Flynn – 2012	Mike Zolman - 2016
James Vaught – 2009	Wayne Cannon – 2014	Johndra McNeely - 2017

Paraoptometric of the Year Award: presented to an optometric assistant or technician in SC who has made the most outstanding and worthwhile contribution to the profession of optometry, paraoptometry and the general public. (**Started in 2012**)
Bridget Bessinger (2012), Caroline Riggins (2014), Jeffrey “Todd” Gary (2015), Curtis Turner (2016).