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**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
THE 2019 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN CONTACT LENS PATIENT CARE RECIPIENTS**

ORLANDO, FL (June 4, 2019) – The American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF) is pleased to announce the **2019 Johnson & Johnson Vision Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care** recipients. This award recognizes outstanding fourth-year student clinicians who have demonstrated skillful knowledge of the contact lens field. Each winner will receive a \$500 educational award and a personalized plaque commemorating their accomplishment.

2019 Recipients and Institutions attended:

Mariana Ferraz	Illinois College of Optometry
Mackenzie Speers	Indiana University, School of Optometry
Kevin Hoang	Inter American University of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry
Stephanie Gee	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, School of Optometry
Kristina Aikens	Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
Christina Wenn	Midwestern University Arizona, College of Optometry
Kendra Phillis	New England College of Optometry
Kelsey Buford	Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry
Karla Delgado	Nova Southeastern University, College of Optometry
Ryan Rutschilling	The Ohio State University, College of Optometry
Mari J. Fujimoto	Pacific University, College of Optometry
Nathan Housley	Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
Brandin Gwinner	Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University
Abigail Kirk	Southern College of Optometry
Nicole Poon	State University of New York, College of Optometry
Courtney Sartin	University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Optometry
Valerie A. Lim	University of California Berkeley, School of Optometry
Theresa Hoang	University of Houston, College of Optometry
Jacquelyn M. Tyra	University of Missouri St. Louis, College of Optometry
Mikhail Lifshits	University of Montreal, School of Optometry
Christina Sally Abuata	University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry
Kirsten Carter	University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science
Kimber M. Kenzli	Western University of Health Sciences, College of Optometry

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