

# COTP SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 2018



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*Faith Race, COTP President*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow COTP Members,

Summer is here! For some of you that means a break from teaching, for others it is business as usual. Regardless of the category you fall in as educators, the most wonderful time of the year is upon us: graduation season. We see the hard work and time our students have invested pay off. Many have conquered adversity to walk across the graduation stage and it serves me well to be reminded that our students sacrifice much to be where they are now. We play a part in changing a person's life, which is an honor I do not take lightly. Being able to share in this experience inspires me to be ready to serve our next group of students.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned the updated COTP webpage. I am pleased to see many of you have made it your own. From sharing program highlights to participation in the forum area, it is our site and we are using it. In addition, the Bylaws Committee and Education Committee have been hard at work; thank you! The group is looking forward to hearing updates during the annual meeting in November.

To continue the initiative of recruitment, I am excited to report that I attended the HOSA International Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas at the end of June. Continue reading for more information on HOSA.

I hope to see each of you during ACE 2018 in Chicago October 26-28. This event is a once a year opportunity to see one another face-to-face and share ideas that help to better serve our students, our programs, and the profession. I hope your program will participate in COTP's annual business meeting on Saturday, October 27, 2018. It is never too soon to begin thinking of topics you would like to see on the agenda.

I hope each of you find time this summer to enjoy friends and family.

Faith Race, BS, COT, OSC  
COTP President

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## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION AND NEWS

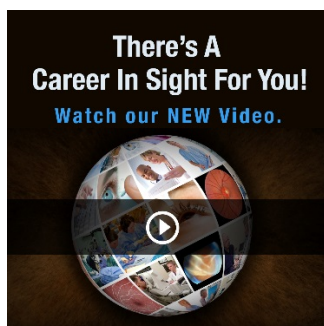
**ATPO and CSOMP Membership.** The Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology (ATPO) and the Canadian Society of Ophthalmic Medical Personnel (CSOMP) offer discounted membership to programs' students as well as a joint membership agreement. Introduce your students to ATPO and CSOMP and get them involved with their professional membership organization. Visit their websites to learn more.

<http://www.atpo.org> and <http://www.cos-sco.ca/csomp/>

**COTP Members Only Page.** This is intended ONLY for COTP members. Here you can find the COTP Forum as well as a list of current Board Members. We would like encourage members to start using the forum as a way to share course materials, recommended textbooks, links, and other useful information. If you are not currently registered, please contact Caitlin Taylor-Sharp at [cotp@jcahpo.org](mailto:cotp@jcahpo.org).

**Membership Feature.** COTP would like to recognize your program! We will be promoting one to two training programs per month on the website. Send in one to two paragraphs telling us about your program – how many students you have, what is your demographic, program successes, etc. Please include a group photo of your program, as well as a [photo release](#) for each person pictured in your photo, so we can use your image for COTP publications.

**Recruitment Brochures.** A brochure has been created to promote our profession at job fairs and other similar events, with guidance counselors, and unemployment offices. A brochure targeted to military personnel as they begin their job search after service has also been created. Contact Caitlin Taylor-Sharp at [cotp@jcahpo.org](mailto:cotp@jcahpo.org) for more information.



**Recruitment Video.** A video has been developed that discusses what an Ophthalmic Medical Technician does and the pathway to becoming one. This video is now available on YouTube and has been promoted online through Facebook and COTP, ICA, IJCAHPO, and ATPO websites. Be sure to link the video to your program's website!

**Salary Survey.** The 2018 COTP Member Salary Survey was completed on May 7, 2018, by 25 program directors. The survey report was released in June to COTP Members. Please contact Caitlin Taylor-Sharp at [cotp@jcahpo.org](mailto:cotp@jcahpo.org) if you have questions on the survey.

**Site Visitors.** The International Council of Accreditation (ICA) is always in need of more physician site visitors. This is an excellent opportunity for your medical director to visit other programs and bring back pearls and ideas for your program. Ask your medical director to volunteer for an ICA site visit today! Click the link for more details: [http://icaccreditation.org/site\\_visitors/application.html](http://icaccreditation.org/site_visitors/application.html).

**Website Changes.** If you have a change of personnel, please submit documentation to Caitlin Taylor-Sharp at [cotp@jcahpo.org](mailto:cotp@jcahpo.org) so that your information can be updated appropriately.

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## HOSA

HOSA-Future Health Professionals (formerly Health Occupation Students of America), as stated on their website ([www.hosa.org/about](http://www.hosa.org/about)), is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education (HSE) Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.

HOSA's 2018 International Leadership Conference (ILC) was held in Dallas, Texas, from June 27-June 30, 2018. IJCAHPO, COTP, and ATPO attended the ILC to spread awareness of formal training programs and the profession. Faith Race, COT, OSC (COTP President), Suzanne Hansen, MEd, COMT, OSC (ICA's IJCAHPO Representative), and Wade Delk (IJCAHPO Staff/ATPO Executive Director) represented the three organizations in Texas. Our representatives spoke with hundreds of young adults at the Exhibit Hall and nearly 200 attendees provided their contact information to receive additional information!

Faith Race and Suzanne Hansen provided an educational and exciting workshop on a career as an ophthalmic technician. During the well-attended workshops, attendees experienced hands-on use of the Worth four-dot test and Titmus test. A demonstration of how to discover their physiologic blind spot was a hit! Information regarding how to enter the field was also provided.

## ACCREDITATION UPDATE

*Craig Simms, BSc, COMT, ROUB, CDOS, Education Director*

The ICA Board of Directors met in July to finalize the Standards. The Standards will be released to all COTP Program Directors and Medical Directors on August 1, 2018, prior to being released for the Public Hearing. Program Directors and Medical Directors will have 30 days to review and provide feedback on the Standards. The ICA Board will review all feedback before starting the Public Hearing process.

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### Highlights from the ICA Standards:

- Drafted using CoA-OMP, IJCAHPO international and CMA Standards as reference
  - Includes 7 Standards
  - Each Standard has multiple criteria to meet – total of 39
  - Identified “critical criteria” that carries a heavier weight
  - Adopted the CMA numbering system (e.g., 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 replaces IV.A.3, IV.A.4, IV.A.5)
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