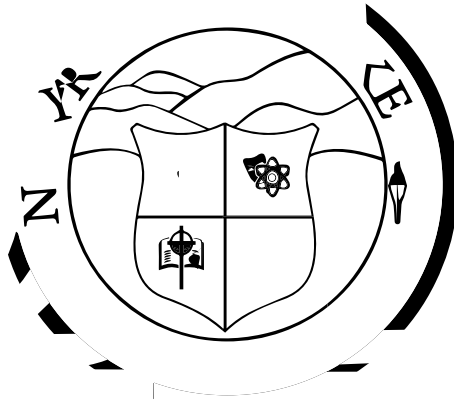


# White Coat Ceremony



April 1, 2023  
2 p.m.  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor Pavilion  
Health Professions Education Building

# KYCO Mission

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The Kentucky College of Optometry's mission is to develop leaders in therapeutic optometry through innovative education and a commitment to caring for the underserved.

# Ceremony Program

Prelude Music.....Phillip Todd Westgate, D.M.A.  
*Professor of Music, University of Pikeville*  
*Pianist*

\* Academic Processional.....~~Class~~ of 2025  
*Kentucky College of Optometry*  
Bryan Beals  
*Student Marshal, Class of 2026*  
Lauren Bailey  
*Student Marshal, Class of 2026*

Welcome

# Keynote Speaker

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## Michelle Cooper, O.D.



Michelle Cooper graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in biology from Auburn University. She then attended the University of Alabama-Birmingham, where she graduated cum laude with a Doctor of Optometry.

Cooper began practicing in Greenville, South Carolina, in 1994. She has served in various professional leadership positions, including president of the Piedmont Optometric Society and secretary-treasurer and president of the South Carolina Optometric Association. In addition, Cooper served on the board of directors for the American Optometric Association Political Action Committee and on the board of trustees for SECO. She is currently a member of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry. In 2000, Cooper was honored by being named South Carolina Young Optometrist of the Year. In addition to practicing optometry, she travels around the country teaching electronic medical records to fellow doctors and sta .

Dr. Cooper lives in Greer, South Carolina, with her two daughters, Meredith and Madeline, her son Johnny and their dog.



# KYCO Class of 2025

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Kirstyn Linne  
*Tell City, Indiana*

Kateryna Luzhenkova  
*Brooklyn, New York*

Ruby Martinez  
*Lakeland, Florida*

William McElroy  
*Tifton, Georgia*

Heather McKneely  
*Sissonville, West Virginia*

Ryker Meyer  
*Boise, Idaho*

Mohammad Mona  
*Jacksonville, Florida*

Valeria Muñoz  
*Gainesville, Georgia*

Morgan Napier  
*Harlan, Kentucky*

Victoria Nordin  
*Paintsville, Kentucky*

Jessica Olson  
*Missouri Valley, Iowa*

Katelynn Philyaw  
*Nashville, Tennessee*

Amanda Putorek  
*Princeton, West Virginia*

Brooke Radclie  
*Mason, Ohio*

Laurence Riel  
*Richmond, Kentucky*

Danielle Rose  
*Pataskala, Ohio*

Diana Scavuzzo  
*Blairsville, Georgia*

Emily Shelton  
*Hi Hat, Kentucky*

Allison Shelton-Tahdooahnippah  
*Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Paige Smith  
*Jewell Ridge, Virginia*

Justin Snedden  
*Hastings, Pennsylvania*

Hannah Stacy  
*Inez, Kentucky*

Carson Sykes  
*Haysi, Virginia*

Jeremy Tillman  
*Hopkinsville, Kentucky*

Isabel Virgille  
*Miami, Florida*

Crystal Wade  
*Atlanta, Georgia*

Carley Warburton  
*Okmulgee, Oklahoma*

Caleb Watson  
*Newton, North Carolina*

Tanner Wells  
*Barbourville, Kentucky*

# KYCO Professional Conduct Pledge

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With full deliberation I freely and solemnly pledge that:

I WILL ensure that all persons have access to eye, vision, and general health care in an environment of faith, social justice and human dignity

I WILL provide care that is consistent with established clinical practice guidelines based on the latest scientific knowledge and procedures

I WILL remain current with the prevailing scope of practice and standards of care to benefit my patients

I WILL respect the rights of my patients to be active participants in decisions affecting their health care

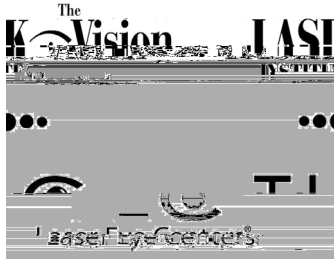
I WILL inform patients or their legal guardian about the patient's health care and health care options

I WILL hold in confidence all protected health and other personal information

I WILL conduct myself with good character in all my actions to build trust and respect with patients, the public and colleagues

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