Kentucky College of Optometry

White Coat Ceremony



April 9, 2022 2 p.m. 7th Floor Pavilion Health Professions Education Building

KYCO Mission

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
*	Academic Processional
	Jacob Keener Student Marshal, Class of 2025
	Beth Sommerfeldt Student Marshal, Class of 2025
	WelcomeMichael Bacigalupi, O.D., M.S., FAAO, FNAP Dean, KYCO
*	Invocation
	Greetings from the UniversityLori Werth, Ph.D. Provost, University of Pikeville
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker
	Keynote Address
	~ White Coat Presentation ~
	Cliff Caudill, O.D., FAAO Assistant Dean of Clinical Affairs and Associate Professor of Optometry Donald Egan, O.D., FAAO, DPNAP Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Optometry
	KYCO Professional Conduct Pledge and Closing Remarks Dr. Caudill
*	Recessional
*	Audience please stand, if able.

Keynote Speaker

Christine Cook, O.D. FAAO

Christine Cook, O.D., FAAO, has been in the optometric field for more than 20 years. She joined The Eye Specialists in Virginia Beach in 1999. Cook is a graduate of the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a diplomate of the American Board of Optometry. Cook is a member of the American Optometric Association and is a past president of the Virginia Optometric Association and the Tidewater Optometric Society. She was selected Virginia's Optometrist of the Year for 2016. Cook currently serves as president of South Eastern Congress of Optometry (SECO) International, headquartered in Atlanta. SECO International is a not-for-profit association founded in 1923 and counts as its members, practitioners in the 13 southeastern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. SECO International is widely acknowledged as the largest optometric educational provider in the profession.

Cook also serves as an adjunct faculty member of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University. In her spare time, she enjoys horseback riding.

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KYCO Professional Conduct Pledge

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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