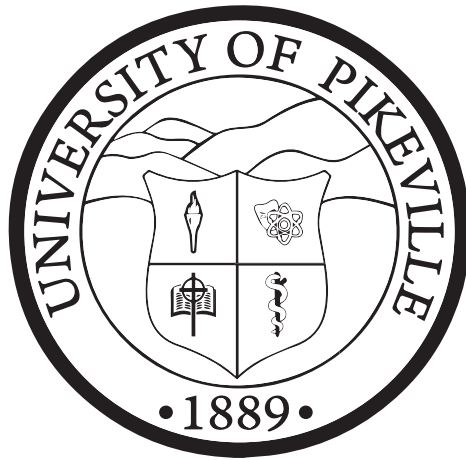


Kentucky College of Optometry

# White Coat Ceremony



April 6, 2024

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

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

\* Academic Processional ..... Class of 2026  
*Kentucky College of Optometry*  
Adam Abuharus  
*Student Marshal, Class of 2027*  
Mallory Davis  
*Student Marshal, Class of 2027*

Welcome..... Renee Reeder, O.D., FAAO, FBCLA, FSLs, FIACLE, DiplAAO  
*Dean, KYCO*

\* Invocation ..... Rob Musick, Ph.D.  
*Campus Chaplain*

Greetings from the University.....Lori Werth, Ph.D.  
*Provost, University of Pikeville*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker .....Donald Egan, O.D., FAAO, FNAP  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Optometry, KYCO*

Keynote Address .....Michelle Cooper, O.D.  
*Immediate Past President, SECO International*

~ White Coat Presentation ~

Cliff Caudill, O.D., FAAO, FNAP  
*Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs*  
*and Associate Professor of Optometry*

Donald Egan, O.D., FAAO, FNAP  
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and*  
*Professor of Optometry*

KYCO Professional Conduct Pledge and Closing Remarks..... Dr. Caudill

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\* *Audience please stand, if able.*

# 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 staff.

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

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# 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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