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DR. CHRISTOPHER GEE RECOGNIZED AS YOUNG OD OF THE YEAR

Sacramento, CA — **Christopher Gee, OD**, an Alameda County optometrist, was recently named Young Optometrist of the Year for 2010 by the California Optometric Association (COA) during its annual House of Delegates meeting in Visalia, California, February 4-5, 2011. Dr. Gee was honored for his significant contributions to organized optometry and his local society, the Alameda Contra Costa Counties Optometric Society (ACCCOS).

“As a young optometrist in California, I am fortunate to be practicing at the level for which the COA has paved the way; because it benefits and serves not only myself, but also my patients and my community,” says Dr. Gee. “It is an honor to give back and humbling to be recognized for it.”

In the short time since he has been in practice, Dr. Gee has demonstrated his leadership abilities through his local society and community. He has been on the board of directors of the ACCCOS for the past three years, most recently serving as president, and was named their Young Optometrist of the Year for 2009. Dr. Gee also sits on the board of the Bay Area Optometric Council.

Dr. Gee has also participated in research activities, including serving as senior researcher and project coordinator for the “Spectrally Enhanced Lighting Program Implementation for Energy Savings,” a government-funded green program.

In his community, Dr. Gee has participated in a number of volunteer activities, including serving as a volunteer educator at Mercy Medical Center in Merced, CA, where he gave presentations to newly-diagnosed diabetics on diabetic eye disease and the importance of routine care. Dr. Gee has also volunteered his time at eye and vision care information booths at the Livermore farmers’ markets and holiday festivals, and is a provider through the American Optometric Association’s InfantSEE® program.

Dr. Gee was born and raised in San Francisco where he graduated from St. Ignatius College Preparatory in 1998. He received his bachelor’s degree in 2002 and his Doctorate of Optometry in 2006 from the University of California, Berkeley, later becoming a clinical faculty member for two years. He currently practices at Murrieta Optometry owned by Dr. Scott Kamena in Livermore, CA.

About the California Optometric Association

The California Optometric Association (COA) was established in 1899 and is California’s oldest organized community for optometrists. Representing more than 2,700 optometrists, COA is dedicated to ensuring the highest quality of health care for the public through the advancement of optometry.

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