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Portland, Ore., (July 17, 2017) – National Vision, Inc., one of the nation's largest optical retailers, announced on Friday that it has awarded \$7,000 in grants to three members of the National Optometric Student Association (NOSA) as part of its partnership with the National Optometric Association (NOA). The grant winners were announced Friday, July 14 at the NOSA Scholarship Awards presentation during the 49th Annual NOA Convention & CE Program in Portland, Ore.

The 2017 NOSA grant winners included:

- **First Place (\$4,000) - Fatimah Hassan, SALUS 2018**
- **Second Place (\$2,000) - Terynn Chan, PUCO 2019**
- **Third Place (\$1,000) - Jonathan Chen, UHCO 2018**

This year's grant essay topic covered *the impact of technology in the optometric industry*. National Vision, Inc. asked students to share their perspectives on how technology has changed the field thus far, how they think innovations will impact it in the future and how they envision utilizing technology as a practicing optometrist. All active NOSA members in good standing with an optometry school in the United States or Puerto Rico were eligible to enter and submit responses through a 500-word essay or a short video.

The mission of the NOA, "advancing the visual health of minority populations," runs parallel with National Vision Inc.'s mission of making quality eye care and eyewear more affordable and accessible to all. National Optometric Association community service projects and NOSA screenings enhance vision care services in minority communities, which are often underserved. Through this grant, National Vision, Inc. hopes to encourage students to continue their work in primary care optometry and to recognize its importance in an ever-changing health care environment.

"As a proud partner, National Vision, Inc. is honored to support the NOSA and to help make it possible for the NOA to continue advancing the visual health of minority populations," said Mauricio Wissinger, Vice President, Professional Services, National Vision, Inc. "The entire team at National Vision congratulates all winners."

About National Vision, Inc.

National Vision, Inc. is one of the largest optical retail companies in the United States with 962 stores (as of April 2017) in 44 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. With a mission of helping people by making quality eye care and eyewear more affordable and accessible, the company operates five retail divisions: [America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses](#), [Eyeglass World](#), [Vision Centers](#) inside select Walmart stores, [Vista Optical](#)s inside Fred Meyer and on select military bases offering a variety of products and services for customers' eye care needs. For more information, please visit www.nationalvision.com.

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