



National Vision, Inc. Awards Three Optometry Students Through its 2016-2017 Grant Program

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Winning Entries Address “Technological Advancements and the Impact on the Optometry Profession”

Duluth, Ga., March 1, 2017 – National Vision, Inc., one of the nation’s largest optical retailers providing comprehensive, quality, affordable eye care and eyewear, today has announced the grand prize winner and two runner-up recipients of its 2016-2017 Grant Program, which includes students from Inter American University of Puerto Rico – School of Optometry and the University of Houston College of Optometry.

Now in its third year, the grant program asked third- and fourth-year optometry students to tackle the topic of technology innovation by submitting a 500 word essay or a short video that shares their perspectives on the impact of technology on the field of optometry in the past, and how it will influence their future careers as optometrists. The winner and two runner-up recipients were selected by a panel of judges from National Vision, Inc.

Grant Recipients

- First place (\$5,000 grand prize): Stephanie Hubbard, Inter American University of Puerto Rico – School of Optometry, Class of 2018
- Runner-up (\$1,000 prize): Dea Satrio, University of Houston College of Optometry, Class of 2018
- Runner-up (\$1,000 prize): Jenna Wayne, University of Houston College of Optometry, Class of 2018.

“We thoroughly enjoyed reading the forward-thinking insights submitted by all applicants and are excited to recognize and support three outstanding optometry students for their distinctive ideas,” said Mauricio Wissinger, Vice President, Professional Services, National Vision, Inc. “A common thread ran through the three winning submissions: optometrists should embrace technology in order to improve patient care. It’s clear that the next generation of optometrists already have their future patients’ best interests in mind, which, from our perspective, makes the future of optometry look brighter than ever.”