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The Stage 1 Optics Prize

The Stage 1 Optics Prize for the best performance in VISN1111 Geometrical and Physical Optics and VISN1221 Visual Optics

The prize winners are: **Sophie Liu and Sara Rajab (shared)**

Prize Donor: Essilor Australia Pty Limited

The Stage 2 Clinical Optometry Prize

The Stage 2 Clinical Optometry Prize for the best performance in OPTM2133 the Clinical Environment and OPTM2233 Optical Dispensing

The prize winner is: **Ruth Chen**

Prize Donor: BOC Ophthalmic Instruments Pty Ltd

The Stage 3 Environmental Optometry and Dispensing Prize

The Stage 3 Environmental Optometry and Dispensing Prize for the best performance in Stage 3 Environmental Optometry and Dispensing

The prize winner is: **Patrick Hoang**

Prize Donor: UVEX Safety, Australia & New Zealand

T**he Stage 3 Ocular Diseases Prize**

The Stage 3 Ocular Diseases Prize for the best performance in OPTM3105 Disease Processes of the Eye 1 and OPTM3205 Disease Processes of the Eye 2

The prize winners are: **Anthony Doueihi & Rui Liu (shared)**

Prize Donor: Essilor Australia Pty Limited

The CooperVision Prize in Contact Lenses

The CooperVision Prize in Contact Lenses for the best performance in OPTM6411 Contact Lenses in Stage 1 of the Master of Clinical Optometry program

The prize winner is: **Josie Wehbe**

Prize Donor: CooperVision

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The Optometry NSW/ACT Prize in Ocular Therapeutics

The Optometry NSW/ACT Prize in Ocular Therapeutics for the best performance in OPTM6413 Anterior Eye Therapeutics and OPTM6243 Therapeutics and the Posterior Eye in Stage 1 of the Master of Clinical Optometry

The prize winners are: **Emily Field & Wenjie Siew (shared)**

Prize Donor: Optometry NSW/ACT

The Mivision Prize in Recognition of Excellence in Social Engagement

The Mivision Prize in Recognition of Excellence in Social Engagement to recognise students that have demonstrated excellence in communication, advocacy or in promoting eyecare to the community or other professions

The prize winners are: **Justin McNamara & Tommy Tran (shared)**

Prize Donor: Toma Publishing Pty Ltd

And;

The Australian College of Optometry (ACO) Award

The Australian College of Optometry (ACO) Award for outstanding efforts and to acknowledge the importance of commitment to the profession

The prize winner is: **Justin McNamara**

Prize Donor: Australian College of Optometry

The Dr Andrew Whatham Prize for Stage 5 CFEH Clinical Excellence

The Dr Andrew Whatham Prize for Stage 5 CFEH Clinical Excellence for the best performance in the Centre for Eye Health (CFEH) Stage 5 Clinical Rotation (Master of Clinical Optometry Stage 2)

The prize winner is: **Halery Xia**

Prize Donor: Centre for Eye Health/Guide Dogs NSW/ACT

The Research Project Prize in the Master of Clinical Optometry

The Research Project Prize in the Master of Clinical Optometry for the best overall mark in the research project in the final year of the Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Clinical Optometry program

The prize winners are: **Jennifer Doeur, Chrstina Nguyen & Harleen Atwal (shared)**

Prize Donor: Optometric Vision Research Foundation

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The ACBO Prize in Binocular and Children's Vision

The ACBO Prize in Binocular and Children's Vision for the best overall performance throughout the Master of Clinical Optometry program in Binocular and Children's Vision

The prize winner is: **Rosanna Lee**

Prize Donor: Australasian College of Behavioural Optometrists (ACBO)

And;

The Designs for Vision Prize

The Designs for Vision Prize for the best overall performance throughout the Bachelor of Vision Science, Master of Clinical Optometry program in Primary Care Optometry

The prize winner is: **Rosanna Lee**

Prize Donor: Designs for Vision

The Luxottica Prize for the Best Performance in Clinical Ocular Therapeutics (Master of Clinical Optometry, Stage 2)

The Luxottica Prize for the Best Performance in Clinical Ocular Therapeutics (Master of Clinical Optometry, Stage 2) for the best performance in OPTM8513 Clinical Ocular Therapy 5A and OPTM8523 Clinical Ocular Therapy 5B

The prize winner is: **Christopher Shamoun**

Prize Donor: Luxottica

The ODMA Richard Grills Low Vision Prize

The ODMA Richard Grills Low Vision Prize for the best performance in the Low Vision strand in OPTM6421 Binocular Vision, Paediatrics and the Low Vision strand in OPTM8511 Clinical Paediatrics, Low Vision and Colour Vision

The prize winner is: **Gada Harmouch**

Prize Donor: Optical Distributors and Manufacturers Association of Australia (ODMA)

And;

The Specsavers Prize for Excellence in Patient Management

The Specsavers Prize for Excellence in Patient Management by a student in the final year of the Bachelor of Vision Science, Master of Clinical Optometry Program

The prize winner is: **Gada Harmouch**

Prize Donor: Specsavers Pty Ltd

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The Specsavers Prize for Overall Excellence in the Bachelor of Vision Science Master of Clinical Optometry Program

The Specsavers Prize for Overall Excellence in the Bachelor of Vision Science Master of Clinical Optometry Program for the best overall weighted average mark (WAM) in the Bachelor of Vision Science, Master of Clinical Optometry program

The prize winner is: **Irene Wei**

Prize Donor: Specsavers Pty Ltd

And;

University Medal Winner: Irene Wei

The Brian Kirby Prize for Research Excellence in Optometry

The Brian Kirby Prize for Research Excellence in Optometry for the Doctoral student in Optometry with the best thesis

The prize winner is: **Dr Janelle Tong**

Prize Donor: The Brian Kirby Foundation

The Guide Dogs NSW/ACT Prize for Excellence in Orientation and Mobility

The Guide Dogs NSW/ACT Prize for Excellence in Orientation and Mobility for the best performance in the Graduate Diploma in Orientation and Mobility program (5420)

The prize winner is: **Krista Jaffrey**

Prize Donor: Guide Dogs NSW/ACT

The Postgraduate Ocular Therapeutics Prize

The Luxottica Prize for the best performance in Postgraduate Ocular Therapeutics

The prize winner is: **Angel Hu**

Prize Donor: Luxottica