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National Vision Holdings, Inc. Names Three Winners of its 2017-2018 Optometry Student Grant Program

Optometry Students Addressed What Ignites Their Passion for Optometry

Duluth, Ga., (March 1, 2018) – National Vision Holdings, Inc., one of the nation’s largest optical retailers providing quality, affordable eye care and eyewear, has selected a grand prize winner and two runner-up recipients for its 2017-2018 Grant Program. Chosen from a total of 40 entries, this year’s winning entries were submitted by students from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences School of Optometry, University of Missouri – St. Louis College of Optometry and University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry.

Inspired by [Simon Sinek’s Ted Talk](#) on “Start With Why,” National Vision asked third- and fourth-year students to think about what inspired them to become optometrists and what they believe to be their personal mission as future optometrists. Students could enter to win by submitting a 500 word essay or a short video. A panel of judges from National Vision selected the winners.

Grant Recipients

- First place (\$5,000 grand prize): Leanne Leung, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences School of Optometry, Class of 2019
- Runner-up (\$1,000 prize): Kandace Alfred, University of Missouri – St. Louis College of Optometry, Class of 2018
- Runner-up (\$1,000 prize): Bee Bui, University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry, Class of 2019

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“This is always my favorite time of year because the entries we receive through the grant program motivate our team to pause and reflect on what inspires today’s optometry students, why they are entering the field and what they hope to accomplish in their career,” said Mauricio Wissinger, Vice President, Professional Services, National Vision. “We were pleased to see that many applicants expressed a passion for creating healthier communities by providing quality eye care to those in need. The fact that so many students are inspired to make sure everyone has access to eye care gives us a positive outlook on the future of our industry.”

About National Vision Holdings, Inc.

National Vision Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: EYE) is one of the largest optical retail companies in the United States with over 1,000 stores 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 brands: America’s Best Contacts & Eyeglasses, Eyeglass World, Vision Centers inside select Walmart stores, Vista Optical inside Fred Meyer and on select military bases, offering a variety of products and services for patients’ and customers’ eye care needs. For more information, please visit www.nationalvision.com.

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