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Dear AOCLE,

**RE: Lester Janoff Award
(updated April 12 2009)**

The Lester Janoff Memorial Award was established to honor the memory of Dr. Lester E. Janoff, who was an exceptional optometric educator, administrator, contact lens clinician and researcher. His professional career encompassed private practice, contact lens research for industry, and contact lens education at three optometry schools (Pennsylvania College of Optometry, New England College of Optometry and Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry). He was a Diplomate in the Cornea and Contact lens Section of the American Academy of Optometry and Associate Dean of NSUCO. Most importantly, this award was established to honor the memory of a beloved optometric mentor.

Eligibility: To be presented annually to an optometric educator of the AOCLE who has demonstrated excellence in the area of contact lens education, research, and publications. The criteria for the award include publications in refereed journals, and may include chapters in textbooks or published monographs. Additionally, papers, posters, and continuing education presentations at national or state meetings will be considered. Ideally the recipient will show a broad range of contributions in the above areas.

Application: Applicants should forward a brief letter, or be nominated by another person, indicating request for consideration, and as this is an annual award must include a list of publications and contribution from the previous year which will be given highest priority. A CV is required with all applications.

Deadline: All information must be received by **February 19, 2010** and should be submitted electronically to Dr. Joel Silbert (PCO) at joel@salus.edu

Judging: All applications will be reviewed by an awards committee and the name of the winner will be transmitted to the AOCLE Officers. The winner will be notified prior to June so as to attend the annual workshop and be recognized in person. If the recipient is not able to attend, then the award will be given to an attendee from that school to pass it along once they get back to their institution.

Award: A plaque along with a \$1000 award will be awarded to the recipient at the annual AOCLE workshop, usually held the first weekend in June.

We hope that you consider applying for this award !

Sincerely,

Etty Bitton