To: Society Presidents, Councilors and EVPs/Executive Directors

Announcing Leadership Development Program XXIII, Class of 2021

The Academy is very pleased to announce that twenty ophthalmologists have been chosen via a competitive selection process to participate in the Academy’s Leadership Development Program (LDP) XXIII, class of 2021.

A sincere thanks to all state, subspecialty and specialized interest societies who submitted nominations for consideration. Based on program evaluations, we are committed to maintaining a small class size to maximize interaction and collaborative learning.

Congratulations to the LDP XXIII, class of 2021 and their nominating societies:

1. Mais Alkilany, MD - Middle East Africa Council of Ophthalmology/Jordanian Ophthalmological Society
2. Cynthia Lais Beauchamp, MD - American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
3. Mary T. Champion, MD - Kansas Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
4. Matilda F. Chan, MD, PhD - Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
5. Jasmine H. Francis, MD - Macula Society
6. William G. Gensheimer, MD - Society of Military Ophthalmologists
7. Nina A. Goyal, MD - Illinois Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
8. Lindsey D. Harris, MD, FACS - Texas Ophthalmological Association
9. Jason Hsu, MD - Retina Society
10. Eleanore T. Kim, MD - Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology
12. Sonia Mehta, MD - Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology
13. R. Grant Morshedi, MD - Arkansas Ophthalmological Society
14. D. Wilkin Parke III, MD - Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology
15. Christina Rapp Prescott, MD, PhD - Eye and Contact Lens Association
17. Maria A. Woodward, MD, MSC - Cornea Society
18. Fasika A. Woreta, MD - National Medical Association, Ophthalmology Section
19. E.M. Brendan Wyatt, MS, MD - Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology
20. Jonathan Yoken, MD - Oregon Academy of Ophthalmology

The class will begin with a LDP Orientation Session at AAO 2020, the Academy’s annual meeting in Las Vegas. They will meet again in San Francisco on January 14-17, 2021 for a joint session with the European Society of Ophthalmology’s (SOE) Leadership Development Programme, the EuLDP Class of 2019-2021.

If you have questions about the Academy’s Leadership Development Program, please contact Gail Schmidt (gschmidt@aao.org), Director of Ophthalmic Society Relations.

Congrats again to all participants and nominating societies.

Sincerely,

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Director, AAO LDP XXIII, Class of 2021

cc:
Mike Brennan, MD - AAO International Envoy and AAO Past President
Kurt Heitman, MD - AAO Secretary for State Affairs
Anthony Khawaja, MBBS - Director, SOE Leadership Development Programme