

# SECO International Announces 2010 Clinical Excellence Award Winners

THREE STUDENTS FROM SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS OF OPTOMETRY  
NAMED RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS SECO INTERNATIONAL AWARD

ATLANTA (Aug. 16, 2010) – SECO International announced the recipients of its three prestigious 2010 Southern Council of Optometrists Clinical Excellence Awards, recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of students from SECO International affiliated colleges. The Clinical Excellence Award recipients for 2010 are: Nicole Psaltis, of Miami Beach, FL, a student at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) College of Optometry, Fort Lauderdale, FL; Justine M. Siegers, of Columbia, SC, a student at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Optometry, Birmingham, AL; and Michelle Brennan, of Sykesville, MD, a student at Southern College of Optometry (SCO), Memphis, TN. Each recipient of these respective schools was presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 and a plaque during their school's awards ceremony.

“SECO International, in partnership with its affiliated schools, has an annual tradition of recognizing three outstanding optometry students for their academic excellence and commitment to the optometry profession,” said Ron Bannister, O.D., President of SECO international. “We are proud to support optometry students, as well as their respective schools, for their outstanding academic achievements and are grateful for their dedication, as they represent the future of the profession.”

SECO International has recognized outstanding optometry students through its annual Southern Council of Optometrists Clinical Excellence Awards since 1993. Additionally, SECO is committed to ensuring optometry students receive the best education available and provide a grant to each of its affiliate schools annually to support optometric programs.

## The SECO Tradition

SECO International is produced annually by SECO International, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Southern Council of Optometrists, Inc. SECO International, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is a not-for-profit membership association founded in 1923, and counts as its members practitioners in the 12 southeastern states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. The annual SECO conventions regularly attract more than 7,000 national and international eye care professionals, vendors, and allied ophthalmic personnel. SECO International is widely acknowledged as the largest optometric educational meeting in the world.

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