



EYE ON EQUITY,  
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



Eye on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion is designed to share relevant information and upcoming events to support our commitment to promote equity and fairness among our physicians, scientists, trainees and staff members.

Women's History Month



Women in Ophthalmology Featured in the News

- [Eleonora Lad, MD, PhD](#) served as principle investigator on first FDA approved treatment of geographic atrophy
- [Lejla Vajzovic, MD and Laura Enyedi, MD](#) elected to Women in Ophthalmology Board of Directors
- [Tammy Hsu, MD, PGY4](#) received the Jack McGovern Coats' Disease Foundation 2022 Education Grant
- [An Engineer at Heart: Cynthia Toth's 25 years of revolutionizing eye care and surgery](#)



Duke Eye Center Hosts BOOST Program

Duke Eye Center welcomed 6th grade scholars from the School of Medicine BOOST program on Saturday February 18, 2023. Students rotated between stations to get a glimpse of the wide variety of research, clinical, and surgical opportunities in the ophthalmology field. Thank you to [Yos Priestly OD](#) and [Julia Rosdahl MD, PhD](#) for spearheading the event!



Workplace Eye Wellness Month



March is Workplace Eye Wellness Month. About 2,000 workers sustain job-related eye injuries each day, however most of these injuries could be prevented by taking simple precautions. During Workplace Eye Wellness Month this March, the American Academy of Ophthalmology reminds employers and workers about the importance of wearing eye protection.

National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. This observance seeks to raise awareness about the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life as well as bring attention to the barriers that people with disabilities still face in connection to the communities in which they live.

International Women's Day



March 8

A day celebrated globally focused on the historical, political, and cultural achievements of women. Also a day to acknowledge the valuable addition women are to the world.

International Transgender Day of Visibility



March 31

Honors and celebrates transgender and non-binary individuals all around the world to raise awareness about the discrimination faced.

If you would like an opportunity to participate in discussions related to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, click [here](#). "National Chats for Change" is a monthly webinar designed to facilitate important discussions around EDI on a national level and is provided through Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. It's available to anyone interested and generally meets from 12:00-1:00pm EST.

**QuickLinks:**

- [Duke Eye Center EDI](#)
- [Moments to Movement](#)
- [Duke PAS](#)
- [Speak Up Reporting](#)
- [What our Committee is Reading & Watching](#)

**Sharing positivity!**

Share something special that you or colleague did at work, or service to the community using this [nomination form](#).

**Upcoming Events**

[View a list of Diversity and Inclusion events on the Duke Event Calendar](#)

Please email [dukeeyediversity@duke.edu](mailto:dukeeyediversity@duke.edu) if you would like to suggest adding a holiday or event to our [calendar of events](#).

**Duke Eye Center Statement on Racism and Discrimination**

Duke Eye Center is comprised of a diverse community of physicians, scientists, trainees and staff members devoted to providing high quality care, innovative research, and first-class education. We welcome and fully engage people of diverse backgrounds, abilities, and perspectives, and strive to provide a safe and secure space for all. We strictly prohibit discrimination and do not tolerate harassment based on age, education, skin color, disability, gender, gender expression and identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. We are honored to serve Durham, the broader community of North Carolina, and beyond. Contact Us: [DukeEyeDiversity@duke.edu](mailto:DukeEyeDiversity@duke.edu)