Dr. Jenelle Mallios received her Doctor of Optometry degree from the New England College of Optometry (NECO), where she also completed a pediatric residency. During residency, Dr. Mallios received the AOF Dr. Terrence Ingraham Pediatric Optometry Residency Award. Dr. Mallios comes to Midwestern University after having worked at SUNY College of Optometry as an Assistant Clinical Professor and serving as the chief of the Pediatrics department. While at SUNY, Dr. Mallios also taught courses and conducted research on myopia control in children, adult amblyopia, and other topics. Prior to working at SUNY, Dr. Mallios worked as an assistant clinical professor and instructor of ophthalmology at Tufts Medical Center and adjunct clinical professor at NECO.

Her specialties include children with special needs; pediatric ocular disease; strabismus and amblyopia; and eye care for adults, preschool, and school-aged children. She has published scientific papers and has been an invited speaker at state professional association meetings. Dr. Mallios is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, an InfantSEE® provider, a Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry, and a member of the American Optometric Association.

Accreditation for CCO

In the coming months, Chicago College of Optometry (CCO) will be undergoing the next steps in acquiring full accreditation as an optometry school in the United States. Through the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE), the only accrediting body for professional optometric degree (O.D.) programs, CCO is working hard to ensure that our program is one that not only meets, but exceeds the standards set forth by ACOE.

The process includes a self-study of how well we achieve our mission, goals, and objectives, as well as an external review where a team of evaluators visits our College to assess our compliance with the ACOE’s standards.

Currently, CCO has achieved preliminary approval as an accredited school, which allows us to offer the program and recruit students and rotation sites. Full accreditation is only granted not less than 12 months prior to the graduation of the first class (2021).

A part of staying in compliance with these standards, the rotations program is ensuring that sites selected create “foundational clinical experiences (ACOE Standard 2.7.1)” for our students. As we work on ensuring this, we will be requesting information and documentation from each of our sites.

For more information regarding this process, please visit the following website: https://www.aoa.org/optometrists/for-educators/accreditation-council-on-optometric-education.
FERPA Reminders

What is FERPA? FERPA stands for Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (sometimes called the Buckley Amendment). It grants specific rights to the student: inspect and review education records, seek amendment to those records and in certain cases append a statement to the record, limit disclosure of his/her records, and file a complaint with the FERPA Office in Washington.

What are the basic rules? Student educational records are considered confidential and may not be released without the written consent of the student.

Some information is considered public (sometimes called "Directory Information"). This info can be released without the student's written permission. However, the student may opt to consider this information confidential as well. Directory Information is: name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, class schedule, dates of attendance, grade level, enrollment status (undergraduate, full-time or part-time, etc.), participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, and the most recent previous educational institution attended.

As a faculty, staff, or student employee you have a responsibility to protect educational records in your possession. Although FERPA makes provisions for the release of Directory Information, it also allows universities the discretion not to disclose Directory Information without a student's written consent. Midwestern University has opted for this more strict provision and it is our policy not to disclose Directory Information without the prior written consent of a student. Any question regarding the disclosure of Directory Information needs to be directed to the Registrar's Office or the Dean of Students.

You have access to information only for legitimate use in completion of your responsibilities as a college employee. "Need to know" and "prior written consent" are the basic principles.

How do I avoid violations of FERPA?

Do not:

- use the entire Social Security Number of a student in a public posting of grades
- link the name of a student with that student's social security number or ID number in any public manner
- discuss the progress of any student with anyone other than the student (including parents) without the written consent of the student
- provide anyone with lists of students rotating at your site for any commercial purposes

SPRING 2019 OPTOMETRIC UPDATE

Please join us for an upcoming two hour IOA approved Continuing Event opportunity to be held at Midwestern University Multispecialty Clinic on May 21, 2019. The program will include talks by two of our faculty members. Jeanie C. Lucy, O.D., M.P.H, FAAO will discuss “Glaucoma Updates: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention,” and Kristin Adams, O.D. will give a talk on “Optometric Care for the Patient Post Brain Injury.”

You can register through the link below. Registration is free.

https://online.midwestern.edu/public/eventreg.cgi?event_no=6384

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