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## **OWL ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR THE 2017 OWL AWARDS**

*Awards To Recognize Members Who Are Advancing Diversity in Leadership*

**Kansas City, MO – October 3, 2017** – OWL, a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to driving ophthalmic innovation and patient care by advancing diversity in leadership, today announced the official candidates for the 2017 OWL Awards. The OWL Awards include the Visionary Award, Catalyst Award, and Rising Star Award, and are given to those who best exemplify OWL’s core values and vision.

“The OWL Award finalists for 2017 represent the best of our ophthalmic community through their incredibly impactful leadership and support for advancing diversity,” said Heather Ready, OWL President. “We are excited to honor and celebrate this year’s award recipients during our Signature Event at the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting in New Orleans.”

The following finalists were selected by OWL’s Awards Committee:

### **Visionary Award**

- Susan Benton, Global Product Strategy, New Ophthalmic Products, Shire Pharmaceuticals
- Wayne Caulder, Head of US Sales, Ophthalmic Devices and Microsurgery, Carl Zeiss Meditec AG
- Cynthia Matossian, MD, Founder & Medical Director of Matossian Eye Associates

### **Catalyst Award**

- Malvina Eydelman, MD, Director of FDA’s Division of Ophthalmic and Ear, Nose and Throat Devices (DOED)
- Kendra Hileman, Global Head, Surgical Clinical R&D, Johnson & Johnson Vision
- Beth Marsh, Sr. Director, Global Product Commercial Strategy Lead, Shire & Vice President, OWL

### **Rising Star**

- Bindu Manne, Associate Director, Market Development at Shire Ophthalmics & Co-Chairman of Membership Committee, OWL
- Rebecca Hussain, President at RHMM Inc.

- Kristen Ingenito, Market Analyst, Market Scope, and Co-Chairman of Program Committee, OWL

From October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>, members of OWL are invited to place their vote by visiting <http://owlsite.org/>. Winners will be announced at OWL's Signature event at the AAO meeting in New Orleans on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 pm at The Ogden Museum.

**About OWL, Advancing Diversity in Leadership**

Founded more than 10 years ago, OWL members represent a diverse group of accomplished professionals and practitioners from across ophthalmology. Based in the belief that diverse leadership results in better outcomes, OWL works across ophthalmology to provide professional and personal development and opportunities for collaboration through extensive programs, events, and online offerings. For more information, visit [www.owlsite.org](http://www.owlsite.org).

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