



SUNY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY  
**UNIVERSITY EYE CENTER®**



*Celebrating 65 Years of Care and Community*





## Celebrating 65 Years of Service

The University Eye Center (UEC) is one of the largest optometric outpatient facilities in the nation, offering both primary and specialized vision care services. Each year the UEC sees more than 70,000 patients of all ages from every borough and reaches 250,000 patient encounters when including our satellite clinics and education affiliates.

# JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day UEC Closed	2
3	4 World Braille Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day UEC Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 FREE Vision Screening 4:00pm - 6:00pm	27	28	29	30
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## Did you know?

Built in 1912, the current home of the University Eye Center was originally the home of the famed Aeolian Hall which hosted many popular musical performances of the early 1900s, including George Gershwin's legendary debut of "Rhapsody in Blue" on February 12, 1924.



# FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> FREE Vision Screening 1:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> FREE Vision Screening 4:30pm - 6:30pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Presidents' Day UEC Closed	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Rare Disease Day						



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## Community Clinic to Vision Center

The University Eye Center began as a community eye care clinic in 1956 with the founding of the Optometric Center of New York (OCNY), a nonprofit resource for patients and professionals. The original clinic was located on East 25th street in New York City, where it later became part of SUNY College of Optometry. Today the OCNY is the affiliated foundation of the College, raising charitable support that advances optometric education and research as well as provides financial assistance for patients.

# MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> FREE Vision Screening 1:00pm - 3:00pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> National Doctors' Day	<b>31</b>			

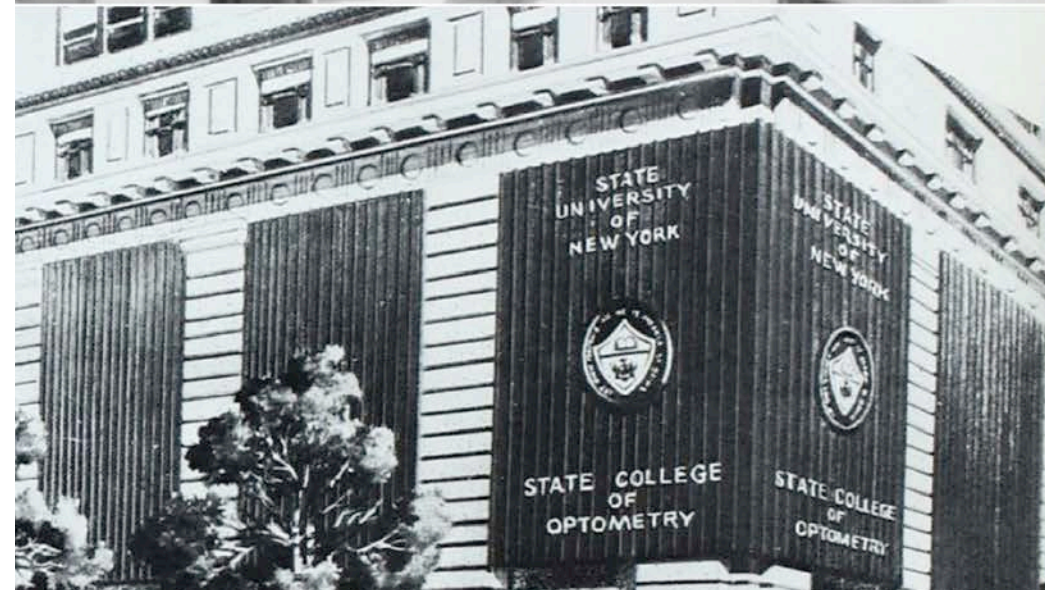


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## Eyes on 50+

SUNY College of Optometry was established on April 14, 1971, adopting the University Optometric Center and building on the legacy of the Optometric Center of New York. In 2000, both the College and clinic moved from downtown Manhattan to their current 18-story, historic home at 33 West 42nd Street. The University Optometric Center was renamed the University Eye Center in 2009.



# APRIL 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 FREE Vision Screening 2:00pm - 4:00pm	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUNY Optometry	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



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# Training the Next Generation

More than 3,000 doctors of optometry from across the country and the globe have received world-class training at SUNY Optometry and the University Eye Center, a number that includes over 50 percent of practicing optometrists in New York State. From hospitals and community clinics to industry and education, our graduates lead the way in many areas of optometric practice.



# MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 FREE Vision Screening 4:30pm - 6:30pm	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day UEC Closed					



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## Caring for the Whole Person

At the University Eye Center, our wide range of routine and specialized vision services includes support from our Social Work Department. From help with completing patient forms to coordinating care for those in need, our experienced social workers can assist with counseling and community resources for you and your family.

# JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 FREE Vision Screening 4:30pm - 6:30pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth UEC is closed
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

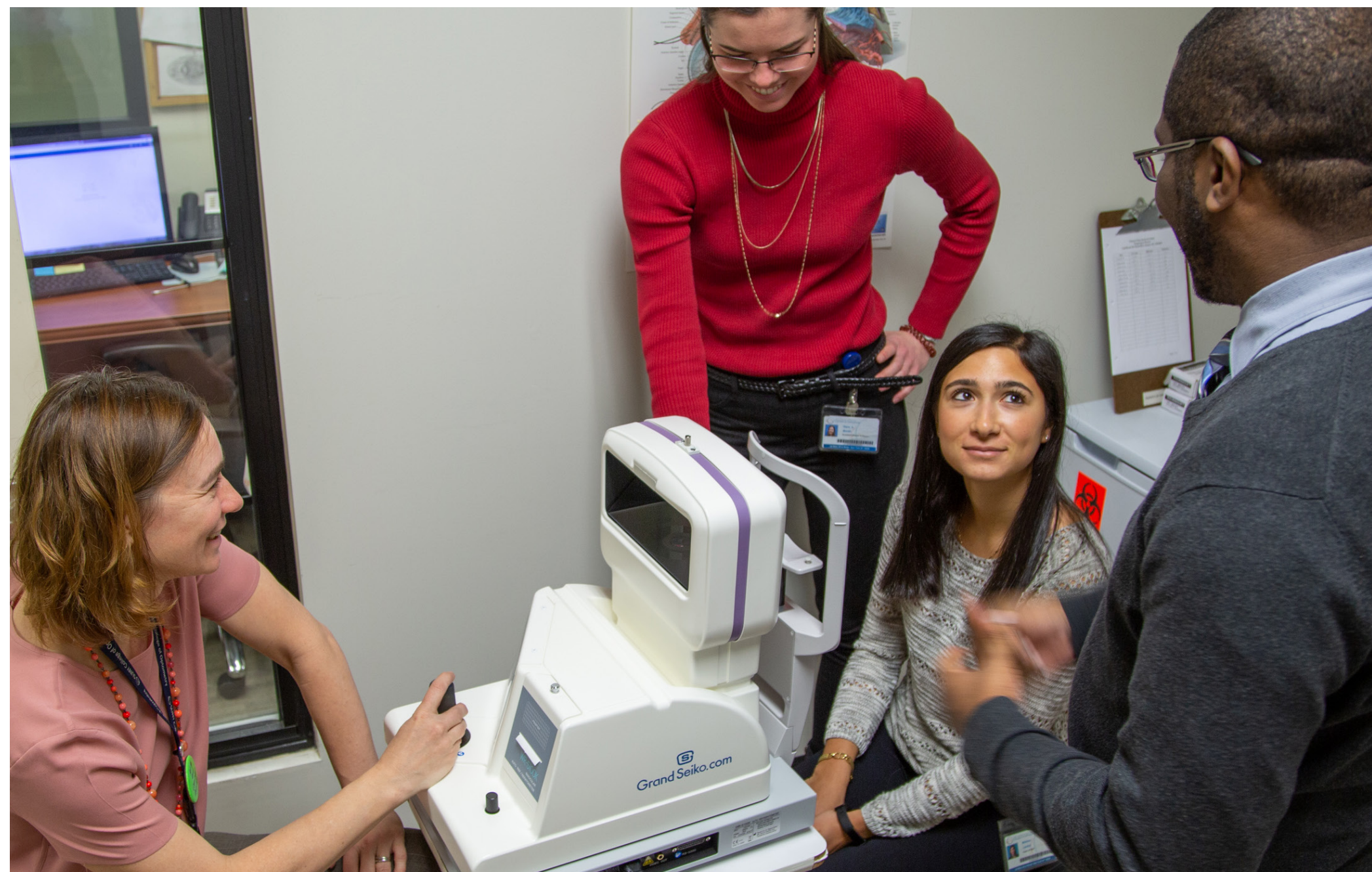


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## Advancing Vision Health

Did you know that SUNY College of Optometry and the University Eye Center engage in multiple clinical studies each year leading to major advancements in vision care? As a patient, you can participate too. Taking part in research can provide access to treatments not readily available. You may also qualify for reimbursement for your medical care and time. Contact the Clinical Vision Research Center at [ClinicResearch@sunyopt.edu](mailto:ClinicResearch@sunyopt.edu) to learn about becoming a study volunteer.

# JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Observed Independence Day UEC Closed	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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## Keeping Kids Focused

If your child struggles with learning, concentration, play, and socializing, it may be related to a vision problem. The experts at the Barbara Saltzman Center for Pediatric Eye Care provide care for kids age 6 months to adolescence, including those with myopia (nearsightedness) and special needs.

# AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 FREE Vision Screening 9:30pm - 11:30pm	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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## Managing Maturing Eyes

What can you do to help maintain the health and function of your eyes as you age? Starting at age 40 and preferably sooner, it is important to get a comprehensive eye exam each year. The University Eye Center offers specialized services to diagnose and treat an unparalleled range of issues that impact adult eye health, including glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration, and retinopathy.

# SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day UEC Closed	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 FREE Vision Screening 4:00pm - 6:00pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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## Help for Urgent Care Needs

Did you know that nearly half of all eye injuries occur at home, and more than 1 in 4 occur during sporting and recreational activities? If you're experiencing an eye emergency, call the University Eye Center directly at 888-361-4747 to schedule an appointment. Telehealth services are also available.

# OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day UEC Closed	12	13	14 World Sight Day	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						



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## Fit for Your Eyes

From contacts to glasses, the Essilor Eyewear Center at University Eye Center provides patients with the highest quality prescription and non-prescription eyewear available. Our experienced staff includes New York State licensed opticians who are experts in fitting glasses for infants, seniors, and everyone in between.

# NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends	8	9 FREE Vision Screening 4:30pm - 6:30pm	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day UEC Closed	26 UEC Closed	27
28	29	30				



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Connecting with our community through free vision screenings, mobile clinics, and wellness education programs ensures that people of all walks of life benefit from University Eye Center research, teaching, and patient care every year. For more information about community services and outreach at the UEC, visit [UniversityEyeCenter.org](http://UniversityEyeCenter.org).



# DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 UEC Closed	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day UEC Closed
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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## GENERAL HOURS FOR THE UNIVERSITY EYE CENTER

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: 9:00 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.

TUESDAY: 1:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY: 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

SPECIFIC CLINICS/DEPARTMENTS MAY HAVE DIFFERENT HOURS OF OPERATION.

CHARITABLE CARE ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR PATIENTS IN FINANCIAL NEED.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DO YOU HOST A COMMUNITY EVENT OR HEALTH FAIR IN WHICH YOU  
WOULD LIKE THE UNIVERSITY EYE CENTER TO PARTICIPATE?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS OUR SERVICES?

REFER A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER.

CONTACT OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR AT (212) 938-4101.

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## SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

SOCIAL WORKERS CONNECT OUR PATIENTS TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES, OFFER SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING REFERRALS FOR COUNSELING, AND FACILITATE SUPPORT GROUPS FOR THOSE WITH BRAIN INJURIES, THOSE WITH VISION LOSS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS/LOVED ONES.

CONTACT THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT AT (212) 938-4040.

## CLINICAL VISION RESEARCH CENTER

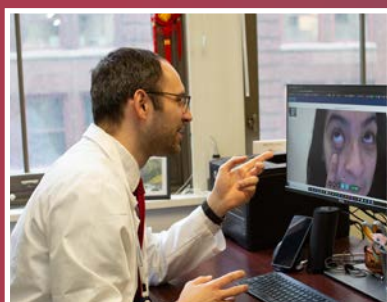
THE CVRC SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT- AND INDUSTRY-SPONSORED AND INVESTIGATOR-INITIATED CLINICAL RESEARCH AT THE COLLEGE TO DEVELOP THE BEST DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR EYE AND VISION CARE.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT AREAS OF STUDY, VISIT THE CLINICAL VISION RESEARCH CENTER AT [SUNYOPT.EDU/RESEARCH/CVRC](http://SUNYOPT.EDU/RESEARCH/CVRC).

TO PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY  
CALL (212) 938-4052 OR E-MAIL US AT [CLINICRESEARCH@SUNYOPT.EDU](mailto:CLINICRESEARCH@SUNYOPT.EDU)

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