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## Vision Care at the Global Ophthalmology Summit

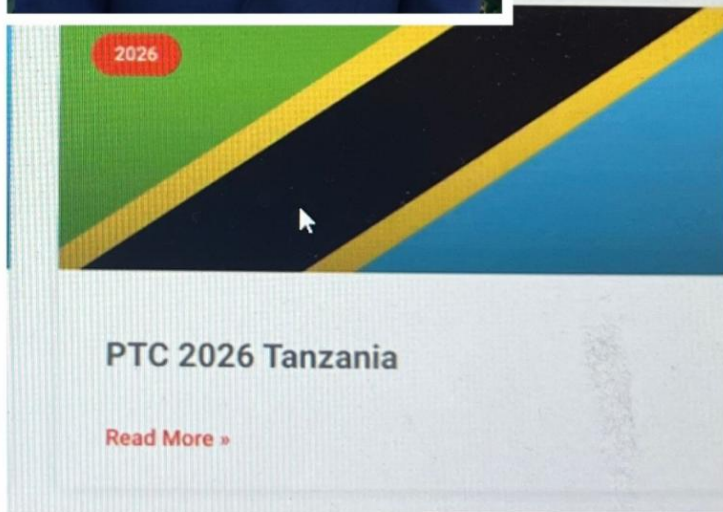
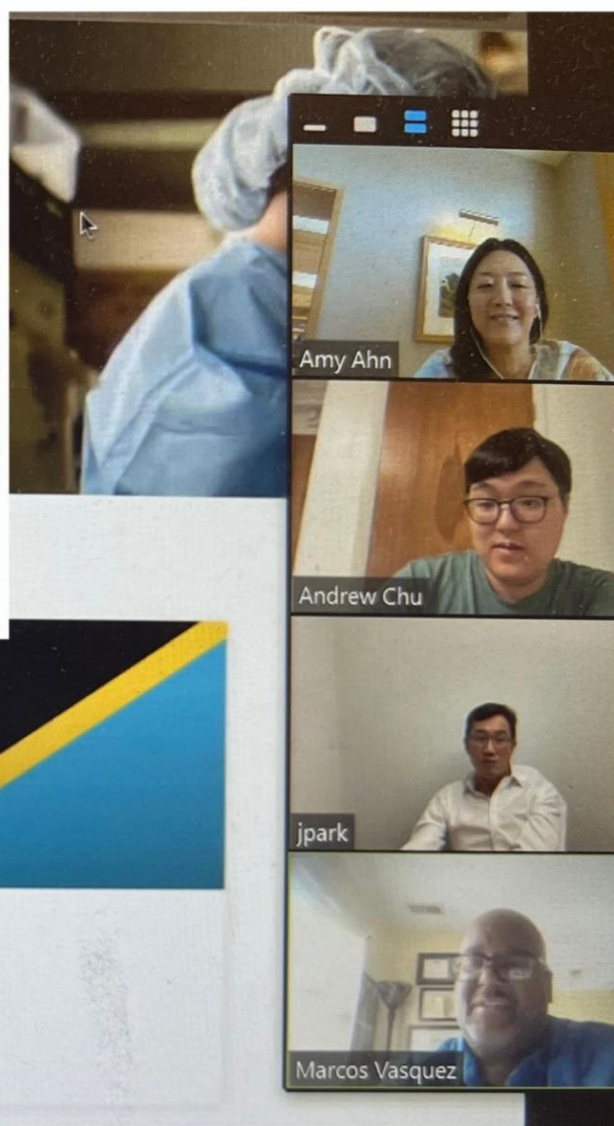


Vision Care USA was a sponsor of this year's 3rd annual Global Ophthalmology Summit (GOS), which took place August 8–11 in Portland, Oregon. And this year, staff members from both the US and Korea including Executive Directors Amy Ahn from Vision Care USA and Jakyong Koo from Vision Care Korea were in attendance. It was a great opportunity to hold face-to-face meetings with each other and to network with others in attendance as well.

Also, we are excited to share that our abstract titled "Multivariate Analysis of Outcomes of Cataract Surgery and Socioeconomic Factors in 17 Countries," which was based on Vision Care's surgery outcomes and led by board member Dr. Dong-wouk Park (OHSU Casey Eye Institute) and Eunyoo Kim, was accepted as a research poster at this year's summit! Congratulations Dr. Park, Eunyoo, and the rest of the research team for this recognition!

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## Meet Our Recent Vision Care Summer Intern, Andrew Chu



### **What attracted you to working with Vision Care USA this summer?**

As I finished my first year at Vassar College and am now a Sophomore, I wanted to use my summer to not only relax, but to also branch out into new experiences. An internship right after Freshman year is not common, so getting an opportunity to intern for Vision Care USA was a big deal to me. From one of the Vision Care doctors, I've heard so many stories about the brilliant work Vision Care has done to improve eye healthcare worldwide! With that inspiration in mind, I wanted to contribute to the organization's cause any way I could! Even when I was in Pennsylvania for a summer job, I continued to do intern work when I could. I was dedicated and I thank Vision Care for providing such a wonderful experience!

### **What projects or assignments were you involved with during your summer internship with Vision Care?**

My primary responsibility was to work with the website developer and our executive director on revamping the Vision Care USA online homepage. I ensured all the text on the website was of high quality and all information was easily understood to the readers. I was also in charge of handling many of the marketing materials. One of my first assignments was to design photo collages about the various events, trips, and programs related to Vision Care. This responsibility included preparing the monthly e-newsletter, like the one you're reading right now!

### What are your future plans?

I'll be packing up and heading back to college pretty soon. I have a lot of things on my plate for this school year with classes in Economics, Political Science, and English. Also, I'm the Media Chair for my school's Korean Student Association! Many of the skills I've learned during this internship will help with this position. While it's great to be back on campus again, I would love to continue volunteering and supporting Vision Care as much as I can throughout the school year. I would also be happy to be an intern again next summer!

## 2024 Eye Camp & PTC Schedules

### 2024 Eye Camp Schedule

Eye Camp No.	Location/Country	Date
361	Pakistan (Lahore)	Feb 12 - 16
362	Morocco (Fnideq)	April 29 - May 3
363	Mongolia (Bayan-Olgii)	June 3 - 7
364	Guatemala (Peten)	July 1 - 5
365	Zimbabwe (Harare)	July 1 - 5
366	Uganda (Kampala)	August 26 - 30
367	Vanuatu (Tanna)	August 26 - 30
368	Cambodia (Phnom Penh)	August 26 - 30
369	Peru (Ventanilla)	Sept 11 - 19
370	Pakistan (Lahore)	Sept 16 - 20
371	Kyrgyzstan (Kara Balta)	Sept 30 - Oct 4
372	The Philippines (Angeles)	Mid-October
373	Morocco (Marrakech)	Oct 28 - Nov 1
374	Morocco (Kelaat M'gouna)	Nov 4 - 8
375	Mauritania (Nouakchott)	Nov 11 - 15
376	Cambodia (Battambang)	TBC

### 2024 PTC Schedule

PTC Phase	Location/Country	Key Dates
2023 PTC 1	Ethiopia (Addis Ababa)	January
2023 PTC 2	Ethiopia (Addis Ababa)	February
2023 PTC 3	Ethiopia (Addis Ababa)	March
2023 PTC 4	Ethiopia (Addis Ababa)	July
2024 PTC 1	Tanzania (Dar es Salaam)	May
2024 PTC 2	Tanzania (Zanzibar)	June
2024 PTC 3	Tanzania (Dar es Salaam)	September
2024 PTC 4	Tanzania (Dar es Salaam)	November

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