YEAR AT A GLANCE

MAY 2021
- Released “Report on Strategic Progress”, detailing UWOVS strategic updates
- Launched the Optometry Clinic’s after-hours on-call hotline to meet urgent eye and vision care gaps in the community

JUNE 2021
- Adopted Ocean e-Referral system in our Optometry Clinics - an important digital tool used to facilitate coordinated care among health-care providers
- Announced the launch of a new Clinic pilot program with NextJ Health to ensure patients suffering from glaucoma can access the health care support they need through a virtual platform

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- Received reaccreditation for our Centre for Sight Enhancement - Canada’s only accredited vision rehabilitation and enhancement services

SEPTEMBER 2021
- Operationalized an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee, focused on enhancing admissions, recruitment and training with an EDI lens
- Welcomed first-year students on campus for orientation, the first time since the pandemic began

OCTOBER 2021
- Announced the creation Centre for Eye and Vision Research (CEVR) - the world’s first dedicated research hub for vision science and led UWaterloo and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

NOVEMBER 2021
- Ranked globally amongst the top 5 Optometry schools in research impact
- Welcomed The Right Honourable David Johnston as the $35M Seeing Beyond 2020 Campaign Honourary Chair
- Earned first-place in UWaterloo’s Giving Tuesday Challenge with over $44,000 raised, thanks to the generosity of our donors

DECEMBER 2021
- Ran a glaucoma and oral TPA update course in partnership with the New Brunswick Optometric Association for Atlantic-based optometrists

JANUARY 2022
- Appointed Dr. William Ngo to a faculty position
- Announced the appointment of Dr. Jennifer Hunter to a faculty position in August 2022
- Expanded recruitment efforts for a self-identified Indigenous person to fill the role of a Canada Research Chair Assistant Professor faculty position

FEBRUARY 2022
- Unveiled a new, user-friendly Optometry Clinics website

MARCH 2022
- Approved to proceed to a Class A estimate for the Waterloo Eye Institute - meaning ground-breaking can be scheduled for Spring 2023
- Celebrated OD’24 during their long-awaited White Coat Ceremony

APRIL 2022
- Welcomed internationally trained optometrists to the inaugural Advanced Standing Optometry Preparatory Program (ASOPP)
- Ran the first complement of UWOVS Advanced Procedures Program in support of the contemporary practice of optometry
- Hosted annual grad conference, which included 14 student presentations