Gregory Fecho, OD, Jamie Althoff, OD, and Patrick Hardigan, PhD, all faculty members at NOVA Southeastern University, received the 2017 Dr. Lester Janoff Award for Writing Excellence for their research paper “Assessing Student Performance in Geometrical Optics Using Two Different Assessment Tools: Tablet and Paper,” which was published in the Fall 2016 (Volume 42, Number 1) issue of ASCO’s journal Optometric Education. The award, presented every two years by ASCO, recognizes writing excellence based on significance of the research article topic, quality of the article and potential impact. A committee of the journal’s Editorial Review Board chooses the winner from among all research articles that had appeared in Optometric Education in the previous two years.

The award is given in honor of the late Lester Janoff, OD, MSEd, FAAO, who served as editor of the journal from 2002-2005 and a long-time member of the Editorial Review Board. Dr. Janoff was known as an exceptional optometric educator, administrator, contact lens clinician and researcher. He was also a beloved mentor of young writers.