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Riya Paranthan, OD '14, is the New Alumni Association President

From a young age, **Riya Paranthan, OD '14**, was fascinated by the sciences, particularly with the intricate workings of the human body. So, it was noticeable to her when she was in fifth grade, her vision started to decline and she found herself less attentive at school.

“At that time, there was a lot of stigma around wearing eyeglasses, especially being from an Indian family, where they put so much

emphasis on aesthetics. It was almost considered to be a handicap of sorts,” said Dr. Paranthan.

But seeing an optometrist for the first time, and being fitted for her first set of eyeglasses, changed her life overnight.

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Faculty Members Get Groundbreaking Research Study Published

A groundbreaking research article from two faculty members has been accepted for publication in the high-impact journal *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*.

Robert Andersson, MSc '10, PhD '18, FAAO, with **Carlo Pelino, OD '94, FAAO**, have written about their findings from the world's largest population-based study on long-term care patients, quantifying the prevalence of diabetic retinopathy and undiagnosed diabetes based on clinical ocular findings.

According to Dr. Andersson, the new data about the magnitude of undiagnosed diabetes among long-term patients reveals an existing health disparity and the importance of eye care in elderly long-term patients. The results are timely, he said, because they complement the existing studies done among the normal population without diabetes.

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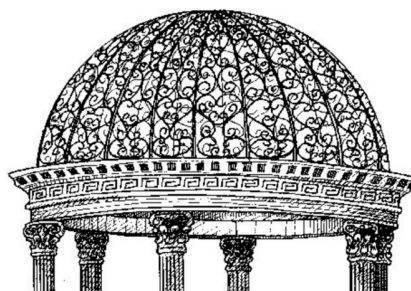
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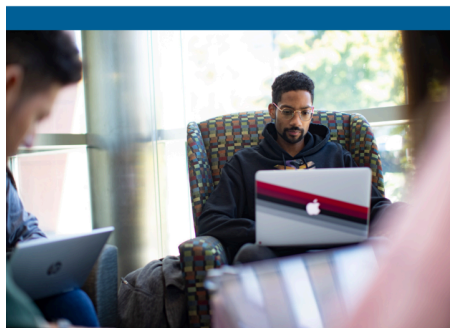
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