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**ESSILOR OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES 2005 VARILUX STUDENT GRANT AWARD WINNER**  
*Honors go to Stacy Hufnagel from Indiana University College of Optometry*

**DALLAS** -- (June 23, 2005) – Optometry students across the country submitted case studies in hopes of winning the annual Varilux<sup>®</sup> Student Grant Award from Essilor of America. This year, the honor belongs to Stacy Hufnagel, a third year student at Indiana University College of Optometry, who wrote the winning case study, “Application of Varilux<sup>®</sup> Ellipse<sup>™</sup> in a Young Unilateral Pseudophake”.

“It is rewarding to know that students are learning about the applications and advancements that Varilux lenses offer patients,” said Rodney Tahran, vice president of professional relations and clinical affairs for Essilor. “Essilor has always been dedicated to empowering students studying Optometry. We know that supporting the educational process helps to prepare students to become the industry leaders of tomorrow.”

Hufnagel and a guest will each receive an all-expenses paid trip to Optometry’s Meeting, the 108<sup>th</sup> Annual American Optometry Association (AOA) Congress and 35<sup>th</sup> Annual American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) to be held at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas, in June 2005. Hufnagel will also be an honored guest at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Varilux Optometry Super Bowl, the highly anticipated annual event sponsored by Essilor as well as receiving \$1,000 in prize money.

Judges reviewed all case studies based on criteria such as dispensing skills, application of Varilux lenses to the patient’s needs, analysis of the care and analysis of the lens design and lens performance. The winning student from each school receives \$1,000 grant and an entry into the national judging for a chance to become the national winner. The contest is open to third and fourth year Optometry students.

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