

Congratulations to Monica Clay **2006 MOA Para of the Year**

The doctors and staff of Eyecare Associates of Lee's Summit are honored to have the 2006 MOA Paraoptometric of the Year working in our office.



Monica Clay has been working for the practice since August 2001 and has become one of the most valuable members of our staff. Throughout her career, Monica's daily responsibilities have evolved to match her expanding knowledge of the eye care profession. She started the practice working the front desk and now her primary responsibilities included staff training, insurance coding/billing, and marketing. You may also see her throughout the office assisting in optical with glasses, pre-testing for the doctors, or even troubleshooting some computer or technical problems.

Monica has used her position in the office to educate the community through the See to Learn and InfantSee programs. She has worked with local Parents As Teachers, Early Childhood Education Centers and local pediatricians to educate on the importance of children's vision.

Monica has been an active member in the Missouri Optometric Association for over four years now. She has served on the ParaOptometric Board and the Kansas City Society Trustee, Vice-President, President and this year she will take the role of Immediate Past President. She has also served on the education committee for three years. She has helped arrange the education courses offered at the MOA Annual Convention for the paras.

When Monica is not busy with her work at Eyecare Associates and MOA, she spends her time working two other part-time jobs. She is the administrator for the Missouri Eye Care Alliance, which is a doctor owned and operated eye care plan. She began working with MECA when it formed three years ago. She is involved in every aspect of the organization from sales and consulting, to marketing and accounting. For Monica's second part-time job, she does consultation work for another group of Optometrists nationwide.

You are probably thinking, does she really have time to fulfill all her obligations? Well, somehow she does. She even finds time to do volunteer work. Each year, Monica donates her time to help out with the Special Olympics. During her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Kent, and traveling.