

The Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry SVOSH Chapter participated in Opening Eyes Special Olympics.

Our SVOSH Chapter participated in the Special Olympics event for the second year.

Nearly 100 persons with intellectual disabilities were examined at the facilities of the School of Optometry.



The process started with a registration station where basic demographic information was collected. The next station included presenting distance visual acuity and near visual acuities. It was followed by intraocular pressures, color vision, cover test, and stereopsis.

Autorefraction was performed followed by retinoscopy and corrected visual acuities. Next, we

conducted a slit-lamp external exam and an ophthalmoscopic internal exam. Every patient and their relatives received education and orientation on their results. If the patient required eyeglasses, a prescription was delivered. All patients who needed eyeglasses went to the dispensing station, where they could choose from hundreds of frames. Those without a prescription were given protective sunglasses.

For the SVOSH members, it was an excellent opportunity to examine these patients. As students, we were able to practice and refine our clinical skills under the supervision of the



School's clinical faculty and optometrists from the Puerto Rico Optometric Association. It was also an occasion to develop the skills to interact with these patients and their families.

We look forward to the Special Olympics event next year!



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