



# MOA Weekly Update

Doctors on the Frontline of Eye and Vision Care

Minnesota's  
Optometrists

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## October Member Spotlight is:



**Danise Miller**

**Where do you currently practice?**

Little Falls, MN

**Where are you from originally?**

Hillman, MN

**What school did you graduate from (undergraduate and optometry)?**

St. Cloud State University (undergrad) Michigan College of Optometry

**What are your hobbies?**

Anything outside! Bicycling, golf, kayaking, boating, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling. Inside? I'm a total Brain-Geek!

**Describe your local community involvement.**

I support shop small-shop local, whenever possible. Our community has outstanding functional and holistic health providers. I am excited to be a part of a community that promotes wellness.

**Tell us about your family and pets.**

I have an outstanding network of family and close friends that provide unending support for all of my personal and professional adventures.

**Why do you choose to be a member of the Minnesota Optometric Association?**

I very much admire the commitment to the profession and the unending diligence of the leaders of MOA. It is fulfilling to be part of the community.

**What do you like best about the profession of optometry?**

Vision is #1! There are countless opportunities to impact how people live and work, through vision.

**Describe your favorite memory from your optometric career.**

Since I've been working in neuro-rehab, there are many awe-inspiring moments. It's a powerful day, when you are told you've provided HOPE. One

moment that still sets me back is a man who had experienced multiple brain injuries; his visual system was so extremely fragile that he couldn't tolerate anyone or anything being close to him. He had asked his wife to wait in the reception area during his assessment. He and I worked to find a more stable visual environment. With one lens/prism combination, he said, 'Go get my wife.' I wasn't sure what was to follow, but I went to get his wife from the waiting room. He asked her to come in close to him, so he could see her; she was within about 3' from his face. "Yeah?, she asked?" "YES!, he exclaimed." They just stayed in that space, in that quiet, powerful, emotional embrace. I felt like I was an intruder, but it was peaceful and perfect.

**What fun fact would you like to share about yourselves that your colleagues may not know about you?**

I'm completely neurotic about the type of pen I use and clutter makes me anxious!