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The Vision Council Unites 150 Industry Leaders at 2025 Lab Leadership Forum and Emerging Optical Leaders Retreat

Alexandria, VA – April 30, 2025 – The Vision Council, the leading organization representing the optical industry, proudly hosted the [2025 Lab Leadership Forum](#) on April 24-25 at the Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel. This exclusive event brought together 150 executives across the optical laboratory sector, fostering education, professional growth and peer connection.

Tailored specifically for [The Vision Council](#)'s optical laboratory members, the Lab Leadership Forum featured a robust agenda designed to spark collaboration and advance leadership in the industry. Attendees engaged in dynamic discussions, attended expert-led sessions, and participated in curated networked experiences aimed at strengthening the industry's collective impact.

A standout highlight of the event was the presentation of the 2025 Good Fellow Award to **Michael Vitale, Vice President of Membership, Government Relations & Technical Affairs at The Vision Council**. Selected unanimously by his peers, Vitale was honored for his long-standing dedication, leadership, and advocacy on behalf of the optical community.

In conjunction with the Forum, The Vision Council also hosted the 2025 Emerging Optical Leaders Retreat, a professional development initiative designed for rising stars in the industry. Participants took part in leadership development workshops, toured a local optical lab, and engaged in exclusive networking events aimed at supporting their career trajectories.

"The Lab Leadership Forum and Emerging Optical Leaders Retreat offer our members a unique opportunity to collaborate, innovate, and grow together," said Michael Vitale. "We're honored to have welcomed 150 leaders from optical laboratories nationwide, and to witness the dynamic exchange of ideas that continues to push our industry forward."

The Vision Council extends its sincere appreciation to the generous sponsors who made these events possible:

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Learn more about the 2025 Lab Leadership Forum, access meeting resources, and view photos from the event [here](#).

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The Vision Council brings the power of sight to all through education, government relations, research and technical standards. A leading advocate for the optical industry, the association positions its members to deliver the eyewear and eyecare people need to look and feel their best. Vital to health, independence and safety, better vision leads to better lives.