

# Oak Park native opens eye care center

Albert S. Licup, a doctor of optometry and an Oak Park native and current resident, has opened a new, state-of-the-art optometry clinic, Compass Eye Care, this month at the corner of East Avenue and Madison Street in Oak Park.

"It has been a dream of mine to own my own practice," Licup says. "To be able to practice in my hometown and to have the opportunity to fulfill the eye health needs of my neighbors is icing on the cake."

Compass Eye Care, 603 Madison St., is a full-service eye care practice with cutting-edge equipment. Licup will perform comprehensive eye exams, specialty contact lens fittings to include corneal refractive therapy and eye surgery co-management. Compass Eye Care will also offer a diverse selection of eyewear, such as Oliver Peoples, Paul Smith, ProDesign, Emilio Pucci and Koali. Compass Eye Care will serve patients of all ages, ranging from infants needing their ini-

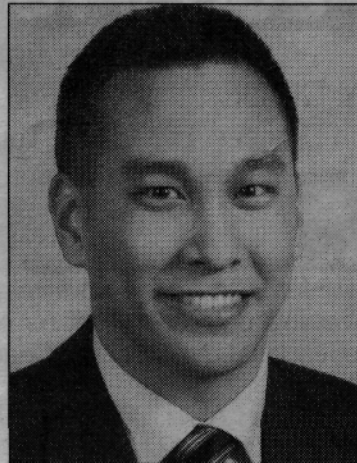
tial eye exams to those for whom low vision therapy or cataract co-management might be necessary.

It accepts a variety of insurance plans.

School children enrolling for the first time in kindergarten, or enrolling for the first time in public, private, or parochial elementary schools, can have their comprehensive eye exams performed as required by Illinois law at Compass Eye Care.

Licup is also an InfantSEE provider who will provide a one-time, no cost comprehensive eye assessment for infants between 6 and 12 months of age in order to provide early detection of potential eye and vision problems.

Licup grew up in Oak Park with his parents, Alberto and Gloria, and his younger brother, Alan. He attended grade school at Saint Edmund Parish School in Oak Park and then went on to Fenwick High School in Oak Park, where he graduated in 1993 near the top of his class and was captain of the cross country and track teams



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Licup then earned a Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship to Northwestern University, where he received a bachelor of science in education degree. He was commissioned and served on warships based in San Diego, making two six-month de-

ployments to the Middle East. He returned to Oak Park in 2002 to attend the Illinois College of Optometry, this time on a Navy Health Professions Scholarship.

He continued serving in leadership positions in graduate school, culminating in his election as president of the 5,300-member American Optometric Student Association in 2005.

Since his graduation from ICO in 2006 and up until this month, Licup has been stationed at Naval Station Great Lakes where he oversaw eye care screenings and exams for 41,000 new Navy sailors annually. He also directed an on-site optical fabrication lab manufacturing more than 12,000 glasses per year.

He was nominated as the Navy's Optometry Externship Director of the Year and Navy Young Optometrist of the Year in 2008, and was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal in 2009 for his service as optometry clinic director.

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