Fight for Sight’s mission is to support and inspire eye and vision research by funding promising scientists early in their careers. This mission has been fulfilled consistently and with passion throughout our history.

**OUR SCIENTISTS**

**Gail M. Seigal**, PhD, Research Associate Professor, University at Buffalo – SUNY, a 2004 FFS grantee, received FFS’s 2017 Alumni Achievement Award from Vin B. Mahajan, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Stanford University, a 2011 grantee and previous year’s award recipient.

**Norman J. Kleiman**, PhD, FFS’s Board President, has mentored numerous students from Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health, where he is a faculty member. He is shown with **Alexandra Hunt**, who received FFS’s 2017 Basil Worgul Lens Summer Student Fellowship.

**Amit K. Patel**, PhD, Johns Hopkins University, received a 2016 FFS/Glaucoma Research Foundation Postdoctoral Award. He is shown with his faculty mentor, **Derek S. Welsbie**, MD, PhD.

**FIGHT FOR SIGHT FUNDRAISING**

American sports icon **Nancy Kerrigan**, received FFS’s Vision Research Advocate Award at the 2017 Lights-On Gala.

**Dr. Kleiman, John LaSpina**, Board member and Lights-On Chairman with Honorees, **Bebe Neuwirth**, **Nancy Kerrigan** and **Roy S. Chuck**, MD, PhD, Ophthalmology chair, Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

**Davis Uzo Anugo**, a third year medical student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and 2017 Summer Student Fellowship recipient, mentored by Dr. Chuck, spoke of the importance of a FFS grant in the early career of a vision researcher.

**Tony and Emmy Award winning actor, Bebe Neuwirth**, received FFS’s 2017 Special Star Award.

**FIGHT FOR SIGHT’S 2016 AUDIT FIGURES**

- **Total Revenue**: $840,388
- **Total Expenses**: $603,768
- **Net Income**: $236,620

Generous donors and prudent financial management are critical to FFS’s success. The numbers from our 2016 audit, released earlier this year, underscore our expertise in this area. FFS’s program spending ratio was 66%. This means that for every dollar spent, 66 cents went towards program services. The Better Business Bureau recommends that organizations have a ratio of at least 65%.

…and our commitment to eye and vision research continues with grants to the twenty promising scientists highlighted on the other side of this report.
A novel titanium keratoprosthesis
Eleftherios Paschalis Ilios, PhD
Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary, Harvard Medical School
FFS – Eye Bank for Sight Restoration Grant-in-Aid award

Bacterial conjunctivitis
Francisco Lebron, PhD
Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary, Harvard Medical School

Diabetic retinopathy
John T. Penne, MD, PhD
Weill Cornell Medical College
FFS – International Retinal Research Foundation Grant-in-Aid award

2017 POSTDOCTORAL AWARDS

Visual cortex reorganization in individuals with partial blindness
Brian A. Allen, PhD
University of Washington, Seattle
Mentor: Ione Fine, PhD

Exfoliation Glaucoma
William M. Johnson, PhD
Duke University
Mentor: W. Daniel Stamer, PhD
FFS - Glaucoma Research Foundation Award

Retinal development and function
Scott J. Neal, PhD
Upstate Medical University, SUNY
Mentor: Francesca Pignoni, PhD

An optogenetic study of feedback pathways in visual cortex
Selena S. Solomon, PhD
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Mentor: Adam Kohn, PhD

2017 SUMMER STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

Corneal diseases
Davis Uzo Anugo
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Mentor: Roy S. Chuk, MD, PhD
FFS – Millicent Belfah Summer Student Fellowship

Glucoma
Ganiru Anunike
Case Western Reserve University
Mentor: Carol B. Toalis, PhD

Lens development and cataract
Sandeep Aryal
University of Delaware
Mentor: Salil A. Lachke, PhD, FFS
– Earl & Shirley Herbst Eye Research Foundation Award

Retinoblastoma
Zachary Goldsmith
University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Mentor: Vanessa Morales-Tirado, PhD

Glucoma
Ishita Gupta
Case Western Reserve University
Mentor: Padmanabhan Pattabiraman, PhD

Retinal development and function
Alexandra Hunt
Columbia University
Mentor: Norman Kleinman, PhD
FFS – Basil Wongal Lens Research Award

Pediatric amblyopia
Charles Gallagher
Cleveland Clinic
Mentor: Fatema Ghasia, MD

Glucoma
Ishita Gupta
Case Western Reserve University
Mentor: Padmanabhan Pattabiraman, PhD

Glucoma
Corinne Riemer
University of Maryland
Mentor: Michael Anderson, MD
FFS – Glaucoma Research Foundation Award

Diabetic keratopathy
Phuong-Thi Lam
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
Mentor: Dimitrios Karamichos, PhD

Neurodegenerative eye diseases
Yuan Liu
University of Miami
Mentor: Richard Lee, PhD

Glucoma
Danielle Pellack
University of Iowa
Mentor: Michael Anderson, MD
FFS – John & Anita LaSpina Summer Student Fellowship

Radiation cataract
Alessandra Hunt
Columbia University
Mentor: Norman Kleinman, PhD

Optic nerve regeneration
Adanna Udach
University of Miami
Mentor: Abigail Hackam, PhD
FFS – Earl & Shirley Herbst Eye Research Foundation Award