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## **TIARA CLAXTON APPOINTED TO OPTICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

DALLAS - The Optical Women's Association (OWA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tiara Claxton of Safilo USA to its board of directors. Tiara will also serve as co-chair of the organization's program committee.

Since joining the OWA more than two years ago, Claxton has shown her commitment to the organization by volunteering at numerous OWA events. She has been an active member of the communications committee, writing numerous articles for the association newsletters. Claxton also serves on the membership committee as she enjoys and succeeds at recruiting new members, especially ECP's.

"I've had the pleasure of working with Tiara on the communications committee. When she agreed to step up to the board level, I couldn't have been happier. She is a dynamic, 'get-her-done' woman, who I'm thrilled to have on the OWA board," said Christie Walker, OWA president.

Claxton is responsible for managing the western states territory and key accounts for Safilo's Luxury Collections, and will celebrate her eighteenth year with Safilo USA this November.

According to Claxton, "I am thankful to be a part of such an amazing group of woman who know it's not easy to get where you want to go...but with the support and guidance of others, great things can happen!"

About the Optical Women's Association: The Optical Women's Association is a non-profit organization founded in September of 1997 with the mission to enhance and promote the leadership role of women in the optical industry through networking, education, and peer support. Projects and programs include the Star Network Mentoring Program; the Professional Optical Women's Workshop, providing women in the optical industry with personal and professional growth opportunities; networking events at both International Vision Expo East and West; and the annual Pleiades award which recognizes and honors individuals who have made a significant difference for women in the optical industry.