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An expansion in patient care is taking place at First Insight Eyecare.

Joining Dr. Tim Meyer in his practice are the husband and wife team of Eric and Tori Gengenbach.

The couple joined Meyer's staff this summer, initially doing some training sessions and getting accustomed to the business as well as acquainted with clientele.

"I am very excited to have these two doctors join me in practice," said Meyer. "They are special people with special skills that will add much to my practice and much more to the community."

Meyer said with the addition of the Gengenbachs, the clinic will be open more hours at all locations, including Imperial, and will offer more convenient hours as well.

First Insight will also be offering some Saturday hours in the near future.

Eric became interested in optometry while he was involved in the work study program during high school. The 2001 Grant High School graduate has since obtained his doctorate in optometry from Southern College of Optometry (SCO) in Memphis, as did his wife, who is from Bixby, Okla.

"It's great to be back," said Eric. "Primary care optometry has always interested me because you never see the same thing twice."

Eric said each individual is unique and that's how he approaches his patients. He said he also looks forward to implementing vision therapy programs for kids who may be struggling in school as a result of visual problems.

Eric was recognized for his outstanding achievement while he was in school. During his first year he was presented a clinical sciences award (given for clinical skills proficiency). He was one of eight recipients out of a class of 118.

In his second year, he again was one of the top in his class, receiving the basic sciences award for didactic classroom work. He received the clinical sciences award both his second year and third year as a top student in his class.

Selected as SCO's Carl Zeiss Vision Fellowship recipient, he was among the winners selected from 17 national optometry schools. He graduated cum laude and was a member of Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Fraternity.

Tori was also recognized for her many outstanding achievements while in school.

In her fourth year, she was the recipient of the Outstanding Clinician Award, being only one of two in her entire class of 118.

She was selected as SCO representative for political advancement in optometry at a conference in Indianapolis.

Tori was also a cum laude graduate and belonged to Beta Sigma Kappa honor fraternity.

Following college at Oklahoma State University, internships and externships in locations such as Memphis, Tenn., Jacksonville, Fla., Washington, D.C., and Bethesda, Md., the couple is comfortably settled in Perkins County and becoming familiar with the day-to-day routine of their specialty.

“I am humbled by the way this community helped me get started 30 years ago and the tremendous support and friendship you all have given me,” said Meyer. “I am sure Dr. Eric and Dr. Tori will feel the same.”—and they do. The couple said they can’t imagine beginning their careers without the guidance of the staff in both offices. “Their help is invaluable,” said Eric.