

South Georgia Eye Partners specializes in iLASIK, cataract surgery with premium lens implants and comprehensive family eye care.

Day earns Certificate in Retirement Planning

Lisa F. Day, a financial professional with AXA Advisors, LLC in Valdosta, has earned a Certificate in Retirement Planning from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She is one of the select financial professionals nationwide to complete this retirement planning education program.

The retirement education program is a customized program developed for AXA Equitable to provide AXA Advisors' financial professionals with intensive training in retirement planning. The Wharton School is recognized around the world for its academic strengths at every level of business education.

The Wharton program commenced with 50 hours of intensive study taught by 10 Wharton School faculty members over a week-long period. It was led by Dr. Olivia Mitchell, the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans Professor of Insurance and Risk Management at The Wharton School.

Individuals who complete the retirement planning education program at Wharton are required to complete ongoing continuing education provided by Wharton's Learning Continuum and AXA Equitable.

Day earned a Bachelor's degree from Valdosta State University. In addition to the Wharton Certificate in Retirement Planning, she also holds the FINRA Series 6, 63, 65 and seven licenses.

Recognized for her commitment to clients, professional leadership and outstanding sales performance, Day has received numerous company and industry honors throughout her career with AXA Advisors, including two Centurion awards and two National Leaders Corp. awards.

She is active in community and professional organizations, including the Valdosta Junior Woman's Club and the First Baptist Church. She also volunteers for the March of Dimes.

Young Professionals named Metro Valdosta's 4 Under 40

Four young professionals were named

Metro Valdosta's 4 Under 40 at a reception presented by Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) at the Turner Center for the Arts.

Jennifer Steedley (Valdosta City Schools), Drew DeMott (Moore, Clarke, DuVall & Rodgers, P.C.), Brittney Foster-Hull (Packaging Corporation of America) and Parrish Clark (Guardian Bank) were chosen based on professional accomplishments, experience, community involvement, leadership qualities and entrepreneurial spirit. The Chamber will nominate them for Georgia Trend's 40 Under 40.

Vice Chair of the Chamber's Business Expansion Division, Sue Cox (Covington's Dining & Catering) presented the awards at the reception. A special presentation was given by Valdosta Junior Woman's Club's 2011 Woman of the Year, Sementha Matthews (City of Valdosta).

4 Under 40 is a program of MetroOne Young Professionals Network with the goal of recognizing achievement among young professionals in the community. Valdosta's 4 Under 40 were chosen by an outside panel of judges from the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. There were 23 finalists in the competition.

MetroOne is a Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce initiative with the goal of attracting and retaining young professionals to the Metro Valdosta area. The group focuses on three key areas: networking and community engagement, professional development and young professional advocacy.

Branham invited to serve on committee

William Branham, owner of 21st Century Telecom Inc. of Valdosta, has been invited to serve on the Federal Communications Commission re-chartered Federal Advisory Committee (FCC) on Diversity in the Digital Age (the "Diversity Committee"). The Diversity Committee pro-



Clark



DeMott



Foster-Hull



Steedley