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In 2000, Dr. Alexander left clinical practice to become Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. In 2008, he became President of Southern California College of Optometry and expanded its mission to include interdisciplinary health care education by creating Marshall B. Ketchum University (MBKU). Dr. Alexander was named the first President of MBKU in 2013, adding Physician Assistant studies and Pharmacy to join the century-old optometry program. From 2013 to 2018 construction projects doubled the size of the MBKU campus.

Dr. Alexander has presented more than 275 lectures in 15 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and five countries. He has authored numerous articles and edited a textbook. Dr. Alexander has served as President of volunteer optometric organizations including the Ohio Optometric Association, Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, and the American Optometric Association. He has received the Ohio State Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, the H. Ward Ewalt Award for Distinguished Professional Service, was named an Ohio Optometrist of the Year and is a National Optometry Hall of Fame inductee. Dr. Alexander is married to Dr. Carol L. Alexander, also an optometrist, and enjoys flying and photography.