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## ZSOM Alumni Newsletter

May 2022

Greetings!

Summer is finally around the corner for us here in New York, and we are so thrilled to have another class of Zucker School of Medicine students joining our alumni population - we recently celebrated commencement for the class of 2022 on May 9th (see below for coverage). This class will be heading off to residency programs around the country, so if you missed the Match info and want to be connected, please don't hesitate to contact our office!

While COVID numbers are on the rise yet again, I am still hoping to hold an **alumni happy hour** at the Brooklyn Brewery over the summer, as well as the **Class of 2017's 5 year reunion** in the fall! Please read on for more details on these!

We would also like to invite you to participate in prospective student interviews with the Admissions Committee - this year's cycle will be virtual, please see below for more information and the survey link.

Please keep your updates coming in, either by using the [online form](#) or emailing me at [SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu](mailto:SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu).

Sending summer vibes your way,

Anne Dalgish Koestner  
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

### **Alumni News:**

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*Class of 2017 Reunion*  
*Saturday, September 17, 2022*

- **Class of 2017** - please save the date for your five year reunion on **Saturday, September 17th!** More details will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, please mark your calendars!
- I am planning an alumni gathering at the **Brooklyn Brewery** for **Saturday, July 9th, from 1-3 p.m.!** A separate email will be sent out with more details, but we hope you can make it to enjoy some brews, food, and good conversation!
- We would like to invite you to join the Admissions Committee, as this year's cycle will be completely virtual. There are a variety of roles and degrees of involvement, as outlined in [this document](#). Please click on [this survey](#) to indicate your interest, and thank you!
- The classes of 2015 and 2016 gathered at the medical school on April 9th to celebrate their five year reunions - you can read the coverage and see some photos [here](#).





## Alumni Classnotes:

### Class of 2015:

- Shayna Sanguinetti was featured in a News12 piece about aphasia following the announcement about Bruce Willis, you can watch the clip [here](#). Shayna will be entering fellowship in headache medicine at NYU Langone this summer.

### Class of 2016:

- Reshmi (Madankumar) Kapoor appeared on Dr. Ira Nash's podcast, "Well Said", to discuss "Dermatology in People of Color", you can listen to the podcast [here](#).

### Class of 2018

- Clancy Mullan was recently awarded an \$80,000 Resident Research Fellowship from the Thoracic Surgery Foundation to support his graduate research into transplant-related injury to endothelial cells and the subsequent inflammatory response.
- Sophie Parks and Benjamin Stuart got engaged in early 2022. They live in Los Angeles where Sophie is completing a second residency in pathology (after finishing internal medicine) at LAC and USC, and Ben is completing his residency in neurology at USC prior to starting a neurocritical care fellowship.
- Kristoffer Strauss will be the Chief Fellow (Education) for the Stanford Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship from 2022-2023. His daughter, Stella, born at North Shore during his third year at Hofstra, is turning 5 and will be entering kindergarten this summer.

### Class of 2019



- Stephanie Gambino, Devora Lichtman, and Ana Valle reunited at the APDIM Chief Residents Meeting in Chicago this spring!
- Lena Liu matched into two fellowship programs at Mass General Brigham, the epilepsy fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the women's neurology fellowship at Mass General Brigham.
- Elise Stave matched into fellowship in pediatric cardiology at Children's National Hospital.
- Alexis Tchaconas was selected chief resident for the internal medicine/pediatrics training program at Mount Sinai for the 2022-2023 academic year. She also accepted a fellowship position in developmental-behavioral pediatrics at Northwell starting in July 2023.
- Arielle Yeshua and Poppy Addison (2018) were nominated for induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society, read the complete list [here](#).

### Class of 2020

- Alex Smith was selected as chief resident for Internal Medicine at Northwell for 2023-2024.

### Student News:

- We were able to hold an in-person commencement ceremony for the class of 2022 at the Mack Center this month, welcoming 98 new alumni to your ranks! You can read more coverage [here](#).
- Nicholas Favazza, a second year student at the Zucker School of Medicine, recently was awarded the *Excellence in Public Health Award*, a national award that recognizes medical students who are public health champions. You can read more about Nicholas [here](#).

### Faculty News:

- Our beloved Public Safety Officer, Mark Nonnenmann, recently retired on May 25th. His message to students and alumni can be found [here](#), along with his contact info. We will all miss him tremendously!
- Dean Smith was honored at the Hofstra Gala on May 5th, it was a wonderful evening that raised over \$1 million for scholarships for students planning to study medicine. You can read coverage [here](#).
- The Gala also honored our Teachers of the Year, for the first 100 weeks, Dr.

Joel Stern, and for the second 100 weeks, Dr. Syed Ahmad.

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What would you like to hear more about? Please email me at [SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu](mailto:SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu) with updates, suggestions, and requests, and don't forget to connect with us through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and our LinkedIn group!



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