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## **ZSOM Alumni Newsletter**

**January 2024**

Dear Dhanya,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits as we embark on a new year filled with opportunities and possibilities! As 2024 is underway, we hope you are staying healthy, and connected with us at the Zucker School of Medicine. As you know from your own experience, after a quick holiday break, the medical school is in full swing this winter - regardless of snow, rain, or a deep freeze!

We have a lot to look forward to this year, as Match Day is right around the corner (more below), Curriculum Renewal is taking shape, and we prepare to address some of the big issues facing medical education.

And on a more social note, if you are in the Boston area, please look for an invite to a get-together in early April, when I'll be visiting! As usual, please keep those updates coming in, and share your news - you can always email me at [SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu](mailto:SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu), or use the [online form](#) to drop a quick line or send me a photo at [646-209-1859](tel:646-209-1859)! I hope to hear from you soon!

All the best,

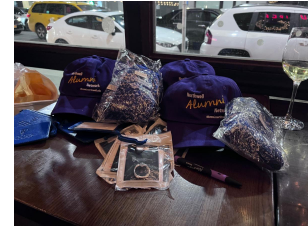
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Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

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### **Alumni News:**

#### ***Holiday Party!***

We had a great time at our Alumni Holiday Party in NYC! It was fun to have many of you pop by, and kick off the holiday season with some drinks and lots of catching up! As always, I'm open to suggestions about opportunities to get you together, so please feel free to [drop me a line](#)! We missed a few folks in these photos, but there was lots of holiday cheer to go around!



## Alumni Spotlight!

We are starting a new social media initiative, highlighting accomplishments and stories about our alumni on our website, social media, and internal publications.

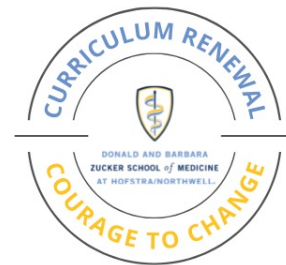
If you are interested in being profiled, please use [this link](#) to answer a few short questions! We'd love to showcase what our alumni are up to!

## Curriculum Renewal Update

In June 2022, we initiated a journey of discovery sparked by one fundamental question: What should distinguish ZSOM graduates in the year 2035 and beyond?

This inquiry prompted a deep dive into the evolving landscape of medical education and healthcare. The progress we achieved toward a refreshed curriculum was made possible through active engagement, creative ideas, and valuable feedback from you, our ZSOM community. A refreshed goal and objectives were established, and now we are inviting you again to help bring it all together!

Please view a [message](#) from our Vice Dean, Dr. Samara Ginzburg, and then [take our survey](#) to share your insights on what you believe is crucial for us to consider in designing our refreshed curriculum. Visit the [Curriculum Renewal website](#) for more information.



Take our Curriculum Renewal Survey!

## Alumni Classnotes:

**Class of 2016:**

- Stephanie (Tong) Miller and Jonathan Miller recently welcomed their second daughter, Madelyn to the family, joining proud (and adorable) big sister Emmy!



- Rachel Pruitt is currently finishing her pediatric neurosurgery fellowship at Johns Hopkins, and will be joining the pediatric neurosurgery faculty at Cohen Children's Medical Center at Northwell in September.

**Class of 2017:**

- Matthew Ehrlich matched into hematology/oncology fellowship at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia starting in July.
- Muhammad Mutawakkil recently got married in Nigeria, with some ZSOM friends representing!





- Will Patten matched into fellowship at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia for PICU cardiology in July.
- Timothy White helped current ZSOM students host a recent neurosurgery symposium at the medical school, you can read more below in the Student Notes section! Tim also recently accepted a faculty position at Northwell in the neurology department, splitting his time between North Shore University Hospital and Lenox Hill Hospital.

#### Class of 2018:

- Timothy Khowong recently published an [article](#) in *Cureus* on transformative learning, priming, and simulation timing, in collaboration with his MSEd program at Hofstra during his medical education fellowship at Mt. Sinai.

#### Class of 2023

- Saira Khan and Gautam Nayar participated in the recent Core Learning: “Our Opioid Epidemic” themed week, speaking on a panel to our third year students, you can read the coverage [here](#).



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#### Student News:

- **Match Day** is coming up on March 15th for the class of 2024! You can view the invitation [here](#), and please RSVP if you'd like to attend!



- The student chapter of the American Association for Neurological Surgeons (AANS) at the Zucker SOM hosted the inaugural Northeast Medical Student Neuroscience Research Symposium, which brought together medical students from ten different medical schools. You can read the coverage [here](#).
- Second year medical students recently hosted the inaugural Medical Innovations Symposium at the Zucker SOM, showcasing medical technologies and advances in a number of specialty areas. You can read more about the symposium [here](#).

### Faculty News:

- Dean Battinelli was recently interviewed for an article in Becker's Hospital Review about how technological advances can help alleviate burnout and frustration for physicians, you can read coverage [here](#).
- Robert O. Roswell, MD, associate dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and professor of Cardiology and Science Education recently co-authored a study on the ongoing knowledge bias faced by black resident physicians, you can read our coverage and link to the article [here](#).
- Northwell has started a new Northwell Alumni Network, connecting former employees with each other and with the health system. If you are interested in joining, you will get access to job opportunities, programs, communications, and more. You can click [here](#) to sign up, or [contact me](#) with any questions you may have.
- Northwell's Office of Physician Recruitment is also available to you with career opportunities - you can learn more at their website [here](#), or reach out to them directly [here](#).

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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!



***Hofstra's Day of Giving is coming up on February 27th, when we ask alumni and friends to support scholarships at the medical school!***

***Please be on the lookout for information next month, and as always you can make a gift to support the medical school [here](#) or by using the button below!***

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