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## SOM Alumni Newsletter

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Greetings!

The school year is well underway here at the Zucker School of Medicine - and I hope that pumpkin spice lattes, crunching leaves, apple pie, or some other autumn cliché is getting you through some long hours! It was great to see many of you at the happy hour last month - I'm taking suggestions now for a spring get-together, most likely on Long Island! Reply with your favorite spots, and I'll get things organized for the spring!

Our first year students recently wrapped up their first round of exams, and the fourth years are embarking on interviews. If any of you are interested in hosting students, please **email me** to let me know!

I hope you enjoy reading the updates below - as always, I would love to hear your news! Please email or send in your updates through our **online form** to let us know about life events, publications, honors, etc.

As always, please feel free to reach out at [SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu](mailto:SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu) with any news, updates, or questions. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner  
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

### **News from the Zucker School**

#### **Alumni News:**

Are you interested in hosting a 4th year student as they embark on interview season? Please email **SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu** if you'd like to participate!

We had some fun, food, and drinks in NYC at Latitude Bar - see photos below! Great catching up with many of you!



### Alumni Classnotes:

#### **Class of 2015:**

- Daina Blitz and Jonathan Mallen are recently engaged, congratulations to this inaugural class pair!



- Jonathan also recently published an **article** on newborn hearing screenings in the *International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology*, and Daina will be staying at Yale following her year as chief resident for a cardiac anesthesia fellowship.
- Robert Metzler and Jim Hayes are now proud parents to furbaby and adorable French bulldog BooBoo, happily residing in Chicago.



- Christina Scelfo published an **article** in *Retinal Cases & Brief Reports* on retinocytoma.

### Class of 2016:

- Deepa Ramadurai published an **article** in BMJ Open Quality on understanding the informational needs of patients with IPF.

### Class of 2017:

- Michael Gould and Helen Schnaper were married in Newport, Rhode Island this September.
- Jocelyn Greensher has been appointed as Senior Medical Officer on the USS Oak Hill; the ship is scheduled to deploy again in 2019. She also published an **article** on therapeutic plasma exchange in *Pediatric Blood & Cancer*.
- Tahyna Hernandez and Vinodh Mechery published an **article** in *Kidney International Reports* on nephropathology education during nephrology fellowship training.
- Shamus Moran had a not so run-of-the-(tread)mill experience at his local gym in Seattle - saving the life of a fellow gym-goer! See the **news coverage here**.
- Cameron Mozayan published an **article** in the Visual Journal of Emergency Medicine on diagnosing a bone fracture in a pediatric patient.

### Student News:

**Medical-Legal Trial Competition:** A new collaboration with the Hofstra School of Law is giving our medical students experience in serving as medical experts during mock trials

**White Coat Ceremony welcomes 8th class to ZSOM** - This year's class includes the first recipients of Donald and Barbara Zucker's endowed scholarship, a pair of twins, and two alumni from our Pipeline program. Read more here.

### Faculty News:

**NIH grant to fund digital health platform for breast cancer survivors** - Dr. Catherine Benedict will be heading this five year project.

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