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ZSOM Alumni Newsletter

November 2020

Greetings!

Hard to believe I'm starting another newsletter hoping you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy - but here we are. As we enter into the holiday season, I hope you are coping with all the stresses that the pandemic, residency, work, and life in general seem to be throwing our way. The Zucker School of Medicine is here to support you however we can, please always feel free to reach out.

We were so thrilled to celebrate our first 5 year reunion with the class of 2015 earlier this fall - held virtually, it was unconventional to say the least! But it was great to see everyone and catch up - see more details below.

I'd also like to thank so many of you who volunteered your time to speak to current students about your residency programs and specialties. This is a difficult year for our fourth year students who are interviewing online, and don't have the opportunity to visit schools in person, so your perspectives really make a difference. Please see below for an upcoming panel to participate in.

Please keep the alumni updates coming in, and I hope you have some time to recharge over the holidays. As always, please feel free to reach out to SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu with any news, updates, or questions. Looking forward to hearing from you soon, and all the best for the holidays and the new year ahead (let's hope 2021 kicks 2020 to the curb!)

All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

Alumni News:

- Some of you may be hearing about fellowships for the upcoming year - please send your updates to SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu so I can include this in the next newsletter, as well as keep track of all the great places our alumni are going!
- The Office of Student Affairs is currently seeking panelists for the upcoming First Generation (college grad and/or physician) information session/panel for MS1's and MS2's on November 19th at 7:00pm. Please contact [Jennifer Mendez](#) if you'd be interested in attending as a panelist by this Friday, November 13th.

Alumni Classnotes:

Class of 2015:

- The class of 2015 celebrated their five year reunion virtually, toasting and catching up! We hope next fall to bring together both the classes of 2015 and 2016 in person, if it is safe to do so.



Class of 2016:

- Lindsay and Zachary Hahn welcomed Jacob Hahn to the world on October 10, joining big brother and sister Sammy and Lainey!



Class of 2017:

- Joshua Heisler and Dr. Ariel Schaap married this July in New Jersey, read the NYT article [here](#).
- Tahyna Hernandez was selected as chief resident in pathology at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and will be pursuing a fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering for surgical oncologic pathology next year, with the following year in a gynecologic pathology fellowship at Johns Hopkins.
- Sharland Johnson was selected as chief resident in emergency medicine at SUNY HSC Brooklyn.

Class of 2019

- Brian Emmert was awarded Intern of the Year at Pennsylvania Hospital at the end of his preliminary year in medicine.
- Kelsey McLeod was selected as intern of the year for pediatrics at Cohen Children's Medical Center.
- Ana Valle was awarded the 2019-2020 Matthew Florczyk Award in recognition of her dignity and commitment exhibited during internship in internal medicine at Montefiore.

Class of 2020

- Kevin Lu's fourth year elective while at the Zucker School of Medicine will culminate in an art installation at Cohen's Children's Medical Center, you can read more [here](#).

Student News:

- This year's White Coat ceremony was closed to the public, but students managed to celebrate with the school's 10th ceremony, you can read more [here](#), and watch the recap video [here](#).

Faculty News:

- Dean Lawrence G. Smith was named a top healthcare leader in Long Island Business News' "Power 30 in Healthcare" issue, read more [here](#).

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