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## ZSOM Alumni Newsletter

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Greetings!

Spring is here, and with it a flurry of activity at the Zucker School of Medicine. Between Match Day, graduation coming up, and study period for Step 1 for our second years, there is a lot going on around here! If you are interested in attending commencement on May 13 at 2 p.m., please use this [link](#) to view the invitation (there will be a livestream available [here](#)).

I was so glad to have the opportunity to get together with some of you at our recent happy hour in New Hyde Park! We were having so much fun, we forgot to take photos until the end, so apologies to those of you I missed (see photos below)! I'd love to hear from you if you are interested in getting together over the summer, maybe in July, for either a picnic, beer garden afternoon, or something else. Please [email me](#) with any thoughts or suggestions you may have!

And finally, I'm happy to say we are launching a [LinkedIn page](#) for ZSOM alumni! If you are on LinkedIn, please visit the closed group to become a member - this will be another place to get information about the school, updates on your fellow alumni, and general news. Look for emails and invitations for the group, and please feel free to invite your fellow alumni as you join the group - I'm hoping this will be another way for you to network with each other.

As always, please feel free to reach out to [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:**

We had a great time eating way too much food at Luigi's in New Hyde Park this month - and even had a few guests drop in! As mentioned above, look for emails about a possible event over the summer and definitely one in Manhattan in the fall - if you are interested in a regional event please contact me as well!



## Alumni Classnotes:

### **Class of 2015:**

- Cristina Costales spent the last year in Tanzania as a VECD Fogarty Global Health Research Fellow, investigating fatal febrile illness and working to improve pathology capacity in the region - she will return to USC in July to complete residency (and thanks Drs. Elkowitz, Esposito, Crawford, and others for their inspiration in pathology education).
- LaQueta Hudson recently published an **article** on adenylyl cyclase 6 in *Frontiers in Immunology*.
- Samantha Ruff is finishing up a two year surgical oncology research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in D.C., where she is working to create new ex vivo tumor models.

### **Class of 2016:**

- Michael Murn will be starting a pulmonary critical care fellowship at Columbia next year, and also recently published an **article** on respiratory failure in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

### **Class of 2017:**

- Bradley Manzano (and his mom, Giovanna), want to remind you to send in more baby pix and news! As motivation, here he is in all his cuteness, modeling our new onesie (email me to get your future doctor's - range of sizes available)!





- Timothy White recently published an **article** in *Operative Neurosurgery* on clinical experience using a 3D exoscope system for microneurosurgery.

#### **Class of 2018:**

- Benson Ku recently published two articles, **one** on cyclical cardiorenal syndrome, and **one** on advocating for underrepresented applicants to psychiatry, in addition to a **book chapter** on the psychopharmacology of eating disorder.
- Jonathan Preminger was recently honored by Innovate Long Island for his white coat sterilization system (SteriLux Systems LLC) at the **2019 breakfast**.



#### **Student News:**

**ZSOM Students Continue to Dominate St. Baldrick's:** This year's St. Baldrick's event at the Zucker School of Medicine raised over \$11,000 toward childhood cancer research, see the fun article [here](#)!

**Want More Match Coverage?:** Find it [here](#).

#### **Faculty News:**

**Dr. Smith Nominated for 50 Most Influential Clinical Leaders:** Our own Dr. Larry Smith has been nominated by *Modern Healthcare* as one of the country's 50 most influential clinical leaders. Voting is now open [here](#).

**ZSOM Educators Publish on "Hedgehog Concept":** ZSOM faculty and administrators published an invited commentary in *Academic Medicine* on the school's unique philosophy on medical education - read our coverage [here](#), and the article [here](#).

**2019 Teachers of the Year:** This year's teachers of the year are Dr. David Elkowitz for the First 100 Weeks, and Dr. Roya R. Samuels for the Second 100 Weeks. Congratulations to both of these wonderful faculty members!

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