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ZSOM Alumni Newsletter

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Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe, healthy, and coping with the pandemic as best you can. While New York seems to be improving, I know many of you in other parts of the country are dealing with increasingly serious COVID-related situations. Please know the Zucker School of Medicine is here to support you in any way that we can.

As so many of our events have gone virtual, so are some of our sessions for current students to hear about residency programs and specialty areas. We will also be presenting sessions on **first generation, couples, under-represented minorities,** and **women** medical student experiences, so if you would like to participate, please fill out the [Google form here](#), and Career Services will be in touch with you.

Additionally, since our **interview process** is going online, we would love to get your virtual participation in this area as well. We are looking for alumni affiliated with Northwell to assist with the mini skills session, highlighting the experiential nature of the ZSOM medical education. If you are interested, please fill out the [Google form here](#), and Admissions will be in touch with you.

And a big welcome to our class of 2020 alumni to your first alumni newsletter! While we didn't get an in-person send-off at the school, I'm looking forward to hearing how you are doing and settling into residency. 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!

All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

News from the Zucker School

Alumni News:

Our newest alumni were featured in several news stories due to the unusual graduation circumstances and the opportunity many of them took to volunteer at Northwell facilities at the height of the crisis. I circulated many of these articles to you in previous communications this spring, but thought you might like to see some of the most recent coverage:

- Alison Laxer (2020) was featured in a Northwell news [article](#) about our newest alumni entering the fight against COVID-19.
- Alison and other new ZSOM graduates were highlighted in a *CBS This Morning* piece, watch the show [here](#).

Alumni Classnotes:

Class of 2015:

- Shayna Carp has taken a position as an attending physician in the Emergency Medicine department at Concord Hospital, New Hampshire.

Class of 2016:

- Reshmi (Madankumar) Kapoor will be practicing part-time in the Department of Dermatology at Northwell Health this fall in the area of general, medical and cosmetic dermatology.
- Deepa Ramadurai matched to a fellowship in Pulmonary & Critical Care at the University of Pennsylvania for the upcoming year.
- Kevin Smith matched to a fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care at Nemours/A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware.

Class of 2017:

- Arline Edmond was selected as academic chief resident in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School/Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation for 2020-2021.

Class of 2018:

- Camille Anderson was selected as chief resident in Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and also will be an editor for the *Harriet Lane Handbook*.
- Delia Pais Kristol and her husband Joe welcomed Louisa Devine Kristol to the world on January 11th this year!



- Benson Ku published an [article](#) in *Psychiatry Today* on the social determinants of mental health.
- Katie L'Abbate was selected as chief resident in Emergency Medicine at Northwell.
- Diana Lech was selected as chief resident in the department of Medicine at Northwell.

Student News:

ZSOM Students Volunteer and Receive 3D PPE from Hempstead School District: In a continuation of the medical school's relationship with the Hempstead school district, our students have been volunteering to serve meals to members of the Hempstead community, and were presented with 3D printed protective equipment produced by high school students - more coverage [here](#).

Faculty News:

A Renewed Focus on Empathy and Dedication for New Doctors: Dr. Smith reflects on the changing landscape for newly graduated physicians, and what these new expectations will mean in this [piece](#).

Honor for Dr. Samara Ginzburg: Dr. Samara Ginzburg, Associate Dean for Case-Based Learning, was recently named *Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Ambassador* for the Zucker School of Medicine, a fellowship for senior women in medicine, read coverage [here](#).

Award for Dr. Razia Jayman-Aristide: Dr. Razia Jayman-Aristide, Assistant Director of Ambulatory Clerkships, was recently honored with the *Allison Kim Levy Continuing Acts of Kindness Endowed Memorial Award* for her dedicated and continuing work to improve health for underserved communities, read coverage [here](#).

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