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ZSOM Alumni Newsletter

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Greetings!

Maybe it's wishful thinking to name this newsletter "early spring", but I'm sure we are all looking ahead to better times ahead (and in the Northeast - less snow!)! I hope you are all staying safe and healthy, and dealing with all the challenges we seem to be facing these days.

Match Day is quickly approaching on March 19th - if you'd like to join in the virtual celebration, please click the link [here](#). And as always, I'll be sending out the match list, so if you'd like to reach out to any of our graduating students who are heading to your programs, please [email me](#), and I'm happy to connect you.

Please keep the alumni, fellowship, honors, and family updates coming in, and I look forward to the time when we can gather in person again! If you are interested in a virtual happy hour, please let me know - if there's interest I'm happy to set one up! As always, please feel free to reach out to me at SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu.

All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

Alumni News:

- We've gotten some great news about fellowships - please keep them coming and send them over to SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu or through the [online form](#) - even if you don't wish it to be included in the newsletter, it's a great resource for students to know where our alumni end up.
- Thanks once again to so many of you who participated in our Career Nights this fall - it was wonderful to have your involvement, and I hope we can continue to have you engage with current students! Jodi and Dr. Lou Miller wanted to express their thanks personally:

"We wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered for our student panels and career nights. With many of our events being virtual this past year, it is so important to show current students, especially our new MS1s, that the ZSOM community is available for them. Your presence at these events has been well-received and so appreciated. We have heard over and over about how it has been so meaningful for students to connect with you and for that, we are incredibly grateful. We hope to continue to see you at future events!"

Kindly,

Alumni Classnotes:

Class of 2016:

- Collin Fuller will be taking a position as general dermatologist and dermatopathologist at Pennsylvania Dermatology Partners.
- Lindsay Hahn will be finishing her fellowship in Regional Anesthesiology at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center at Pittsburgh this summer, while Zach Hahn finishes his fellowship in Critical Care Medicine at UPMC. The family plans a move to Southern Maine this summer, where Lindsay will be practicing as an anesthesiologist, and Zach as an intensivist. They also shared a photo of their growing family over the holidays.



Lainey, Jacob, and Sammy Hahn wish you a happy 2021!

Class of 2017:

- Daniel Chu recently published an **article** in *Atherosclerosis* on the relationship between cardiorespiratory fitness, cardiovascular risk factors and atherosclerosis. Daniel also matched into a fellowship in Cardiology at UC San Diego.
- Ana Cisneros matched into a fellowship in Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology at the Baylor College of Medicine.
- Rachel Mogil matched into a fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery at the Mayo Clinic.
- Will Patten matched into a fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology at NYP/Columbia.

Class of 2018

- Jenny Chang recently published an **article** in *Academic Emergency Medicine* on bringing back the human connection utilizing tablets.
- Heather Edward matched into a fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics at Brown University/Hasbro Children's Hospital.
- Benson Ku recently published an **article** in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine* on the relationship between shortages of primary care practitioners on COVID-19 infection and mortality rates.
- Sam Lee recently published an **article** in the *Annals of Vascular Surgery* on risk factors involved with postoperative hypo- and hypertension.
- Tyler Lopachin was selected as chief resident of Emergency Medicine at the Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, and with the help of Dr. Taranjeet Ahuja and Dr. Joe Weiner, will be incorporating some aspects of our patient communication curriculum into his resident education program. Tyler also sent us a cute and socially distanced holiday photo of his growing family!



- Haley Zylberberg matched into a fellowship in Gastroenterology at NYP/Columbia.

Class of 2019

- Ana Valle was chosen as the ambulatory chief resident for 2022-2023 in Internal Medicine at Montefiore/Einstein College of Medicine.

Class of 2020

- Brian Dulmovits recently published an **article** in the *Journal of Clinical Investigation* on steroid resistance in Diamond Blackfan anemia.
- Simon Khuvis just published his **thesis** in the *Journal of Neuroscience* on neural activation and facial recognition.
- Lei Alexander Quin recently published two articles, **one** in *Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery* on topics in urogynecology on Instagram, and **another** on OB-GYN residential preparedness in *Transgender Health*.

Student News:

- Zarina Brune's work with Cyrus Kushner (2020) as an MD/PhD student at the Zucker School of Medicine and the Feinstein Institutes of Health was highlighted on Fox5 in a piece about COVID hunting, see the coverage [here](#), and read the "Humans of Zucker" profile [here](#).
- This year's Diversity Night looked a little different, as it was held virtually, but students had the opportunity to sample favorite childhood snacks from a variety of cultures in packages distributed prior to the event, while the virtual evening showcased the creative arts from a multitude of diverse backgrounds - you can read more coverage [here](#).

Faculty News:

- Dr. Lauren Block, Associate Professor at the Zucker School of Medicine, and her husband, Dr. Adam E. Block have written a follow up to their first two children's books about COVID-19, focusing this time on the vaccine. *Kelly Gets a Vaccine* gives children an accessible perspective on the vaccine, and is available free to download [here](#) - see coverage [here](#).

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