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SOM Alumni Newsletter May 2018

Greetings!

Happy spring! As we prepare to celebrate our fourth commencement ceremony at the Zucker School of Medicine, I wanted to send you some updates on alumni gatherings, news, and also highlight two of the newest members of our alumni population (as of May 14!). Please keep the updates coming, and as always, I'd love to hear from you about how you want to be involved. Whether it's meeting up with new alums heading to your city or state, or offering to chat with current students, we want you to feel invested in the future of the school!

As always, please feel free to reach out at SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu with any news, updates, or questions. Hope you are enjoying the spring, and looking forward to connecting with you soon.

All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

News from the Zucker School:

Teachers of the Year -2017-2018 - Zeinab Nassrallah, PhD, and Edward S. Wind, MD, were selected by the graduating class as "Distinguished Teachers of the Year" for 2017-2018. Dr. Nassrallah is the distinguished teacher for the "First 100 Weeks" and Dr. Wind for the "Second 100 Weeks" as selected by School of Medicine students.

Match Day 2018 - Read more about this year's match! And for more details, view the Match Day list [here](#).

Alumni News:

We hosted two alumni happy hours this spring - one in Manhattan, and one in our own backyard in New Hyde Park. I'm looking forward to growing these events, so look for an early fall invite, location TBD! And as always, please send your suggestions and thoughts! In the meantime, here are a few photos from these gatherings.



Alumni Classnotes:

Class of 2015:

- Daina Blitz received an award for Resident + Nurse collaboration at Yale New Haven Hospital, and has been chosen to be chief resident next year in the anesthesiology program.
- Caroline (Feinberg) Burmon published an article as first author in the *American Journal of Emergency Medicine* and will be chief resident in emergency medicine at Maimonides Medical Center.
- Grace Fisler will be chief resident for pediatrics at Cohen Children's Medical Center.
- Ekjot Grewal will be starting an emergency medicine ultrasound fellowship this summer at Mt. Sinai-St. Lukes/Roosevelt.
- Matt Katz will be chief resident for internal medicine at Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai.
- Ace Levy published an article on gallbladder cancer in *Radiology Case Reports*, and will be chief resident next year for radiology at Lenox Hill Hospital.
- Christina Scelfo received the resident teaching award after the first year of the ophthalmology program at Boston University Medical Center, and will be chief resident next year.

Class of 2016:

- Jessica Aviles was chosen as chief resident for emergency medicine at the University of Connecticut Health System.
- Lianne Cagnazzi will be chief resident for internal medicine at the University of North Carolina Hospitals.
- Deepa Ramadurai was chosen as chief resident for internal medicine at the University of Colorado.

Student News:

Graduating Student Profiles - I thought you might enjoy reading about two of our newest graduates from this year's class. Clancy Mullan will be heading to Yale to embark on a thoracic surgery residency, while Jasmine Otkins will be starting residency in anesthesiology at Northwestern. Please click [here](#) to read more about these two students who will be joining your ranks on May 14th!

Faculty News:

Chair of Psychiatry inducted into Association of American Physicians - Dr. John M. Kane of the Zucker School of Medicine and Zucker Hillside Hospital joined the ranks of the AAP this spring.

Zucker School of Medicine Professors Perform Robotic Breast Surgery - Northwell physicians perform country's first robotic NSM (nipple sparing mastectomy) and reconstruction.

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