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ZSOM Alumni Newsletter

September 2021

Greetings!

As summer officially ends, I hope this email finds you healthy, somewhat rested, and ready for the fall! While we were all hoping the world would be in a better place by now, we are getting back to some sort of normalcy by continuing in-person (masked) classes and activities, and internal student events at the school.

And speaking of events, I'm thrilled to be able to host an **in-person five year alumni reunion** this year, for our **class of 2016** alums as well as those from **2015** whose reunion was virtual last fall. Please see the info below for the full invitation for **September 24th**, and **RSVP!**

I'm also hoping to host two happy hours this fall, in Manhattan during October, and on Long Island in November. Please stay tuned for details as the venues are finalized - I will send out emails closer to the dates.

We have some great alumni updates below, so please check out the classnotes section to see all the wonderful things your fellow alumni are accomplishing! And as always, please keep the updates coming in, either by submitting online **here**, or emailing me at **SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu**.

Stay safe and healthy.

All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

Student News:

- Check out the **coverage** of our 11th (!) incoming class of students ahead of their White Coat Ceremony (to be held October 8). This class continues our tradition of diverse, dedicated students with some great stories.
- The White Coat Ceremony will be limited to students only due to the continuing pandemic. If you would like to watch the livestream, please log on to this **link** at 2 p.m. on October 8.
- Muhammad Shoaib, an MD/PhD student at the Zucker School of Medicine, recently received a \$50,000 grant from the ZOLL Foundation for a study on a new therapy following cardiac arrest, you can read more coverage **here**.



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*Class of 2016 (and 2015)
Reunion
September 24, 2021*

Alumni News:

- **Big REUNION News!** So happy to have gotten the green light to hold this in person, and we hope you can attend on **September 24!** We are inviting the classes of 2016 and 2015 for a special five year reunion reception at the University Club, which will be held outdoors, with tours available of the school immediately prior to the reception. Vaccination proof will be required to attend. Please view the [full details here](#), and [RSVP using this link](#). I hope you can make it!

Alumni Classnotes:

Class of 2015:

- Christina Scelfo took a position as attending pediatric ophthalmologist at Boston Children's Hospital in their Westchester location.

Class of 2016:

- Chris Gidicscin and Anjali Narayan (2018) recently got engaged, see the great photo below!



- Justin Rosati began a fellowship in neonatal neurology at the University of Rochester Medical Center this summer, to be followed by a clinical neurophysiology fellowship next year.

Class of 2017:

- Christine Bub will be starting a trauma fellowship at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center next year.
- Kenan Celtik will be starting a reconstructive urology and gender affirming surgery fellowship at Mount Sinai next year.
- Max Marcus completed his residency in pediatrics at Cohen Children's Medical Center, and is now in residency in psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical Center.
- Damien Moskal was chosen as scheduling chief at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein in the adult neurology residency program, and started an epilepsy fellowship at Montefiore this July.
- Michael O'Connor will begin a fellowship in thoracic surgery at Rush Medical Center in 2022
- Gerald Romanenko started a position as anesthesiologist on faculty at NYU Langone Health this summer.

Class of 2018

- Camille Anderson started a pediatric critical care fellowship at Johns Hopkins Medicine this summer.
- Joshua Bloom began a two year toxicology fellowship at NYU-Grossman School of Medicine this summer.

Class of 2019

- Madison Daly was selected as chief resident this year in emergency medicine at the University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington.
- Stephanie Gambino was selected to be chief resident for next year in internal medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.
- Kristin Reese recently published an op-ed in the Connecticut Mirror on access to healthcare for undocumented people, you can read more [here](#).

- April Slamowitz, Janagan Naathanathan (2020), and Elise Stave had a mini ZSOM reunion at Children's National Hospital in DC, and sent us the photo evidence!



- Alexis Tchaconas was selected for Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) at Mount Sinai during her internal medicine and pediatrics residency.
- Ana Valle was selected as chief resident at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein in internal medicine

Class of 2020

- Yeu Sanz (Sam) Wu received the Dr. James T. Adams Distinguished Intern award at the University of Rochester while in residency in general surgery.

Class of 2021

- Britney Nathan and the Medical Scholars Pipeline Program were featured in news coverage following graduation, including this [piece](#) on PIX.

Faculty News:

- Associate Dean Jennifer Mieres was recently named to the board of trustees for the New York Academy of Medicine, read the coverage [here](#).
- Dean Lawrence Smith was recently recognized by the Long Island Business News as being a top healthcare leader on Long Island, read the coverage [here](#).

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