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## ZSOM Alumni Newsletter February 2022

Greetings!

As the New Year is off to a frigid start here in the Northeast, we hope you are staying healthy and safe - and hopefully warm! Here at the Zucker School of Medicine, we are gearing up for Match Day (see below), and hoping for a return to some more normal in-person events this spring. In the meantime, we've got some fun events lined up (virtual and in-person), and hoping for a happy hour once the weather warms up a bit in NYC!

Please keep the responses coming for our **Classes of 2015 and 2016 Reunion on Saturday, April 9th**, and be on the lookout for an invitation soon! And as fellowship and chief residency announcements come through, please send those my way either online [here](#), or by email at [SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu](mailto:SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu). We love hearing what you are up to!

Sending warm thoughts your way,

Anne Dalgish Koestner  
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs



### Alumni News:

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- **Reunion approaching!** We hope the **classes of 2015 and 2016** can join us on **Saturday, April 9th** for an in-person cocktail reception to celebrate your five year reunions! More details will be sent this spring, but in the meantime, please mark your calendars and RSVP [here](#) - it would be wonderful to see you!

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- For our **classes of 2020 and 2021**, we invite you to complete a survey from AMSNY regarding medical students who graduated early and into the pandemic. The survey aims to improve the response to public health emergencies in New York State and seeks feedback about other relevant actions taken to combat COVID-19, you can access the survey [here](#).

## Alumni Classnotes:

### Class of 2017:

- Andrea Tufano-Sugarman began a hematology/oncology fellowship at NYU-Long Island School of Medicine in July 2021, and was recently named a recipient of the Cornell University Pandemic HEROES award.

### Class of 2018

- Camille Andersen shared a great shot of a mini-ZSOM reunion in the Johns Hopkins PICU - pictured here with Alex Jaksic (2020) and Katherine Cummings (2020).



- Danielle Aronowitz published an **article** in *Frontiers in Pediatrics* on grief and bereavement care in pediatric ICU's. She also presented a paper on "Re-intervention for Superior Vena Cava Obstruction after Pediatric Heart Transplantation" at the recent Society of Thoracic Surgeons annual meeting, screen shot from the (virtual) presentation below!



### Class of 2019

- Brandon Alba published two articles recently, **one** in the *American Society of Andrology and European Academy of Andrology* on vaginoplasty, and a **second** in *American Society of Plastic Surgeons* on perioperative transgender hormone management.
- Brittany Guttadauria matched into fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.
- Pratiksha Yalakkishettar matched into fellowship in preventive medicine at the University of Massachusetts, Worcester.

### Class of 2020

- Rebecca (Noonan) White is currently a contributing editor for *Journal Feed*, a website that summarizing emergency medicine articles, you can read her latest summary on the gender pay gap [here](#).

### Class of 2021

- Jeffers Nguyen recently published an article in *Academic Radiology* on equity in virtual radiology residency applications, co-authored with Shamus Moran (2017), you can read it [here](#).

### Student News:

- Match Day is around the corner, share in the celebration on March 18 at 11:45 a.m. - more details about sending your well wishes can be found [here](#) and if you are interested in attending in person, you can RSVP [here](#).
- Student members of the Zucker School of Medicine SNMA chapter renamed the chapter in honor of Dr. Catherine Bangeranye and her dedication to furthering DEI at the medical school, you can read more [here](#).
- Muhammad Shoaib, a sixth-year MD/PhD student at the Zucker School of Medicine, was recently named as Nassau County Medical Society's Member of the Month, you can read more [here](#).

### Faculty News:

- Dr. David Battinelli, our incoming Dean, will be participating in the Zucker School of Medicine's St. Baldrick's team challenge - you can read more about it [here!](#)
- Dr. Gino Farina and other faculty members at the ZSOM recently hosted the 9th Annual Northeast Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG) Symposium. Held virtually, this year focused on provider well-being and burnout, you can read more coverage [here](#).

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