**ZSOM Alumni Newsletter**  
**May 2023**

Dear Dhanya,

Happy spring! I hope that this busy season is bringing some sunshine into your lives! We are getting ready to celebrate the 11th commencement ceremony for the Zucker School of Medicine next week, and the spring has been flying by. Please see below for all the events that have been taking place, including a recap of Match Day!

I hope that if you are in the New York area, you may be able to make it to our upcoming alumni gathering on **June 3rd** at our perennial favorite, the Brooklyn Brewery! See below for more info and to **RSVP**, and please be on the lookout for a reminder email as we get closer to the date.

And for those of you that may be further geographically, or unable to make it, we want to make sure you still have a chance to be connected with the school! There are lots of new opportunities to get involved with the medical school - please see the sections below for ways to sign up for the admissions committee, formative sessions, and more!

Don't forget to keep those alumni updates coming - you can email me with your news and photos at **SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu**, or use the **online form** to drop a quick line about any updates! I look forward to seeing many of you next month, and hope to hear from you soon!

All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner  
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

**Alumni News:**
SAVE THE DATE:
ZSOM Alumni Summer Social

Kick off summer with your fellow alums @
Brooklyn Brewery (Williamsburg, NYC)
Saturday, June 3, 2023, 1-4 p.m.
RSVP: SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu

We hope you can join us for our summer gathering at the Brooklyn Brewery on June 3rd from 1-4 p.m.! There will be beverages, tacos, and good company on tap! Please RSVP using the link below, or email me at SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu with any guest or dietary restrictions. Looking forward to seeing you!

ZSOM Alumni Summer Gathering!

LOCATION
Brooklyn Brewery, 79 N. 11th Street, Williamsburg, Brooklyn

DATE AND TIME
06/03/23 1:00pm - 06/03/23 4:00pm US/Eastern

Join your fellow alums for some drinks, tacos, and fun!

I'll Be There!

Maybe

I Can't Make It

- Interested in helping to shape the next class of ZSOM medical students? There are openings on the Admissions Committee for 2023-2024, and to learn more about different opportunities and commitment levels please click
If you are a Northwell resident or employee, we’d love to have you facilitate some of our formative sessions (this could include facilitating EPA sessions, SIM sessions and ACE Rounds). Please use this link to sign up if you are interested!

And please be on the lookout for an email next month about upcoming virtual panels for 4th year students for residency programs and advice - these will take place July 19, 20, 25, August 1 and 8! A signup link will be sent out in June.

Alumni Classnotes:

Class of 2016:
- Lindsay and Zachary Hahn recently welcomed Theo James to the world, joining big siblings Sammy, Lainey, and Jacob!

Class of 2017:
- Kenan Celtik will be completing a reconstructive urology, prosthetics and gender affirming surgery fellowship at Mount Sinai this spring, and following that, will be moving to San Francisco to join the Crane Center for Transgender Surgery, focusing on masculinizing and feminizing genital surgery.

Class of 2018:
- Michelle Bravo had a recent article published in Clinical Neurology and Neurosurgery on pre-ictal antiplatelet therapy, you can read it here. She graduated from her neurology residency at Westchester Medical Center in June 2022, and is currently completing a one year fellowship in headache medicine at the University of Miami.
- Ana Valle will be completing her chief year at Montefiore Medical Center this spring, and matched into Brigham & Women's for a rheumatology fellowship.
Class of 2019
- Brian Emmert, neurology resident at the University of Pennsylvania, was recently selected for the Perelman School of Medicine Chapter of the Gold Humanism Society.

Class of 2021
- Shrutti Koti, general surgery resident at Northwell, recently shared her podcast, the Novel Tea, which delves into literature, culture, and books and authors from diverse backgrounds. You can access the podcast here.

Student News:
- Commencement will be taking place Monday, May 8th! If you are interested in watching the livestream, you can access it here.
- And for a recap of where this year's class is going, here is the Match Day summary, as well as some recent news coverage.
- ZSOM second year students recently had the opportunity to learn robotic surgical skills using the da Vinci Surgical System, you can read coverage here.

Faculty News:
- Our teachers of the year were recently selected, and celebrated at the Hofstra Gala on May 4th! This year's teachers were Dr. Joanne Willey for the first 100 weeks, and Dr. Gainosuke Sugiyama for the second 100 weeks, you
Dr. Alice Fornari recently received the 2023 NEGEA Innovation in Medical Education Award, you can read more [here](mailto:SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu)

What would you like to hear more about? Please email me at SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu with updates, suggestions, and requests, and don’t forget to connect with us through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and our LinkedIn group!

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