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ZSOM Alumni Newsletter

Summer 2024

Dear Dhanya,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are soaking up the second half of summer! We hope you are enjoying time with friends and family and also taking the time to relax and unwind.

Our July ZSOM summer social was a lot of fun, please see below for some photos! We also got some great news from *U.S. News & World Report* about the Zucker School of Medicine's top diversity and research rankings - see details below for more coverage!

Don't forget to keep an eye out for upcoming events - October 19th for the Class of 2018 and 2019 5 year reunion, and our holiday party in December. Please keep those updates coming in, and share your news - you can always email me at SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu, or use the [online form](#) to drop a quick line. I hope to hear from you soon!

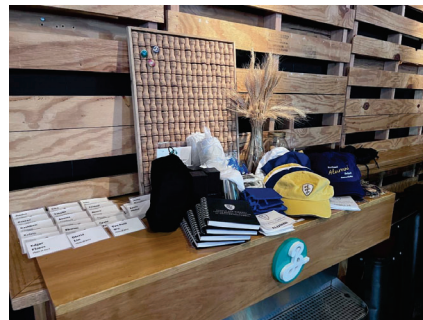
All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

Alumni News:

ZSOM Summer Social!

We had a blast at our ZSOM summer social event in July, it was great to see our wonderful alumni and spend some quality time together! The afternoon was filled with great energy, awesome people, and amazing food/drinks. For those who attended, we hope you enjoyed our event. For those who couldn't make it this time, please be on the lookout for our annual NYC holiday party in December!



Interested in Joining the 2024-25 Admissions Committee?

The Admissions Office would like to extend to you the opportunity to join the 2024-25 Admissions Committee. **We will be having three virtual Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) circuits per day and only interviewing on Wednesdays and Fridays.** Please complete the participation survey by clicking on the link below to provide your name and contact information, and to indicate the role you would like to serve on the Admissions Committee. **For more details on each role and how the circuits will be split as well as their times please contact the Office of Admissions, medicine.admissions@hofstra.edu.** We ask that you complete the Admissions Committee questionnaire by **Wednesday, August 14.** We look forward to your response!

[Click here to complete the Admissions Committee Participation Survey. Please respond by Wednesday, August 14](#)

Save the Date - Class of 2018 and 2019 Reunion!

We are planning the five year for the **Class of 2018** and the **Class of 2019** on **Saturday, October 19.** Please join us for an evening of catching up with one another and celebrating the success and achievements of your classmates!



*Classes of
2018 and 2019
Reunion!*

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 19
6:30-9:30 PM

ZUCKER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK

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Cocktails and Light Dinner



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White Coats, Bright Futures - Alumni Spotlight!

[See below for our second installment, and see past profiles here!](#)



**White Coats,
Bright Futures:**



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Brian Emmert, MD
Class of 2019

"My favorite class was Human Condition...obviously. It would be impossible to choose one favorite professor!! But if I had to, Dr. Kanner or Dr. Nasrallah. My fondest memory of the ZSOM was definitely the lifelong relationships that I made with my peers and professors."

Alumni Spotlight!

This new social media initiative highlights accomplishments and stories about our alumni on our website, social media, and internal publications.

If you are interested in being profiled, please use [this link](#) to answer a few short questions! We'd love to showcase what our alumni are up to!

Alumni Classnotes:

Class of 2015:

- Daniel Alanko was featured in an article on *ABC7* on the heart-felt story of his life-saving kidney donation to his younger sister, who was born with a rare genetic syndrome. Read more on this unique story [here](#).
- Shayna Y. Sanguinetti is featured in an article discussing the surprising connection between neck pain and migraine attacks. Read more [here](#).

Class of 2016:

- Hannah Hoffman joined the Laser & Skin Surgery Center of New York team as a plastic surgeon who will further her commitment to exceptional patient care. You can read more about her new role [here](#).
- Andrew Jacobs proudly joins the team over at TidalHealth Family Medicine Practice in Salisbury, Maryland.
- Michael Spigner received the Emergency Medicine Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship at the 2024 UW Health BerbeeWalsh Department of Emergency Medicine Graduation and Recognition Ceremony. Check out the great photo below!



Class of 2017:

- Lindsay Wood is marking her three-year anniversary at her first job as an attending psychiatrist and member of the faculty at Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

Class of 2019:

- Congratulations to Josephine Coury on her lovely wedding, all the best wishes! See the beautiful picture below (including ZSOM friends and Associate Dean Dr. Rona Woldenberg)!



- Kelsey McLeod is in practice with St. Luke's Anderson Pediatrics as a pediatrician. She continues to instill her deep passion for promoting children's well-being and proper comprehensive care. Read more about her position [here](#).

Class of 2022:

- Congratulations to Rohun Gupta on his wedding, celebrating with ZSOM friends in the photo below!



- Christopher Petersen proudly expresses his dedication to mentoring SOFtoSOM (Special Operation Forces to School of Medicine) scholars in the article below, fostering a pathway for Special Operation Forces to enter the field of medicine. Read more on the coverage of this new ZSOM program [here](#).

Class of 2023:

- Danielle Howell amongst other researchers took part in a study in which created a Zucker School of Medicine workshop on health equity. This focuses on gathering information on social determinants of health, helping students more effectively communicate with diverse populations. You can read more [here](#).

Class of 2024:

- Sabreen Bhuiya speaks on her unique experience throughout Hofstra's 4+4 medical program, where she matched at Boston University Medical Center in Internal Medicine. Read more about her story [here](#).

Recent School News:

- The Zucker School of Medicine has been proudly listed amongst the top medical schools nationwide in research and diversity according to the *U.S.*

News & World Report 2024 rankings. This year, we are ranked in Tier 1 for research (among 16 schools). And for the fourth year, we have been ranked as one of the most diverse medical schools in the country (tied for 4th in New York State). You can read more on the coverage [here](#).



Student News:

- **We are excited to welcome the Class of 2028** and witness their transformative journey from students to medical professionals! The students had an eventful orientation week consisting of meeting new friends and faculty and familiarizing themselves with the school's facilities. Click the link [here](#) to read more about orientation week for the Class of 2028.



- Fourth year medical student, Brandon Santhumayor is the recipient of the 2024 AANS/CNS Joint Section Tumor Neuro-Oncology Trainee Award at the 2024 American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) Conference. Brandon is inspired to pursue his residency in neurosurgery and further enhance his clinical research efforts particularly in the medical innovation and digital technology space. Click [here](#) to read more.



Faculty News:

- Louis Miller, MD, Assistant Dean for Career Advisement/Assistant Professor

at ZSOM and Andrew Yacht, MD, MSc, FACP, Professor of Medicine and Associate Dean of graduate medical education at ZSOM are featured in an article regarding draconian abortion laws that are driving OBGYNs from red states. Read more on the coverage [here](#).

- Doreen M. Olvet, PhD, Associate Professor of Science Education, Joanne M. Willey, PhD, Leo A. Guthart Professor of Biomedical Science and chair of the Department of Science Education, and Jeffrey Bird, director of Educational Data and Analytics, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, and other collaborators at UCSF Medical School have received the Educational Scholarship Grant Award from the International Association of Medical Science Educators. This grant will assist in their ongoing research exploring if artificial intelligence can accurately score open-ended exam questions. You can read more on this coverage [here](#).
- Brian Pinard, MD, MBA, Assistant Professor of Science Education, was highlighted by Northwell Health on his unique path to working in the field of medicine. You can read the full article [here](#).
- Northwell has started a new Northwell Alumni Network, connecting former employees with each other and with the health system. If you are interested in joining, you will get access to job opportunities, programs, communications, and more. You can click [here](#) to sign up, or [contact me](#) with any questions you may have.
- Northwell's Office of Physician Recruitment is also available to you with career opportunities - you can learn more at their website [here](#), or reach out to them directly [here](#).

[Click here for the Alumni website](#)

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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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