



ZSOM Alumni Newsletter

April 2025

Greetings!

Happy Spring! I hope amid the start of the new year and spiraling news cycles, you find time to take a breath as the beautiful season brings more sun, blooms, and new beginnings.

At ZSOM, we started the spring with much celebration during an outstanding Match Day Ceremony in March. I've included below more Match Day details. We will be hosting our 2025 commencement for our eleventh graduating class on **May 12**. For more information on commencement and how you can attend the virtual live stream, click [here](#).

And please mark your calendar for our upcoming summer alumni social event on **July 12 from 2 pm to 5 pm in NYC**. This will be a great time to reconnect with your fellow peers and enjoy summer in the city! More details will follow soon, so be on the lookout for an invite.

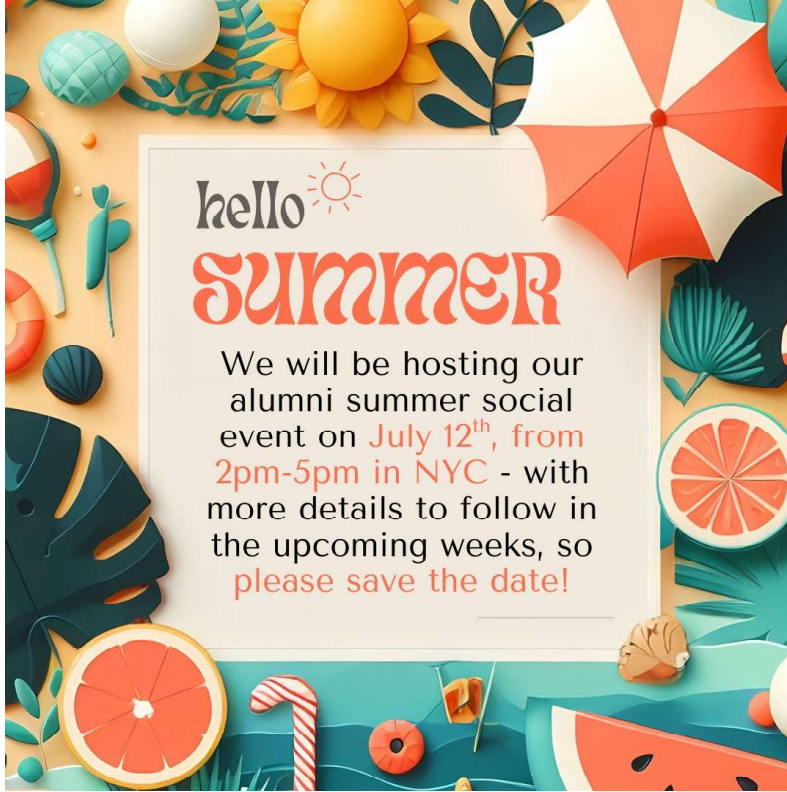
Please keep those updates coming in and share your news - you can always email me at [**SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu**](mailto:SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu), or use the [**online form**](#) to drop a quick line. I hope to hear from you soon!

All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

Alumni News:

As summer is approaching, we want to kickstart the beautiful sunny weather with our alumni summer social event on **July 12th, from 2 pm to 5 pm in NYC!** Come out and enjoy the summer festivities with your fellow alumni! Be sure to check your email for further details coming to you very soon!



[Interested in Joining the 2025-2026 Admissions Committee at ZSOM?](#)

The Admissions Office would like to extend to you the opportunity to join the 2025-2026 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 **Friday, May 30**. We look forward to your response!

[Click here to complete the Admissions Committee Participation Survey.](#)
[Please respond by Friday, May 30.](#)

[Last Chance to Submit a Nomination for the Zucker School of Medicine Alumni Awards!](#)

We've received some amazing nominations so far, and the deadline is quickly approaching! Please submit your nomination by May 2 for our inaugural Zucker School of Medicine Alumni Awards! These awards have been created to acknowledge and highlight our extraordinary alumni who demonstrate service, leadership, and achievement, and excellence in research at the Zucker SOM and/or within their/your new community. We hope to highlight those who have achieved distinction through leadership, service, and excellence.

We call on you to submit your nomination for yourself or for your fellow alumni who you believe best fit the category of nominations. We plan to celebrate these Alumni Awards at our Alumni Weekend this fall, on Saturday, October 11 (save the date to follow)! Please click the QR code below to access the form, or click [here](#) and **submit by May 2nd, 2025.**

Learn more about the new
Zucker School of Medicine
ALUMNI AWARDS
and submit your nomination!



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ZSOM Alumni Weekend - Save the Date!

As mentioned above, we are hosting our inaugural Alumni Awards this year, so please save the date - **Saturday, October 11, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.**, to enjoy our **Alumni Weekend** as well! In addition to hosting our inaugural alumni awards, we will also be welcoming back all alumni, including the classes of 2015 and 2020. It will be an amazing time to reconnect with the ZSOM community in the fall, so please don't miss out!

Please RSVP by either clicking the email below or emailing me directly at **SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu**. (Guests welcome, and please email with any dietary restrictions.)

SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Weekend

Celebrate with fellow alumni, the classes of 2015 and
2020, and the inaugural alumni awards!

SATURDAY **10/11/2025** AT 6:30PM

RSVP TO
SOM@ALUMNI.HOFSTRA.EDU



Alumni Classnotes:

Class of 2015:

- Shayna Sanguinetti accepted a position as Director of Headache for the Eastern Region, Chief, Neurology at Mather Hospital. Her area of specialty includes Headache Medicine and Neurology.

Class of 2016:

- Linzee Mabrey was recently selected as one of the 2025 recipients of the Chair of Medicine Scholars Award on behalf of UW Medicine, Department of Medicine. You can read more about it [here](#).

Class of 2017:

- Giovanna Manzano was featured in a neurology podcast, in which she discusses the management of neurosarcoidosis, highlighting the challenges in diagnosis, treatment approaches, and the importance of collaboration among specialists. Click [here](#) to listen.

Class of 2018:

- Luke Swaszeck joined the Stony Brook Medicine surgical team, specializing in minimally invasive surgery, and focusing on patient-centered individualized care.

Class of 2019:

- Mike Funaro was recognized and honored for his life-saving role during the 11 hours a patient was under anesthesia at North Shore University Hospital after complications while giving birth. Click [here](#) to read more on his efforts, which were featured in a Newsday article.

Class of 2020:

- William Crockatt matched into an Adult Reconstruction Fellowship at NYU Langone. He will begin in August 2026 following graduation from residency at Columbia. In addition, he was recently appointed to the AAHKS Young Arthroplasty Group Committee as the Senior Resident Representative. Click [here](#) to read more about this group.

Class of 2021:

- Madhavan Elangovan matched into a Sports Medicine Fellowship at HSS, which he will be completing in the 2025-2026 academic year.
- Tabia Santos accepted a position as adjunct assistant professor of Allied Health and Kinesiology at Hofstra University.
- Alexander Spring recently published an article in *World J Transplant* on the evolution of heart transplant donor characteristics in the 21st century, you can read more [here](#).

Class of 2023:

- Brittany Kwait and Christian Leung have been selected chief residents for the 2026-2027 academic year in internal medicine at Northwell.

Class of 2024:

- Noah Yoskowitz was recognized for his outstanding work as a first-year emergency medicine resident at Mount Sinai Morningside-West, bringing compassion and setting a standard for patient-centered care.



Winter 2025

We are thrilled to honor Dr. Noah Yoskowitz, one of our first-year Emergency Medicine residents. A patient's words truly capture the essence of Dr. Yoskowitz's approach to care: "He was one of the best doctors I've ever had. I'm so grateful for the time he took to listen to my concerns and connect with me on a personal level. It made all the difference in the anxious setting of the emergency room."

Dr. Yoskowitz's dedication to compassionate, patient-centered care sets a remarkable standard for all in the Emergency Department.



[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!

[See past profiles here!](#)

[Recent School News:](#)

We are excited to announce that the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell has once again been ranked among the nation's top medical schools for research, according to the 2025 U.S. News & World Report rankings. Our institution was ranked in Tier 1 for research and is one of only 16 schools nationwide, and one of just two schools in New York State to receive this prestigious designation. Click [here](#) to read more about this amazing accomplishment.



[Student News:](#)

- On March 21, we held our highly anticipated **2025 Match Day Ceremony!**

This event was a huge success, and we were so excited to see all of our student's hard work and relentless dedication pay off! Click [here](#) to read more about this year's Match!



DONALD AND BARBARA ZUCKER SCHOOL of MEDICINE AT HOFSTRA/NORTHWELL		Match Day 2025
Anesthesiology Massachusetts General, Brigham & Women's Hospital Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital Harbor UCLA Medical Center Hospital of University of Pennsylvania Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Montefiore, Emory School of Medicine Nuance Health Consortium New York Presbyterian, Columbia Stony Brook Teaching Hospitals U Kentucky Medical Center U South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, Tampa U Southern California Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU	Obstetrics and Gynecology Bridgeport Hospital Hospital of University of Pennsylvania Zucker School of Medicine, Lenox Hill Hospital Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU Zucker School of Medicine, South Shore University Hospital	102 Students Matched
Child Neurology Boston Children's Hospital Zucker School of Medicine, Cohen Children's	Ophthalmology Tufts, New England Eye Center Orthopedic Surgery Zucker School of Medicine, Huntington Hospital Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU Otolaryngology West Virginia University Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU	17 States Represented
Dermatology Cleveland Clinic Montefiore, Emory School of Medicine Emergency Medicine Christiana Care Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai U Cincinnati Medical Center Wright Patterson, Air Force Base Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU	Pathology Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU Pediatrics Children's Hospital of Philadelphia New York Presbyterian, Columbia New York Presbyterian, Cornell Zucker School of Medicine, Cohen Children's	21 Specialties Represented
Family Medicine New York Presbyterian, Columbia Zucker School of Medicine, Glen Cove Hospital	Plastic Surgery New York Presbyterian, Cornell New York University Grossman School of Medicine Stanford Healthcare Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU	24 Matched at Northwell Health
Internal Medicine Brown University, Rhode Island Hospital California Pacific Medical Center Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Montefiore West Montefiore, Emory School of Medicine New York University Grossman School of Medicine Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Thomas Jefferson University (Primary Care) Tufts Medical Center UC Davis Medical Center Yale New Haven Hospital (Primary Care, HIV Track) Zucker School of Medicine, Lenox Hill Hospital (Primary Care) Zucker School of Medicine, Mather Hospital Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU	Psychiatry Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Montefiore West Maimonides Medical Center SUNY Downstate UC San Francisco Yale New Haven Hospital Zucker School of Medicine, Mather Hospital Zucker School of Medicine, Lenox Hill Hospital Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU Radiology - Diagnostic New York Presbyterian, Columbia U Illinois College of Medicine Yale New Haven Hospital Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU Radiology - Interventional UCLA Medical Center Surgery New York University Grossman School of Medicine Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Thoracic Surgery Zucker School of Medicine, NS/LU Urology Hackensack University Medical Center Lahey Clinic Medical Center Tulane University School of Medicine UCLA School of Medicine Vascular Surgery Emory University (Research Track)	3 Couples Matched

- Adrian Chen, a third-year medical student, has been selected as a **2025-26 Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Fellow**. This well-respected scholarship provides a fully funded opportunity for select medical students to take part in cutting-edge research under the guidance of the nation's foremost cardiovascular scientists. Read more on this coverage [here](#).
- In January, students from 15 different medical schools gathered at the Einhorn Auditorium at Lenox Hill Hospital for the *second annual Northeast Neuroscience Research Symposium*. Organized entirely by students at **the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell**, who also serve as medical student leaders of the Zucker School of Medicine chapter of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), the event supported students with the platform to display their research and engage with top neurosurgeons and neuroscientists. Click [here](#) to read more coverage.



- The Donald and Barbara

Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell held the second annual ZonoSlam ultrasound competition in February. ZonoSlam is the only medical school ultrasound competition in the New York metropolitan area, which hosted over 125 medical students from seven institutions. Read more about the competition [here](#).



Faculty News:

- Shayna Y. Sanguinetti (2015), MD, an assistant professor of neurology at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, emphasized the importance of proper diagnosis and treatment to manage migraine symptoms effectively. Her work was featured in an article published by AOL titled “*Why it’s so important to get help for migraine attacks,*” highlighting how migraines impact daily life. Click [here](#) to read more.
- Kevin J. Tracey, MD, associate dean of Research at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and executive vice president of Research at Northwell Health, announced a forthcoming book entitled *The Great Nerve*. This book explores the groundbreaking potential of the vagus nerve, revealing how bioelectric medicine, using electrical impulses to stimulate the vagus nerve, could revolutionize the treatment of inflammatory diseases without medication. Click [here](#) to read more.
- Northwell marked one year of its new initiative, the 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 will also get discounted opportunities for CME and Grand Rounds once you are a member of the network. 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](#).

Interested in supporting the ZSOM Community and leaving a permanent impact for years to come?

As we approach spring, this time of the year brings many moments of celebration! We invite our alumni and members of our community to consider supporting our bricks program initiative. With your gift of **\$350**, you will have the opportunity to engrave a brick that will be installed in the walkway in the rear of the building, making your mark on the future of medical education!

For more information on how you can support the bricks program initiative, click [here](#) for our brochure or click [here](#) to make a brick purchase!



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