



ZSOM Alumni Newsletter

August 2022

Dear Dhanya,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer - and while many of us have been taking advantage of some sunshine and time off, we are thrilled to have welcomed the class of 2026 to the building last month! This year's class consists of 44 men and 55 women, coming from 9 different states. 12% of this year's incoming class are first generation to college students, and 19% from populations underrepresented in medicine. As our new Dean, Dr. David Battinelli welcomed our newest students, and extends this message to our community.

And speaking of enjoying summer, we had a great time catching up at the Brooklyn Brewery alumni event last month as well! Please see photo below! We look forward to gathering again around the holidays, and will send out info as that is finalized. And of course, in a little over a month, we will be celebrating the **class of 2017's five year reunion on September 17!** Please see below for more details on that, as well as the RSVP form.

I hope you are all finding time to take care of yourselves during this continually unsettled time. If we at the school can ever be of any help, please don't hesitate to reach out - you can always reach us at SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu. And of course, we love to hear about what's going on in your lives - so please email or use the online form to let us know! In the meantime, I look forward to keeping in touch, and please take care.

All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

Alumni News:



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Class of 2017 Reunion
Saturday, September 17, 2022

- **Class of 2017** - you should have received the invitation to your five year reunion on **Saturday, September 17th!** Please view the [invite](#) and [RSVP](#) to let us know if you can make it!
- We had a great time catching up over tacos and brews at the Brooklyn Brewery last month - it was great to see many of you there! Missed a few in our group shot, but please see below.



Alumni Classnotes:

Class of 2015:

- Grace Fisler recently published an article in the *Annals of Intensive Care* on pediatric COVID-19, you can read it [here](#).

Class of 2017:

- Christine Bub recently received the Dr. Stanley Asnis Achievement Award at residency graduation from the Northwell Department of Orthopedics, and has relocated to the Bay Area for a trauma fellowship at UCSF.
- Daniel Chu had an article on cardiorespiratory fitness in patients with chronic kidney disease published in the *American Journal of Medicine*, you can read it [here](#).
- Jonathan Lavian received the Gold Humanism Award at residency graduation from the Northwell Department of Dermatology.
- Marina Reppucci had three recent articles published in the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery*, you can read the article on pediatric cardiac and great vessel injury [here](#), her article on massive pediatric blood transfusion [here](#), and her article on perioperative blood transfusion in infants [here](#).

**** ***Don't forget to [RSVP](#) for your Five Year Reunion!!*** ****

Class of 2018

- Amit Kohli married Dr. Maya Kailas in June, you can read the New York Times article [here](#).
- Delia Kristol welcomed new baby Adam in March of this year, joining big sister Louisa - see the adorable photo below!



- Benson Ku recently accepted a position as assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Emory University. He also received the National Institute of Mental Health K23 Award titled, "Impact of Neighborhood Characteristics on Conversion to Psychosis Among Youth at Clinical High Risk for Psychosis." See Benson's article on the effect of social activities on youth living in disadvantaged communities in Medscape [here](#).
- Amanda Myers matched into a urologic oncology fellowship at MD Anderson.
- Alyssa Rothman recently published an article in the *American Association for Hand Surgery Journal*, you can read it [here](#).

Class of 2021

- Sharon Klein recently published an article in *American Heart Association: Circulation Heart Failure* on estimated health care utilization and expenditures for individuals with heart failure, you can read it [here](#).
- Kristy Ramphal got married in April, and celebrated with quite a few 2021 grads! See photo below.



- Alexander Spring received the Teaching Star commendation for overall excellence in teaching for his instruction in the Medicine Clerkship and Acting Internship course from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Student News:

- Orientation week for the class of 2026 was live and in person, you can read more about the week and our new class [here](#).

Faculty News:

- Under the leadership of Dean Battinelli, the Zucker School of Medicine has embarked on the process of curriculum renewal. This initiative, entitled, **Curriculum Renewal: Courage to Change**, will re-examine the current healthcare climate, and how we can prepare our students and graduates for the future. We have several opportunities for you as alumni to get involved, and you can read more [here](#) about the process, or contact SOMStrategy@hofstra.edu to learn more.
 - View the Curriculum Renewal Town Hall, held virtually on June 7 [here](#).
 - The speaker series kicks off on August 10 with Dr. John Hirsh, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education, Harvard Medical School/Cambridge Health Alliance speaking about “The Sciences of Learning: State of the Art”, you can register for the Zoom meeting [here](#).
 - We will also be holding a fall retreat for faculty, staff, students, and alumni who may be interested in foundational curriculum discussions. You can RSVP via the Qualtrics survey [here](#).
- The American Heart Association named Dr. Jennifer H. Mieres, Professor of Cardiology, 2022 Physician of the Year, you can read the coverage [here](#).

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