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ZSOM Alumni Newsletter

October 2022

Dear Dhanya,

I hope that the fall finds you well, and that you've been able to find some balance with life returning to a semi-normal routine. This month we celebrated the Zucker School of Medicine's White Coat ceremony back at Adams Playhouse, you can read the coverage [here!](#)

We were also lucky enough to gather in person last month to celebrate the class of 2017's five year reunion, you can see some fun photos below. And since the holidays are right around the corner, please mark your calendar for our first alumni holiday gathering on **November 30th!** We will be gathering at **Stout NYC (133 West 33rd St (between 6th and 7th Ave))** for a light dinner and drinks - see below to **RSVP!**

On the academic side, the Zucker School has been busy with our **Curriculum Renewal** initiative - we'd love to have you involved, so please see below for ways to participate as this takes shape.

I hope to see many of you NY-based alums in the coming months, and that you continue to send in your updates and news! You can always reach me at SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu, or use the [online form](#) to submit any items of interest! I look forward to keeping in touch, and take care.

All the best,

Anne Dalgish Koestner
Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

Alumni News:

ZUCKER SOM ALUMNI

Holiday Party

NOVEMBER 30, 2022
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

AT STOUT NYC
133 West 33rd St (between 6th
and 7th Ave), NY, NY 10001

Light Dinner and Cocktails

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Ring in the holiday party season by joining us in the Billiards Room at STOUT NYC on November 30th at 6 p.m.! Join us for light dinner and cocktails - and please email me at SOMAlumni@hofstra.edu if you'd like to bring a plus one! Please RSVP below, and hope to see you there!

ZSOM Alumni Holiday Party!

LOCATION

STOUT NYC (133 W 33rd St, New York, NY 10001)

DATE AND TIME

11/30/22 6:00pm - 11/30/22 9:00pm US/Eastern

Kick off the holiday party season with your ZSOM alumni and friends! Light dinner and drinks on us!

Count Me In!

Maybe

I Can't Make It

- We had a great time celebrating the Class of 2017's five year union last month - it was great to see so many of you! Here are a few photos, and you can view the class photo slideshow and event slideshow below!



[Class of 2017 Photo Slideshow](#)

[Reunion Photo Slideshow](#)

Alumni Classnotes:

Class of 2015:

- Bin Yang recently accepted an attending position at Massachusetts General Hospital and will be practicing as an advanced heart failure cardiologist.

Class of 2017:

- Giovanna Manzano had the best possible reason to miss the five year reunion, her family welcomed baby girl Gianna Michelle to the world last month.



Class of 2018

- Mukesh Kumar accepted a position as a comprehensive ophthalmologist at SightMD's Smithtown office.
- Anjali Narayan and Christopher Gidicsin (2016) were married in July, with a few ZSOM alums in attendance! Anjali is currently chief resident in her last year of a Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship at Stony Brook Medicine, and Chris is an Assistant Professor in Anesthesiology also at Stony Brook Medicine.



Class of 2019

- Josephine Coury recently published an article in the *Global Spine Journal* on preoperative disability and patient outcomes after complex adult spinal deformity surgery, you can read it [here](#).
- Peter Nauka had a recent article published in the *Chest Journal* on emergent endotracheal intubation by critical care practitioners during COVID-19, you can read it [here](#). He also published an editorial in the *Annals of American Thoracic Society* on appraising first-pass success regarding emergency airway management, you can read it [here](#). Peter is currently in fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh in the division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine.

Student News:

- ZSOM students recently sponsored a community health fair in collaboration with the Greater Springfield Community Church in Jamaica, NY. The fair was

part of the medical school's program to promote strong and healthy communities and families and was funded in part by a grant from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). You can read more about this event [here](#).

Faculty News:

- Our **Curriculum Renewal: Courage to Change** initiative is underway, with a speaker series and other ways to get involved coming in the next months. You can read more [here](#) about the process, or contact SOMStrategy@hofstra.edu to learn more.
 - To sign up for our "**Curious Questioning Teams**", please click the link [here](#) - we'd love to have you involved!
 - The speaker series is continuing next month, with Beth Bierer, PhD, speaking about portfolio-based assessment systems on November 7th at 5 p.m. ([RSVP here](#)), and Dr. Louis Pangaro speaking on November 21nd at 5 p.m. on curriculum renewal ([RSVP here](#)).
- Dr. Samara Ginzburg was recently promoted to Vice Dean and Dean for Education at the Zucker School of Medicine, you can read more about this exciting change [here](#).
- Dr. Tochi Iroku-Malize, founding chair and professor of family medicine, was recently elected president of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), you can read the coverage [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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