

# ALUMNI NETWORK NEWS

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## FUNDAMENTALS OF THE BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY PROGRAM ALUMNI NEWLETTER

2005 GRADUATE GOES ON TO BUSINESS SCHOOL

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Nathan Poulsen, a 2005 graduate of the Fundamentals of the Bioscience Industry program, found that the program helped him to focus his interests and goals, and helped him identify what he had to do to meet them. Getting an MBA was one of the steps he learned about in our program, and so he decided to leave his PhD program in Pharmacology at Columbia with a Masters degree and move to Ithaca.

The Johnson School of Business at Cornell is one of the top business schools, but it was specifically the twelve-month option (TMO) program that attracted Nathan to Cornell. The TMO MBA program is set up specifically for scientists and engineers with graduate degrees. The schedule is intense: business statistics, financial accounting, managerial economics, managerial finance, marketing management, management and leadership in organizations, and business strategy, along with leadership development and career planning programs. Nathan will be focusing on strategy and business development, particularly for the biopharmaceutical industry.

He continues, "networking and building your personal "brand" are an important part of the program, and the Johnson School provides many avenues for doing this, from alumni networking to programs to develop your resume and elevator speech. So far, there have been a few alumni lunches, a reunion barbecue, and I have made some contacts from the alumni database. Also, like the Fundamentals of the Bioscience Industry program, some of my most important resources will be my classmates."

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CLASS OF 2005 GRADUATES

### MANHATTAN:

Kathy Carstarphen, Nancy Chen, Si-Wei Chen, Melissa Colella, Gina Conforti, Maren Connary, Cheng He, Ron Katz, Mary Kuskin, Johnathan Lai, Brian Lee, Oliver Leismann, Izabella Messina, Nathan Poulsen, Aleksandr Serebrov, Michal Silverberg, Grace Wong

### STONY BROOK:

Bhavin Busa, Xinn Chen, Liu Cheng, Dan Coulter, Xiaolan Lin, Frank Maggiore, John Misock, Gavin Olender, Filippo Petti, Santhosh Vadivelu, Agnes Wolf, Yi Xia, Li Xie

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NEW ALUMNI AMBASSADORS AND OFFICERS APPOINTED

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Alumni Ambassadors (AA) - AAs serve as liaisons between alumni and industry professionals, cultivating a network that facilitates opportunities for increased interaction and communication with industry. Ambassadors also serve as mentors to graduate students intent on exploring the diversity of career opportunities in the life sciences. The major responsibilities of AAs are to maintain contact with each other via the alumni network listserv, publish bimonthly newsletter and distribute to alumni via the listserv, assist in event planning for an industry appreciation dinner reception in summer and career conference in fall, serve as panelists for certificate program recruiting events, recruit mentors, and become mentors (long term vision). The Alumni Ambassadors from the classes of 2004 and 2005 are: Joseph Abrajano, Silvia Chen, Melissa Colella, Gina Conforti, Cheng He, Mary Kuskin, Grace Wong, Maren Connary, Filippo Petti, Shauyu Lynch, Nelson Scharadin, Alexandra Eyzaguirre, Alexander Ho, Mansi Kothari, Joanna Lem, Kristen Twidy, Kathy Carstarphen, Santhosh Vadivelu, and Sarah Zimov.

### The Officers:

The Executive committee consist of a board of 3 members: President, President-elect, and Vice President. The President of the alumni ambassadors serves as the main contact point with the Fundamentals program administration and with fellow alumni ambassadors. The president serves a term of two consecutive years beginning in June. The first term is served as President-elect immediately upon graduation from the program. The second term is served the following year as President.

The Vice President of the alumni ambassadors will serve a one year term beginning in June immediately following graduation from the program. The Vice President will preferably be elected from the class (Stony Brook or Manhattan) not represented by the President. The Vice President will assist the President and President-elect in their duties and take over in their absence.

Sarah Zimov (Class of 2004, Stony Brook) will complete her term as President in 2005. Santhosh Vadivelu (Class of 2005, Stony Brook) is President-elect and will begin to take over presidential duties in 2005. Kathy Carstarphen (Class of 2005, Manhattan) will begin her term as Vice President. She is the first officer to represent the Manhattan classes.

### Industry Appreciation Dinner Reception -July 28 2005

On July 28th, a reception was held at Pfizer Headquarters in Manhattan to thank industry participants over the past two years that were part of the Fundamentals of the Bioscience industry program. Collectively, more than 40 industry professionals invested close to \$4million in time, expertise and effort to the program.



Honored Industry Participants: Joseph Scaduto, Ann McDermot-Kave, Dr. Anil Dhundale, Tom Ippolito, Dr. Ramana Sonty, Dr. Larry Green, Dr. Cliff Mintz and Jeffrey Yablon.



President Santhosh Vadivelu & Vice President Kathy Carstarphen

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