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ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES

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Manhattan alumnus, Nelson Scharadin, was so motivated by the content of the certificate program that he decided to start his own biotech venture, BioNano Systems, Inc. The company is dedicated to the development and commercialization of real-time biosensors detecting biological and chemical warfare agents used in biochem warfare and terrorist attacks on the battlefield and in target areas such as subway stations, buildings, and convention centers. BioNano utilizes proprietary aptamer technology for its biosensors that command superior functionality and lower production costs in comparison to currently available detection systems. Fellow alumnus Shifang Zhiang, PhD was hired as the company's second employee and the two plan on spending the next 6 to 12 months working together with Columbia's Larry Chasin, the inventor, to help perfect a biowarfare detection system and build an alpha prototype.

Additional alumni success stories include the placement of 9 alumni in corporate internships. These included positions in corporate R & D as well as law and public relations summer internship positions at OSI Pharmaceuticals Inc, Forest Laboratories, Procter and Gamble, Fonar, Ingenius Targeting Laboratories and The Ruth Group. These interns and their supervisors were unanimous in the unique ability of the certificate program to enhance the intern's understanding of the industry and enhancing their ability to be productive in the various internship positions.

Alumni Network News is looking for volunteers to highlight their internship experiences in the next issue. If interested, please send an email to:
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ALUMNI HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 2004

The first annual Alumni Holiday Party will take place in December. Keep checking the alumni list-serve at:
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for further details.

ALUMNI GET TOGETHER

On September 21st, 11 alumni from Stony Brook and Manhattan attended the 3rd annual Life Sciences Industry Career Development Conference at the CUNY Graduate Center. In attendance were: Joseph Abrajano, Alexandra Eyzaguirre, Alexander Ho, Mansi Kothari, Asia Lem, Shau Yu Lynch, Kenneth Mbonu, Hui Pan, Nelson Scharadin, Fredy Varela and Sarah Zimov. The conference was a huge success with attendees from all over the metropolitan area. A big thanks to the alumni ambassadors that volunteered to organize and run the conference. If you are interested in becoming an alumni volunteer for future events please contact Angeline Judex:
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Images from the Life Sciences Industry Career Development Conference:



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