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### **NYMC Honors Leonard J. Newman, M.D. '70, with Golf Outing at Saint Andrew's Golf Club**

NYMC will host the 2021 Golf Tournament and Reception on Monday, June 28, at Saint Andrew's Golf Club in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, to honor Leonard J. Newman, M.D. '70, professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics. [Find more details here.](#)

### **NYMC's Days of Giving Raises Nearly \$345,000 to Support Student Scholarships**

The New York Medical College (NYMC) community raised \$344,613 for student scholarships during the two-day Days of Giving campaign on May 4 and 5. The generosity of more than 300 donors—a Days of Giving record—made the fourth annual event a success. Donations from Days of Giving enable students from the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences (GSBMS), the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP) and the School of Medicine (SOM), to pursue their education based on their passion, not economic background. [Read the full article on Days of Giving.](#)



### **NYMC Center of Excellence in Precision Responses to Bioterrorism and Disasters Awarded \$1 Million In State Funding**

New York State awarded a \$1 million grant to the NYMC Center of Excellence in Precision Responses to Bioterrorism and Disasters in the Center for Disaster Medicine. The funding for the innovative program will allow NYMC to expand training programs for civilians and first responders throughout the state on how to approach mass casualty incidents, natural disaster events and terrorism situations. NYMC has also committed funding for the renovation of a new state-of-the-art dedicated training facility with additional space for classrooms for learning real-world, scenario-based simulation training. [Read the press release on the \\$1 million award.](#)



### **NYMC Hosts Successful MSCHE Virtual Site Visit**

The NYMC community welcomed the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Accreditation Team of Peer evaluators for a four-day virtual visit April 11-14. During the visit, they met with Self-Study working groups comprised of students, faculty, staff and senior leadership. At the conclusion of the visit, Chair of the MSCHE Visitor Team, Bruce Jarrell, M.D., FACS, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, gave a preliminary oral report that was livestreamed to the NYMC community. [Read the full article on the MSCHE virtual site visit.](#)



### **NYMC Observes Yom Hashoah, Remembering Those Lost During the Holocaust**

Members of the NYMC and Touro College and University System (TCUS) community came together to observe Yom Hashoah virtually this year on April 7 with a powerful presentation led by **Tessa Chelouche, M.D.**, a family physician in Israel and scholar of medical history. Dr. Chelouche's presentation, "Hitler and Hippocrates: Medicine during the Third Reich," delved into the role Nazi physicians and the medical community abroad played in the killing of millions of Jews in the Holocaust. [Read the full article and view the video.](#)



### **NYMC and TCUS Host 11th COVID-19 Symposium**

NYMC and TCUS continued the series on COVID-19 with its 11th symposium via a webinar on April 8. Nearly 500 participants registered to learn about the latest updates on COVID-19 including the progress made and the latest concerns. Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive officer of NYMC and provost for biomedical affairs at TCUS, moderated the program and reflected on the first symposium in January 2020. [Read the full article and view the video.](#)



### **NYMC Receives \$2.2 Million HECap Award**

NYMC is one of 35 colleges and universities across New York State to receive funding from the Higher Education Capital (HECap) Matching Grant Program which supports infrastructure improvements at New York's private, not-for-profit colleges and universities. The latest round of funding in the amount of \$2,219,031 will be used for creating open concept laboratory space capable of housing multidisciplinary research teams and shared instrumentation at NYMC, which will complement the renovations already being planned as part of NYMC's energy performance project. [Read the full article on the HECap award.](#)

### **The 32nd Annual Graduate Student Research Forum Highlights Impressive Student Scientific Investigations**

The 32nd Annual Graduate Student Research Forum (GSRF) on March 16 took on a virtual format this year but the student research remained unchanged--an impressive array of scientific achievements presented in oral and poster formats. Sponsored by the Graduate Student Association (GSA) in the GSBMS, the GSRF is an opportunity for students to present their research in progress, sharpen their presentation and communication skills, answer questions from the audience and receive valuable feedback from judges. [Read the full article on the 32nd Annual GSRF.](#)



### **NYMC Presents Black History Month Lecture and Unveils Notable Alumni Exhibit**

Celebrating the achievements and contributions of African Americans and NYMC's proud history of diversity and inclusion, the annual Black History Month lecture highlighted the remarkable story of the role of NYMC in the education of black physicians as well as Myra Adele Logan, M.D., Class of 1933, and Walter Gray Crump, M.D., Class of 1895, and their roles as leaders in surgery and medical education in early and mid-20th century in Harlem. This year's virtual event was sponsored by the Health Sciences Library and the NYMC Chapter of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) and was moderated by Mill Etienne, M.D. '02, M.P.H. FAAN, FAES, vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion, associate dean of student affairs and associate professor of neurology and of medicine in the SOM. [Read the full article on the Black History Month event and view the video.](#)

**Humayun Islam, M.D., Ph.D., Appointed Chair to Lead Newly Combined Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology Departments**

**Humayun Islam, M.D., Ph.D.**, has been appointed chair of the newly combined Departments of Pathology and of Microbiology and Immunology. Dr. Islam has served as interim chair of the Department of Pathology since 2019. He joined NYMC in 2002 and currently holds a faculty appointment in the SOM as clinical professor of pathology and clinical associate professor of medicine. Dr. Islam is also a member of the faculty of the GSBMS. He serves as vice director of pathology, chief of anatomic pathology, director of hematopathology and director of the pathology residency program at Westchester Medical Center (WMC), one of NYMC's major clinical affiliated sites. [Read the full article on Dr. Islam.](#)



### **Bench-to-Bedside Seminar Series Focuses on Data, Personalization and Digital Health**

Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D., vice president for research at NYMC and senior vice president for research affairs at TCUS, welcomed **Susan A. Murphy, Ph.D.**, as the keynote speaker of the virtual Bench-to-Bedside Seminar Series lecture. Dr. Murphy, the Radcliffe Alumnae Professor at the Radcliffe Institute and professor of statistics and computer science at the Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, presented "Data, Personalization and Digital Health." Dr. Murphy's lab develops data analysis methods and experimental designs to improve real-time sequential decision-making in digital health. [Read the full article on the Bench-to-Bedside lecture and view the video.](#)

## **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**



**Kevin Kania M.S. '21**, used his passion in biology to play a pivotal role in Pfizer's efficacy testing for their COVID-19 vaccine during the pandemic. [Read the full article on Kevin Kania.](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



### **162nd NYMC and 2nd TCDM Commencement Ceremonies**

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021 \* 7:00 p.m.**

This year's Commencement will include four individual online events for the SOM, GSBMS, SHSP and TCDM.

Commencement speaker, Catherine D. DeAngelis, M.D. M.P.H., University Distinguished Service Professor Emerita, professor emerita of pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and professor of health policy and management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a leader in academic medicine will address the Class of 2021.



### **NYMC Golf Tournament and Reception**

**Monday, June 28, 2021 \* 11:30 a.m.**

10 Old Jackson Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

Honoree: Leonard J. Newman, M.D. '70, professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics

