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Meet the Chair of the Board

After serving for nearly a decade as a member of the Board of Trustees of New York Medical College (NYMC), **Joseph D. Mark** has been appointed as chair of its Board of Trustees. A former investment banker and health care executive, Mr. Mark is fueled by his interest in the health science and education fields and his professional accomplishments include investing in and cofounding several health care companies. Blending his professional and philanthropic passions, Mr. Mark believes that contributions of "time, experience, and money" can help organizations achieve their missions. [Read the full article on Joseph D. Mark, chair of the Board of Trustees.](#)

NYMC Receives \$594K NIH Shared Instrumentation Grant

The collaborative efforts by a team of NYMC faculty researchers from across all of the basic science disciplines have paid off to the tune of nearly \$600,000. The grant proposal team made up of nearly 20 NYMC faculty and led by Dana G. Mordue, Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology, secured a Shared Instrumentation Grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which will be used to purchase a new high-resolution confocal microscope. This new microscope will be critical to the College's biomedical research. The confocal system will allow NYMC's researchers to quantitatively visualize dynamic processes in living specimens gently over extended periods of time (4D imaging). The increased sensitivity and high resolution will be particularly valuable to image thicker tissue sections/slices in a wide variety of biological specimens. [Read the full article on the NIH grant.](#)



Founder's Dinner Brings NYMC Community Together Virtually

The New York Medical College (NYMC) community gathered online to celebrate the first ever virtual Founder's Dinner. Leadership, inspiration and education, were the themes of the video viewed by College supporters on the evening of October 21, while a live chat feature kept the audience engaged with each other. The event honored distinguished community leaders and alumni, and paid homage to the students and faculty on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read the full article on the Founder's Dinner, view the video and peruse the journal.](#)

Six COVID-19 Symposiums Have Addressed "What Have We Learned? How Can We Use What We Have Learned?"

On September 24, nearly eight months after New York Medical College (NYMC) and the Touro College and University System (TCUS) hosted its first COVID-19 symposium, the College hosted its sixth in the series during which faculty experts shared the latest updates on COVID-19. In his introductory remarks, Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive officer, spoke of the shared sense of frustration, felt throughout our entire nation, around the lack of understanding about when the COVID-19 crisis will finally be under control. "We at New York Medical College and the Touro College and University System are going to keep providing you with the most current information on the pandemic, so that you can negotiate the situation as it evolves," he said. [Read the full article and view the video.](#)



\$100,000 Gift from Henry Saphier, M.D. '61, Will Support Important COVID-19 Research

For Henry Saphier, M.D. '61, his commitment to NYMC is a "labor of love" that began at birth and has spanned his entire life. Dr. Saphier was born at Flower Free Surgical Hospital, which was built by NYMC in 1889 as the first teaching hospital in the country to be owned by a medical college. The obstetrician that delivered him was Carl Salzman, M.D., a member of the NYMC Class of 1924. [Read the full article on Dr. Saphier.](#)

NYMC Hosts Writing Workshop to Empower Students to Use Their Written Voice

More than 60 students from NYMC and the Touro College and University System participated in the Student Workshop: The Craft of Op-Ed Writing, presented by the NYMC Office of Public Relations. The Zoom workshop was created, amidst the nationwide protests against deep-rooted racial inequity, to empower students to use their written voice to express themselves and engage in dialogue. Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive officer, met with College's leaders across various programs and schools to challenge them to find new ways to improve diversity and inclusion for the NYMC community. The Office of Public Relations had already been working with faculty to sharpen their op-ed writing skills. "We realized we had this perfect opportunity to share these writing "tools" with our students so they too could lend their diverse voices to the ongoing dialogue," said Jennifer Riekert, M.B.A., vice president of communications and strategic initiatives. [View the workshop here.](#)



NYMC Unveils Free Community Food Pantry

Donate what you can, take what you need, is the idea behind the NYMC free community food pantry, located outside of the Alumni House at 20 Sunshine Cottage Road. The micro pantry will be stocked with non-perishable food items and other items donated by the NYMC community. The pantry will be monitored by volunteers coordinated by the Student Healthcare Executives Club (StuHE) in the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP). It is not

supervised for Jewish dietary law observance. [Read the full article on the NYMC food pantry.](#)

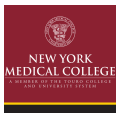
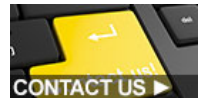


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At The Cutting Edge of Lyme Diagnostics

Paul M. Arnaboldi, Ph.D., assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, revolutionizing the way we test for Lyme disease so that, in the near future, physicians don't have to rely on clinical symptoms as their first, best basis for Lyme. [Read more about Dr. Arnaboldi's expertise.](#)



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