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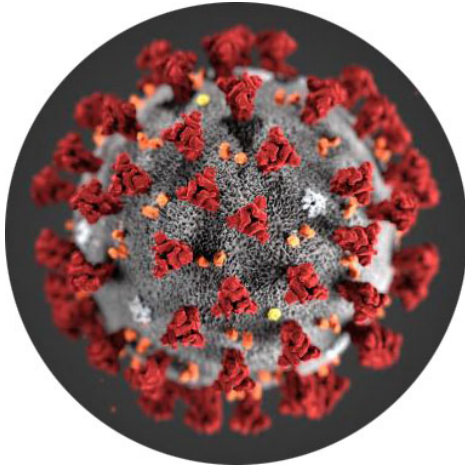
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With the current COVID-19 pandemic and the incredible speed at which things are changing around us, we are in unprecedented times. Our alumni and friends of New York Medical College (NYMC) remain in our thoughts as we all adjust to living with the evolving situation. [Visit our website for critical and informative information regarding COVID-19.](#) Thank you for all that you do for NYMC. Please stay safe and healthy.

Dr. Mark Hasten, Philanthropist, Businessman and Touro College Chairman, Dies at 92

NYMC and the Touro College and University System (TCUS) mourn the loss of Dr. Mark Hasten, chairman of the board. Dr. Hasten passed away on February 28, in Indianapolis. He was 92 years old.

Dr. Mark Hasten was a visionary leader and ardent supporter of TCUS. An engineer as well as an entrepreneur in myriad businesses, including banking, real estate and health care, Dr. Hasten long focused his philanthropic interests on education. Chairman during Touro's most significant period of growth, he helped Touro launch its western divisions in California and Nevada and was a major contributor to the establishment of Touro's Lander College for Women -- The Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten School in Manhattan. During his 25-year tenure as Chairman of the Board, Touro's student body doubled in size -- from 9,000 to more than 18,000 students. Touro became one of the leading and largest health care educators in the U.S., and its university system grew to 34 campuses and locations, mostly in New York but also in California, Nevada, Moscow, Israel and Berlin. [Read the full story on Dr. Hasten.](#)



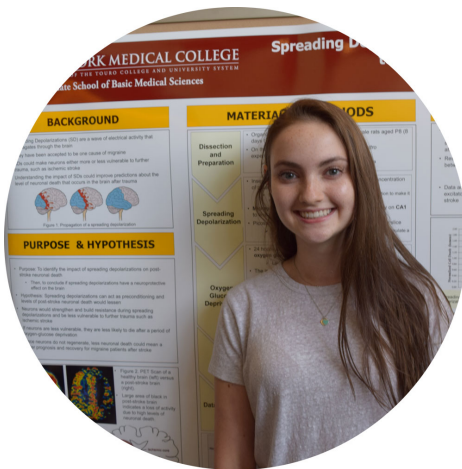
Graduate Student Association Aims to Enhance Student Life

The new officers of the GSBMS's Graduate Student Association (GSA) have been hard at work, aiming to enhance graduate student life, both socially and professionally, in their first few months in office. They most recently hosted their fourth successful "Snowman Project," the GSA's major community outreach initiative to bring holiday gifts to children in need, partnering with Sheltering Arms, an organization based in New York City that provides resources to families in need. [Read the full article on the GSA.](#)



Michael L. Schwartzman, Ph.D., Addresses Sixteenth Annual Louis R.M. Del Guercio, M.D., Distinguished Visiting Professorship and Research Day

The Sixteenth Annual Louis R.M. Del Guercio Distinguished Visiting Professorship and Research Day, was a success on all fronts: an increase in abstract submissions including a 47 percent increase by students, an increase in attendance, up 27.6 percent, and a stimulating keynote speech by **Michal Laniado Schwartzman, Ph.D.**, second from right, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology. [Read the full article on the DelGuercio Research Day, view the photo gallery and read the proceedings of the day.](#)



STAR Alum is in Top 300 Scholars in the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2020

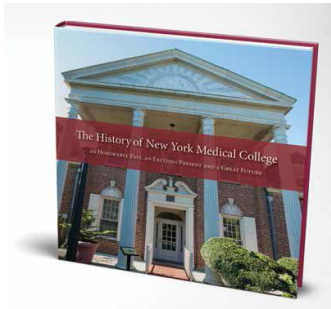
Sophie Vernik, an alumna of the Summer Trainees in Academic Research (STAR) Program in the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, is in the top [300 scholars in the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2020](#), the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors. The 17-year-old from Yorktown High School, in Yorktown Heights, New York, earned the honor for her work this summer on "Spreading Depolarizations as Preconditioning to Post-Stroke Neuronal Death," under the mentorship of Patric K. Stanton, Ph.D., professor of cell biology and anatomy and of neurology. [Read the full article on Sophie Vernik.](#)

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

As a longstanding educator, leading parasitologist and inspirational mentor, **Dana G. Mordue, Ph.D.**, associate professor of microbiology and immunology, secretary of the NYMC Faculty Senate, executive committee member of the Faculty Senate, vice chancellor for Middle States Accreditation and co-chair of the Strategic Planning Executive Committee, enters the realm of strategic planning and Middle States Accreditation. [Read the full spotlight on Dr. Mordue.](#)



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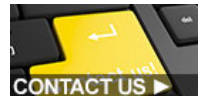
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