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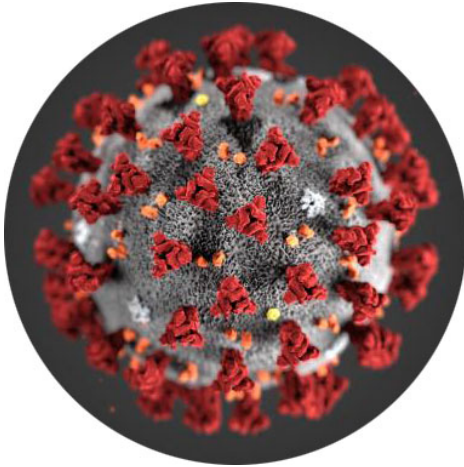
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With the current COVID-19 pandemic and the incredible speed at which things are changing around us, we are in unprecedented times. Our alumni and friends of New York Medical College (NYMC) remain in our thoughts as we all adjust to living with the 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.

### SHSP Dean Addresses Millions of Americans on COVID-19

With the barrage of new questions and misinformation surrounding the rapidly spreading COVID-19 cropping up by the minute, former chief medical officer of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), **Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A.**, vice president for government affairs and dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP) at NYMC, has established himself as a leading voice in public health on the novel virus. Over the last three weeks, he has addressed millions of Americans via numerous news media outlets including [Dr. Oz, NBC 4 New York, Fox News, HuffPost and Business Insider](#) -- working tirelessly to inform the public of what they need to know in order to protect themselves and their loved ones from this never before seen strain of Coronavirus.



### 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.](#)

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### SHSP Dean's Distinguished Leaders Lecture Series Features Leading Health Education Specialist

The SHSP hosted a special lecture as part of its Dean's Distinguished Leaders Lecture Series. Health education specialist **Karl L. Larson, Ph.D., MCHES**, center, professor and program director in public health in the Department of Health and Exercise Sciences at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota, presented "History and Development of a National Case Study Competition in Public Health Education." [Read the full article on the SHSP Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series.](#)



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### From Triage Training to Austere Medicine--NYMC Hosts Disaster Training Events to Boost Expertise for Hundreds of First Responders Across the State

Over the past four months, first responders throughout the Hudson Valley and across New York State have vastly improved their ability to provide the best possible care in case of almost any disaster. This boost in medical know-how comes after hundreds of first-responders received disaster training from NYMC's Center for Disaster Medicine (CDM). [Read more about the CDM training events here.](#)

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### Department of Public Health Hosts Annual Student Appreciation Night

The SHSP Department of Public Health held their Annual Student Appreciation Night. The evening of camaraderie and refreshments was an opportunity for both M.P.H. and Dr.P.H. students to catch up with their fellow classmates, faculty and staff in public health. Attendees donated holiday gifts that were distributed through the Greenburgh Health Center, a division of the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center.



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### StuHE Hosts Career Mentor Session

The SHSP's Student Healthcare Executives Club (StuHE) hosted another successful Career Mentor Session. The Skyline Dining Room was buzzing with intense discussions among the more than 50 SHSP students and alumni and 18 public health professionals. Best described as "speed mentoring," students and alumni met one-on-one with mentors who reviewed their resumes and provided guidance and advice on career paths in public health. [Read the full article on the StuHE Career Mentor Session and view the photo gallery.](#)



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### NYMC Receives UNESCO Chair Distinction for Global Work in Bioethics

A long-standing champion of biomedical ethics in health care, NYMC has been awarded the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Chair in Bioethics. Sponsored by UNESCO, this Chair is part of an international network of universities and research centers committed to improving ethics education in medical schools. As a key facilitator in the effort to bring the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics to NYMC, **Ira J. Bedzow, Ph.D.**, associate professor of medicine and director of the Biomedical Ethics and Humanities Program at NYMC, has been named chair of the program. [Read the full article on the UNESCO Chair of Bioethics.](#)



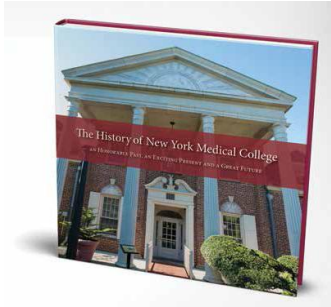
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### FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

**Vikas Grover, Ph.D., CCC-SLP**, assistant professor of speech-language and pathology, improving SLP training for non-native speakers of English. [Read the full spotlight on Dr. Grover.](#)



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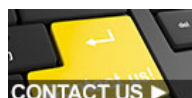
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