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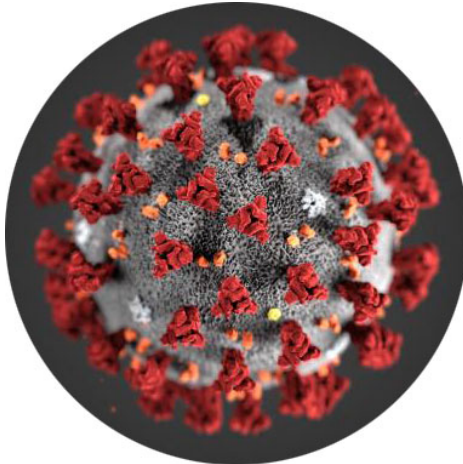
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With the current COVID-19 pandemic and the incredible speed at which things are changing around us, we are in unprecedented times. Our alumni and friends of New York Medical College (NYMC) remain in our thoughts as we all adjust to living with the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

NYMC Students Support Their Brethren in Healthcare on the Front Line and Behind the Scenes

Two weeks into the COVID-19 pandemic, a virtual room full of NYMC medical students momentarily shed their white coats to become project managers -- organizing nearly 200 of their peers volunteering across three major metropolitan hospitals at the center of our nation's COVID-19 pandemic. From providing assistance at NYMC's affiliate hospitals -- Westchester Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital and NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan, to delivering food, and setting up childcare and dog walking services for faculty at the front line of the pandemic, the student volunteers stepped up to do their part in both small and large ways. [Read the full story on these student volunteer efforts](#).



School of Medicine Class of 2020 Celebrates Match Day Virtually

More than 200 members of the School of Medicine (SOM) Class of 2020 marked a major milestone on March 20, as they celebrated matching to their medical residency programs, the next step on the path to their careers as physicians. Though the Medical Education Center, usually packed with students, family and friends for the traditional letter opening ceremony stood empty this year, a live stream of the virtual event allowed family and friends to join in the celebration as students learned where they matched online. Within moments of the noon release of match results, the tweet storm of congratulations began as students excitedly shared their match results. [View the video and read full article](#) and [press release](#) on Match Day.



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.](#)



GHHS Celebrates Solidarity for Compassionate Care Week

The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) celebrated Solidarity for Compassionate Care Week in February. Better known as Solidarity Week, the annual event observed by GHHS chapters nationwide, celebrates dedication to patient-centered compassionate care by GHHS members, medical schools and patient care institutions. While each chapter chooses to carry the week out in its own way, the NYMC GHHS celebrated with a three-pronged approach this year. [Read the full article on the GHHS Solidarity Week and view the photo gallery.](#)

Paul T. Diamond, M.D., Is Named the Catherine and Vladislav P. Hinterbuchner Professor and Chair of Rehabilitation Medicine

Paul T. Diamond, M.D., has been appointed the Catherine and Vladislav P. Hinterbuchner Professor and Chair of Rehabilitation Medicine at NYMC and director of rehabilitation medicine at NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan. Dr. Diamond most recently served as director of neuro rehabilitation and associate professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation with the

University of Virginia Health System (UVA Health), which he joined in 1992. In addition to his clinical and administrative roles at UVA Health, he held a variety of academic appointments, including director of residency training, director of research and vice-chair and interim chair of the department. [Read the full article on Dr. Diamond.](#)



Conference Addresses Current Topics in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology

Pediatric health care providers from the Hudson Valley and surrounding area gathered at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital for the Fifth Annual Current Topics in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Conference, hosted by the School of Medicine and Westchester Medical Center Health Network and directed by **Mitchell S. Cairo, M.D.**, far left, professor of pediatrics, division of pediatric hematology, oncology and stem cell transplantation, and professor of medicine, pathology, microbiology and immunology, and cell biology and anatomy. [Read the full article on the conference.](#)

Department of Surgery Hosts 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.](#)



Twenty-Fourth Annual Medical Student Research Forum Boasts Record Number of Participants

It was the "Super Bowl" of student research at the 24th Annual Medical Student Research Forum (MSRF). The halls and lobbies of the Medical Education Center and Basic Sciences Building were teeming with posters, student presenters and more than 50 faculty judges. It was standing room only in Cooke Auditorium for the keynote address by prominent gastroenterologist, Ari Grinspan, M.D., assistant professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and director of the GI Microbial Therapeutics at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. [Read the full](#)

[article on the 24th Annual Medical Student Research Forum and view the photo gallery.](#)



Accessibility Awareness and Education Lecture Focuses on Diabetes for National Diabetes Awareness Month

As part of its Accessibility Awareness and Education Lecture Series, the Office of Academic Support hosted a special presentation on diabetes by **Jerry L. Nadler, M.D., MACP, FAHA, FACE**, seventh from left, dean of the School of Medicine and professor of medicine and pharmacology. Dr. Nadler, an internationally recognized diabetes physician-researcher who is working to determine if a vaccine could prevent Type 1 diabetes, shared his expertise on the disease that is expected to affect 629 million people worldwide by the year 2045 according to the International Diabetes Federation. [Read the full article on the Accessibility Awareness and Education Lecture Spotlight diabetes and view the photo gallery.](#)



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.](#)



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.](#)

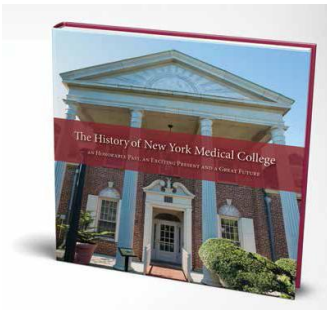


FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Subhadra Siegel, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics, is taking on pediatric peanut allergies and improving survival rate newborns with severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID). [Read the full spotlight on Dr. Siegel.](#)

NYMC HISTORY BOOK



These stunning pages take the reader on a journey through time -- beginning with the College's founding in 1860 through 2017. [Order your copy today.](#)

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