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## NYMC Honors Distinguished Faculty and Alumni at Annual Founder's Dinner



The evening of October 26 was a special one for NYMC as guests gathered for the annual Founder's Dinner at Marina Del Ray in the Bronx. More than 385 academic, healthcare, business, and community leaders came together to celebrate NYMC's proud history and promising future and to honor distinguished faculty and alumni leaders for their impactful and transformative achievements. Proceeds of the evening benefit NYMC students through

scholarships and important initiatives, and further NYMC's mission to educate the next generation of physicians and healthcare providers, and support life-saving biomedical research. [Read the full article and view the photo gallery and videos.](#)

## Dr. Wang Awarded Grant to Explore New Treatment Options for Hypertension

**Wen-Hui Wang, M.D.**, professor of pharmacology, has been awarded a \$2.7 million, four-year grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases of the National Institutes of Health for research on the role of the Kir4.1 potassium channel in the regulation of hypertension and potassium excretion in the kidney. [Read the full article on Dr. Wang's grant.](#)



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## Drs. Medow and Stewart Awarded Grant to Study Postural Tachycardia Syndrome



**Marvin Medow, Ph.D.**, right, professor of pediatrics and associate professor of physiology, and **Julian Stewart, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of pediatrics, physiology and of medicine, have been awarded a \$708,618 grant by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health for research to better understand the mechanisms that cause postural tachycardia syndrome in young women. [Read the full article on the POTS research.](#)

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## Dr. Garcia Receives Sinsheimer Scholar Award to Research Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

**Victor Garcia, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of pharmacology, has been chosen as a 2022 Sinsheimer Scholar Award recipient and awarded a \$150,000 two-year grant by J.P. Morgan Chase to support research on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. The Sinsheimer Scholar Award program seeks to support scientific research relating to the prevention and cure of human diseases. [Read the full article on the Sinsheimer Scholar Award.](#)



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## GSA Welcomes New Slate of Officers and Looks Forward to An Event-Filled Year



The Graduate Student Association (GSA) in the GSBMS welcomed its new officers for the 2022-2023 academic year. They are looking forward to connecting with group members through various events such as a 5K event in partnership with Feeding Westchester and a big-little reveal to facilitate mentorship and communication within the GSA. **Sabrina Martinez**, center, M.S. Class of 2023, and president of the GSA, [provided insight into what the year has in store for the GSA.](#)

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## GSBMS and SOM Establish Conditional Admittance Agreement

The GSBMS and the SOM have entered into an agreement to guarantee conditional admittance for students in the Accelerated Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences Master's Program of the GSBMS and who seek admission to the NYMC SOM, if they meet certain academic performance benchmarks. [Read more about the agreement.](#)



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## NYMC and TU Host Successful Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference

More than 500 attendees joined the Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Biomedical Space Conference on September 15, where the audience heard from leaders in biotechnology and biomedical research. Following the impressive presentations, **Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D.**, senior vice president for research affairs, TU, vice president for research at NYMC, who organized the conference, said "If we take the lessons that we've learned we can chart a better future for humanity." [Watch the video](#) and [view the photos.](#)



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## Phillip Capozzi, M.D., Library Hosts 29th Annual Faculty Author Recognition

NYMC faculty authors had another banner year with 1,100 publications including 892 journal publications, 130 abstracts, nine books and 69 book chapters published in 2021. The astounding number of publications were honored at the 29th Annual Faculty Author Celebration hosted by the Phillip Capozzi, M.D., Library. [Read the full article, view the photos and view the video.](#)



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## NYMC and TU Present 22nd COVID-19 Symposium



NYMC and TU hosted the 22nd COVID-19 Symposium on October 27. The webinar included a panel discussion on the new bivalent COVID-19 booster shots as well as presentations on the use of wastewater analysis to assess the presence of COVID-19 and polio in a population; reform and restructuring of the Centers for Disease Control; and the reappearance of polio in New York. [Watch the 22nd COVID-19 symposium video.](#)

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## NYMC Offers eTranscripts and CeDiplomas

NYMC's Office of the Registrar now offers [electronic transcripts\(eTranscripts\)](#) and certified electronic credentials, known as a [CeDiplomas](#) which make it easy for students and graduates to request and distribute their diplomas, transcripts and certifications. Eileen Romero, M.B.A., registrar, helped implement CeDiplomas and eTranscripts at NYMC. [Ms. Romero shared the benefits of these new offerings.](#)



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Ph.D. Student Jonathan V. Pascale Recognized for his Work on Metabolic Syndrome



**Jonathan V. Pascale**, a fifth-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Pharmacology, was recently recognized for his work on the underlying mechanism of metabolic syndrome and its associated complications, and the possible creation of therapeutics for those conditions. He was named the inaugural recipient of the Melvin H. Amler Prize for Innovation. Abstract submissions for the award were reviewed by a review committee led by **Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D.**,

second from right, vice president for research and professor of pharmacology and of pathology, microbiology and immunology at NYMC, senior vice president for research affairs, TU. [Read the full article on Jonathan Pascale.](#)

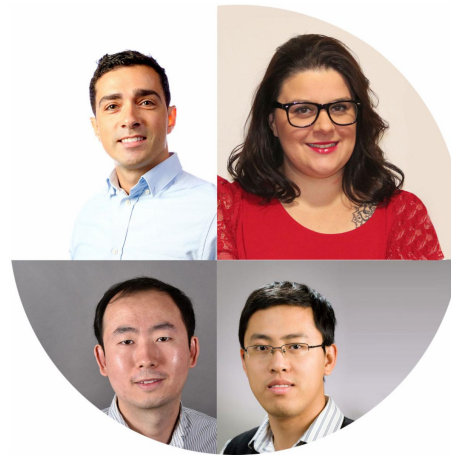
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## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy Welcomes New Faculty Members

At the start of the 2022 – 2023 academic year, four new faculty members joined the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy, bringing expertise in cardiovascular, cancer and cellular stress response research: clockwise

from top left, **Malik Bisserier, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of cell biology and anatomy and of physiology; **Julie DiMartino, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of cell biology and anatomy; **Shuai Gao, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of cell biology and anatomy and of biochemistry and molecular biology; and **Jian Li, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of cell biology and anatomy. [Read the full article on new faculty.](#)



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## ALUMNI NOTICES



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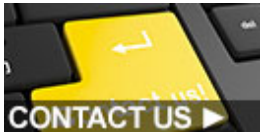


### Call for Alumni Milestones

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