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**NYMC Celebrates Founders, Raises Funds for Student Scholarship**

New York Medical College (NYMC) hosted its Founder's Dinner at the Surf Club on The Sound in New Rochelle, New York, where more than 325 College supporters gathered for a festive evening to celebrate NYMC's proud history and promising future as well as honor distinguished community leaders and alumni for their impactful achievements. The event raised \$400,000 for student scholarship and other important initiatives. [Read the full article and view the 2019 Founder's Dinner photo gallery.](#)

**Humayun Islam, M.D., Ph.D., is Named Interim Chair of the Department of Pathology**

**Humayun Islam, M.D., Ph.D.**, clinical professor of pathology, has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Pathology, effective September 1. He has also been appointed interim director of the Department of Pathology at Westchester Medical Center. Dr. Islam has been an active member of the NYMC community since 2005, serving as the residency program director for the Department of Pathology, a member of the NYMC Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects Oncology Panel, a member of the Graduate Medical Education Executive Committee, as well as an advisor, educator and mentor to students. Dr. Islam most recently served as chief of anatomic pathology and medical director for hematopathology. [Read the full article on Dr. Islam.](#)





## GSBMS Hosts Largest Summer Trainees in Academic Research (STAR) Program to Date

The Willner Lobby of the Medical Education Center and the Basic Sciences Building hallway were overflowing with 35 poster presentations by participants of the Eighth Annual Summer Trainees in Academic Research (STAR) Program, the largest one to date, at the Student Research Forum. The day was the culmination of a summer of mentored scientific investigations for 75 high school and undergraduate students who also had the opportunity to participate in lectures on current topics in science, discuss and evaluate scientific literature during the STAR Journal Club, develop communication and presentation skills to convey their research and gain valuable feedback from a judging panel made up of students, postdocs and faculty. [Read the full article and view the STAR Student Research Forum photo gallery.](#)

## Biolnc@NYMC Celebrates Five-Year Anniversary and Expansion

Government officials, local community leaders and other stakeholders joined NYMC to celebrate a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the five-year anniversary and expansion of Biolnc@NYMC. The expansion of the fully-equipped biotechnology incubator adds an additional 9,500 square feet of new offices, conference rooms, shared-space desks and collaborative space. Since 2014, Biolnc@NYMC has created more than 54 jobs, supported nine start-up companies, and with its newly expanded space, will allow for the incubation of up to 20 additional companies at the forefront of medical innovation. [Read the full article and view the Biolnc@NYMC Anniversary Celebration photo album and video.](#)



## NYMC Opens Family Health Center to Provide Primary Care to Community and Create Learning Opportunities for Students

NYMC proudly celebrated the opening of its new Family Health Center, an outpatient faculty practice, open to the surrounding community and members of NYMC. Located in the same building as the Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM) at NYMC, the new health care center provides same day or walk-in appointments on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Co-locating the two community-focused health care services will provide patients with the ability to meet multiple health care needs in one convenient location--both enriching education opportunities for the dental and medical students and improving patient outcomes. [Read the full article and view the Family Health Center Ribbon Cutting photo gallery.](#)



## NYMC Supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Members of the NYMC community joined **Marina K. Holz, Ph.D.**, dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, and guests from the American Cancer Society, Inc., for a group photo to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Dr. Holz is an American Cancer Society Research Scholar and leads a laboratory studying the mechanisms of signaling by hormones and growth factors in breast cancer.



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## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



**Dazhong Xu, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of pathology, in search of the cure for lung cancer. [Read the full spotlight on Dr. Xu.](#)

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## GSBMS AT-A-GLANCE



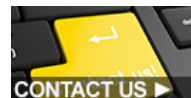
How do you begin to sum up everything that is NYMC Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences? [View the new GSBMS At-A-Glance video](#), highlighting the school's latest happenings and training of the next generation of health care leaders.

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## ALUMNI AUTHORS



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