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SOM ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

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A Message from the Dean



Dear School of Medicine (SOM) Alumni,

It's an exciting time to be the new dean of the New York Medical College (NYMC) SOM. With the new academic year now underway, I had the opportunity to welcome the Class of 2023--our newest class of exceptional medical students. Half of the class is from New York while the other students come from 21 different states. We also have several students from Canada. More than 100 undergraduate schools are represented. I'm pleased to share, this year we received approximately 13,000 applications and conducted 955 interviews; 215 students have matriculated with a record breaking yield of acceptance of 41 percent.

We have many great things happening on campus, some of which are highlighted in this newsletter. I have also started the dean's research newsletter, [read the inaugural issue here](#). I look forward to meeting you if you have the chance to visit our campus or when I have the opportunity to visit the cities in which you live. Thank you for your continued interest and support of NYMC!

Sincerely,

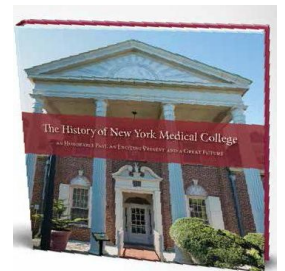
Jerry L. Nadler, M.D., MACP, FAHA, FACE
Dean of the School of Medicine
Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology

New York Medical College Celebrates 160th Commencement



On May 22, 2019, a perfect spring day at the 160th Commencement exercises in the iconic Carnegie Hall, NYMC graduating Class of 2019 listened with rapt attention as George D. Yancopoulos, M.D., Ph.D., co-founder, president and chief scientific officer of Regeneron, took to the stage to deliver the Commencement address, saying, "You have an incredible opportunity to change human life-make sure you take this responsibility on with grit and perseverance." [Read the full article and view the 2019 Commencement week photo albums.](#)

NYMC HISTORY BOOK



These stunning pages take the reader on a journey through time -- beginning with the College's founding in 1860 through 2017.

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NYMC Researchers Aim to Transform Treatment of Babesiosis



NYMC researchers have made great strides in the fight against tick-borne illnesses. The latest is a groundbreaking study, *Could the Drug Tafenoquine Revolutionize Treatment of Babesia Microti Infection* by

CALLING ALUMNI AUTHORS



Dana G. Mordue, Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology, and **Gary P. Wormser, M.D.**, professor of medicine, microbiology and immunology, and pharmacology, and vice chair of medicine for research and development, published in *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*. The pair discovered that the drug Tafenoquine, which recently gained FDA approval to treat some species of Plasmodium, the parasite that causes Malaria, may also be extremely successful for the treatment of Babesiosis. [Read the full article on the treatment of Babesiosis.](#)



Published a book in 2019? New York Medical College would love to hear about it.

If you authored a book published in 2019, please [email the Office of Public Relations](#) the title of the book, a brief synopsis, image of the book cover and a short bio.

MENTORSHIP



Provide mentorship and guidance to students as they journey through medical school. If you are interested in becoming involved with NYMC as a mentor/career specialty advisor, please [complete the form.](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Bruce Peek, M.D. '82

A pioneering cardiologist who founded the second point-of-service interventional cardiology center in the U.S., Dr. Peek has turned his



NYMC Welcomes SOM Class of 2023

Before officially embarking on their studies at New York Medical College, the School of Medicine Class of 2023 marked the beginning of their paths toward becoming physicians with a week of Transition to Medical School activities. [Read more about the SOM Class of 2023 and view the photo galleries here.](#)



Medical Students Receive POCUS Training

With the advancement of the technology used in ultrasounds, smaller, portable devices are becoming more widely available and used in more applications in the medical field. Point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) allows trained medical professionals to use ultrasound to diagnose problems wherever a patient is being treated, whether it be in a hospital, ambulance or remote location. A new training program, Introduction to Point-of-Care Ultrasound, was conducted for 12 second-year medical students participating in the School of Medicine (SOM) summer fellowship program in emergency medicine on July 16 at the Clinical Skills and Simulation Center. [Read the full article on the POCUS training.](#)



School of Medicine Hosts Gold Humanism Honor Society Student Clinician Ceremony

The SOM Class of 2021 marked another milestone in the journey to becoming physicians when they participated in the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) Student Clinician Ceremony on June 28, marking the transition to third-year clerkships and the clinical years. The Student Clinician Ceremony was designed by the Gold Foundation to provide guidance, information and support for medical students as they embark on their clinical years and emphasize the importance of providing compassionate, collaborative and scientifically excellent care to patients. [Read the full article and view the GHHS Student Clinician Ceremony photo gallery.](#)

NYMC Announces New Clinical Leadership in the School of Medicine



NYMC SOM is pleased to announce the appointments of new clinical chairs: **Peter Panzica, M.D.**, left, chair of the Department of Anesthesiology; **Sean Tedjarati, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.**, center, chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, effective July 1; and **Edward Lebovics, M.D.**, interim chair of the Department of Medicine, effective September 1. [Read the full article on the new clinical leadership.](#)

attention to elevating the importance of humanism in healthcare.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Brian Tung
Class of 2022

Making an impact in health care, Mr. Tung helped identify more effective ways to combat the most common primary brain tumor during his first year of medical school.

Conference Addresses How the Microbiome Impacts Health and Wellness



It was a full house at the Microbiome Conference at 7 Dana Road on June 12 when clinical, basic research and industry experts shared their work on microbiome science and its role in maintaining health and causing a gamut of disease. Guest speakers covered the topics of fecal transplants, the role of bacterial metacolon in chronic tonsillar hypertrophy, meta genomic and metatranscriptomic profiling of mouse gut microbiota, intestinal microbiomes in sickle cell disease and population studies of gut microbiome, diet and human health. [Read the full article and view the Microbiome Conference photo gallery.](#)

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Ercument Dirice, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Pharmacology

His groundbreaking study on how the robust proliferation of beta cells may reshape the immune system, and ultimately increase resistance to type 1 diabetes, gained international recognition.

Robert B. Nadelman, M.D., Research Fellowship Pays Tribute to Esteemed Professor

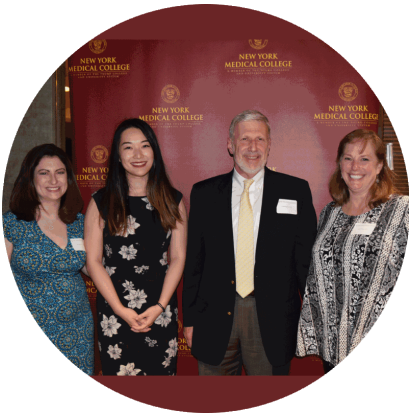


In March of 2018, Robert B. Nadelman, M.D., long-standing professor of medicine at NYMC passed away and soon after, his students endeavored to find a way to honor the memory of their esteemed teacher. "Dr. Nadelman was the epitome of the clinician scientist, a prolific researcher and a compassionate and skilled infectious diseases physician," explained Mary M. Petzke, Ph.D., assistant dean for medical student research and assistant professor of microbiology and immunology. [Read the full article on the Robert B. Nadelman, M.D. Research Fellowship.](#)

Evening Honors Volunteer Preceptors

The Office of Undergraduate Medical Education hosted its annual Preceptor Appreciation and Awards Banquet, on the evening of June 5 in the Skyline dining room, to recognize the preceptors who volunteer their time and offer their supervision, guidance and skill to medical students in the Foundations of Clinical Medicine course. This year, more than 30 physicians celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service in the program were honored. [Read the full article and view the Preceptor Appreciation and Awards Banquet photo gallery.](#)

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IN THE NEWS



As leaders in a variety of specialties and fields, New York Medical College's faculty have been called upon by media outlets to serve as experts on cutting edge topics, events and news stories. Read the latest offerings of [NYMC in the news](#).

ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY



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NYMC Observes Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day



NYMC observed Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, with a presentation, "One Man's Quest: Remembering the Holocaust, Restoring Jewish Heritage and Making Sure That 'Never Again' is Given Meaning," presented by guest speaker **Michael Lozman, D.D.S.**, third from left, founder of the Restoration of European Jewish Cemeteries, Inc., and the Capital District Jewish Holocaust Memorial, LLC. [Read the full article on Yom Hashoah.](#)

NYMC Students Published in Medical Journals



It's an impressive feat for anyone to get published in an academic medical journal, even more so to be published as a student---yet three impressive NYMC students recently achieved just that.

In October of 2018, **Brian Tung**, left, SOM Class of 2022, authored "Krüppel-like factor 9 and histone deacetylase inhibitors synergistically induce cell death in glioblastoma stem-like cells," which was published in the peer-reviewed medical journal, BMC Cancer. Then in April, **Jeffrey Omar Patrick**, center, an M.P.H. student in the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP), and **Adam M. Karp**, right, SOM Class of 2019, in collaboration with Mill Etienne M.D. '02, M.P.H., associate dean for student affairs and clinical assistant professor of neurology, and NYMC alumnus Nathan Carberry, M.D. '17, co-authored, "Healing through Self-Expression: The Role of Art Therapy in Medicine," which was published in the Journal of Health and Human Experience. [Read the full article on the student publications.](#)

Center for Disaster Medicine Receives Funding and Expands Training Programs

NYMC Center for Disaster Medicine, the New York State Center of Excellence in Precision Responses to Bioterrorism and Disasters, received \$925,000 from New York State, a major increase in funding for a vitally needed program. New York State increased its financial support for the Center from an initial annual pledge of \$500,000 to \$925,000, a sum that is matched by NYMC in support of the expanding work and impact of the Center. [Read the full article on the CDM funding and programs.](#)

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Members of the School of Medicine Class of 2020 Inducted into GHHS



SOM was proud to induct 33 members of the Class of 2020 into its chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS), an initiative of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, at a ceremony. Established in 2002 to foster, recognize and support the values of humanism and professionalism in medicine, GHHS honors senior medical students, residents, role-model physician teachers and others who have "demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service." [Read the full article and view the GHHS induction ceremony photo gallery.](#)

AOA Iota Chapter Hosts Annual Visiting Professor Lecture and Induction Ceremony



The New York Iota chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), the national medical honor society, welcomed Elliot Levine, M.D, as the Annual AOA Visiting Professor. Dr. Levine, who is instructor of medicine and a physician at the Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation Center of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network, specializes in advanced heart failure, transplant cardiology, clinical electrophysiology and nuclear cardiology. He presented "If I Only Had a Heart," covering the history of heart transplantation and mechanical circulatory support. [Read the full article and view the AOA Lecture and Induction Ceremony photo gallery.](#)

Advanced Infant Patient Simulators Improve Access to Hands-On Pediatric Care Training



The Clinical Skills and Simulation Center is proud to unveil two new patient simulators which will be used to facilitate pediatric training for students. Acquired through a grant from The Children's Dream Foundation- an organization aimed at improving emergency pediatric care in the Hudson Valley-the advanced infant patient simulators known as SimBaby™ and Premature Anne™ are high fidelity simulators featuring realistic anatomy and clinical functionality. [Read more about the advanced infant patient simulators.](#)

Upcoming Events



Founder's Dinner
September 18, 2019
5:00 p.m.
The Surf Club on the Sound
New Rochelle, New York

More than 300 academic, healthcare, business and community leaders will gather to celebrate NYMC's proud history and promising future, and to honor distinguished community leaders for their impactful and transformative achievements. Proceeds directly benefit our students through supporting scholarships and important initiatives.



School of Medicine Reunion Weekend
Celebrating Reunion Classes: 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2014.

Dinner: November 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Hilton Westchester
699 Westchester Avenue, Rye Brook, New York

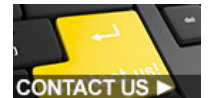
Brunch: November 17, 2019, 11:30 a.m., New York Medical College
19 Skyline Drive, Hawthorne, New York

Past Events



SOM Alumni Association Hosts Dinner Cruise for Class of 2019

The School of Medicine (SOM) Alumni Association hosted the Fourth Annual Student Celebration Cruise around Manhattan on April 3 to celebrate achievements and future successes of the SOM Class of 2019. [View the Alumni Association Dinner Cruise photo gallery.](#)



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