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Dean's Message



Dear NYMC Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences (GSBMS) Alumni,

I am excited to introduce myself as the new dean of the GSBMS. Over the summer I enjoyed a very warm welcome from the NYMC community and I look forward to forging meaningful connections with our alumni. I intend to draw on your wisdom and experience as we move ahead.

Our students and faculty continue to excel with impressive accomplishments in research, teaching and community outreach which we are proud to highlight in this issue. Please remember to share your professional news with us [via class notes](#) - your achievements inspire us all.

Sincerely,

Marina K. Holz, Ph.D.
Dean

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT SURVEY



How would you rate Alumni Engagement and Opportunities? Let us know your feedback through our [Alumni Engagement Survey](#).

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



[Timmy O'Connell, Ph.D. '18](#)

Making an impact as a scientist working in the field of cancer drug discovery

GSBMS Launches New M.S. in Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program

In keeping with the New York Medical College (NYMC) mission to educate outstanding health care professionals for the 21st century, the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences (GSBMS) is launching a newly created [Master of Science Clinical Laboratory Sciences \(CLS\)](#) program, making NYMC one of a few colleges in New York State to offer this unique master's degree. The Master of Science in CLS is aimed at educating and graduating exceptional clinical laboratory scientists who are required by the State of New York to earn their license prior to working in a hospital laboratory. Clinical laboratory scientists are at the heart of clinical care, performing diagnostic tests which monitor treatments and uncover new disease states, while continuously communicating with medical staff to improve patient care and treatment outcome.



The GSBMS is currently accepting applications for the program, which will encompass all areas of clinical laboratory testing: chemistry, toxicology, hematology, urinalysis, immunohematology, hemostasis, diagnostic immunology, clinical microbiology, histocompatibility and molecular diagnostics. CLS classes will begin in July 2019. [Read the full article on the C.L.S. program.](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences and School of Medicine Forge New Agreement



The Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences (GSBMS) and the School of Medicine (SOM) have announced a new agreement that will guarantee an admissions interview for students in several Master's programs who seek admissions to the SOM, if they meet certain performance benchmarks including MCAT scores and academic performance. The agreement covers existing and future students in the [Accelerated Master's Program](#), [two-year discipline-based Master's programs](#) within each of the basic sciences departments and the two-year interdisciplinary [Basic Medical Sciences Master's Program](#). [Read the full article on the agreement](#).



Lauren Walsh
Professional Science
Master's Class of 2020

Gaining big-picture knowledge that expands opportunities to make an impact in the realm of biomedical research

College Supporters Gather for a Festive Evening at the Founder's Dinner

More than 300 supporters of New York Medical College (NYMC) gathered for an evening of celebration at the 2018 Founder's Dinner on October 14 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Tarrytown, N.Y. The fundraising gala benefits student scholarships and important initiatives at NYMC. Guests celebrated the spirit of NYMC and paid tribute to the three distinguished honorees of the evening. [View the Founder's Dinner photo gallery and read the full article.](#)



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Nader G. Abraham, Ph.D., Dr. H.C., FAHA
Professor of Medicine
and Pharmacology

Internationally-recognized scientist at the cutting edge of obesity research

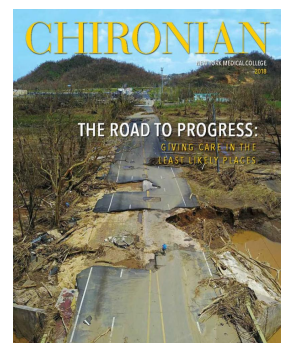
NYMC Welcomes Bess J. Chazhur, M.S., as Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of Alumni Relations



Bess J. Chazhur, M.S., has been named chief development officer and executive director of alumni relations, bringing extensive development and leadership experience that will drive forward New York Medical College's (NYMC) fundraising initiatives and alumni engagement. Prior to joining the NYMC community in October, Ms. Chazhur was the senior director of development at Montefiore Medical Center. [Read the full article on Ms. Chazhur](#).

CALL FOR ALUMNI MILESTONES

We would love to share your most recent news and accomplishments in our next issue of the [Chironian](#).



NYMC Hosts Fourth Annual East-West Integrative Medical Symposium for Immunology and Wellness

More than 100 attendees from across the U.S. and as far away as the United Kingdom and China, gathered at New York Medical College (NYMC) for the Fourth "East-West Integrative Medical Symposium for Immunology and Wellness-Clinical Practice, Science and Technology" on July 15, organized and hosted by the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. The forum,

If you have any accomplishments or developments, published

with a simultaneous English-to-Chinese translation available for guests, discussed scientific advances in the area of allergies and wellness and sought to bridge international collaborations for research and education, as well as offer clinical applications of integrative models of treatment for allergic disorders and for promoting wellness. [View the symposium photo gallery and read the full article.](#)



a book, or have any family news to share we would love to hear from you. Please [share your updates](#) with us to be included in our class notes.

GRANT NEWS



NYMC faculty members engage in sponsored research and other programs spanning a wide range of biomedical topics. Read about the latest [NYMC grant news.](#)

GSBMS Hosts Largest STAR Program to Date



The Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences' Summer Trainees in Academic Research (STAR) program welcomed more than 60 high school and undergraduate students to New York Medical College (NYMC) this summer. They spent their days in laboratories, attended weekly seminars on various scientific topics, learned laboratory safety practices and conducted research in an active laboratory under the guidance of a NYMC faculty mentor. The culmination of their summertime work was the Seventh Annual STAR Student Research Forum on August 9. The Medical Education Center's Wilner Lobby was packed where participants presented their work in poster format, followed by oral presentations in the Chouake Auditorium. Dana G. Mordue, Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology, engaged the young

audience with her presentation, "Babesiosis: the Emerging Malaria-like Disease in Your Backyard." [View the STAR Research Forum photo gallery and read the full article.](#)

IN THE NEWS



As leaders in a variety of specialties and fields, NYMC's faculty are 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.](#)

GSBMS Kicks Off New Academic Year

Dana G. Mordue, Ph.D., front left, associate professor of microbiology and immunology, welcomed the newest group of students embarking on their studies in the GSBMS. A week of orientation activities, aimed at helping the students make the most of the studies at New York Medical College included a special session for the new Ph.D. candidates. Embarking on their Ph.D. studies are, back from left: **Galadu Subah**, M.D./Ph.D. Program, cell biology; **Price Obot**, M.D./Ph.D. Program, cell biology; **Michelle Carnazza**, Integrated Ph.D. Program; **Sakib Hossain**, Integrated Ph.D. Program; and **Anish Maskey**, Integrated Ph.D. Program. Front from left: **Arax Tanelian**, Integrated Ph.D. Program; **Christina Faltas**, Integrated Ph.D. Program; **Roxanna Nahvi**, M.D./Ph.D. Program, biochemistry and molecular biology; and **Jonathan Pascale**, Integrated Ph.D. Program.



PHOTO GALLERY



View photos from the [2018 GSBMS](#)

Department of Pharmacology Hosts Talk by Regeneron Executive

George D. Yancopoulos, M.D., Ph.D., right, president and chief scientific officer of Regeneron, gave an afternoon presentation on July 11 to a standing-room-only audience. He presented "Building A Better Biotech: The Story Of Regeneron," sharing the history and successes of Regeneron, the only biopharmaceutical company led by physician-scientists for nearly 30 years that "bet it all on the power of genetics," first mouse genetics, then human genetics. **Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D.**, provost for biomedical research and chief biomedical research officer,



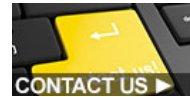
Touro College and University System, director of the Office of Research Administration and professor of pharmacology and microbiology and immunology at NYMC, and professor of dental medicine, Touro College of Dental Medicine at NYMC, were on hand to welcome Dr. Yancopoulos. [View Dr. Yancopoulos' presentation](#) .

[Orientation Barbecue.](#)

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