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NYMC Appoints Jerry L. Nadler, M.D., FACP, FAHA, FACE, Dean of the School of Medicine



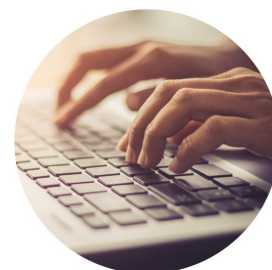
After an extensive international search, New York Medical College (NYMC) has appointed **Jerry L. Nadler, M.D., FACP, FAHA, FACE**, dean of the School of Medicine. An internationally-recognized expert in the field of pathogenesis of diabetes, Dr. Nadler brings to NYMC his leadership and dedication to research, innovation and education. He previously served as the Harry H. Mansbach Endowed Chair in Internal Medicine and vice dean of research at Eastern Virginia Medical School, where he directed the Strelitz Diabetes Center. He also served as a member of a Special Advisory Committee on Type 1 Diabetes with the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Nadler will assume his new position and join the NYMC community in March 2019. [Read the full article on Dr. Nadler.](#)

School of Medicine Alumni Association Hosts Annual Reunion



It was a fun-filled weekend for more than 160 School of Medicine (SOM) alumni and their guests at the SOM Alumni Association Reunion on November 10 - 11. Members of the classes of 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013, reunited for an evening of dining, dancing and camaraderie on Saturday evening at Double Tree Hilton in Tarrytown, N.Y., followed by a brunch, campus tour and a continuing medical education lecture by William H. Frishman, M.D., the Barbara and William Rosenthal Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine and professor of pharmacology, who presented "The Women's Health Initiative." [View the SOM Reunion photo gallery, yearbook memorial video and read the full article.](#)

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT SURVEY



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

Class of 2022 Robes Up for White Coat Ceremony

On October 22, in a theater filled with nearly 1,000 guests, 202 first-year medical students, with pristine white coats in hand, processed on stage. Thus began the School of Medicine (SOM) Class of 2022 White Coat Ceremony, the rite of passage which marks medical students' entrance into the medical profession. [View the Class of 2022 White Coat photo gallery, video and read the full article.](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT





Felix Wimpfheimer, M.D. '45

Distinguished physician and beloved teacher and mentor whose contributions to health care profoundly impacted the practice of medicine -- and have added immeasurable prestige to NYMC.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Kevin Hill
Class of 2021

Volunteering time with migrant populations to better understand the lives of people of all backgrounds

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 2018 Founder's Dinner photo gallery and read the full article.](#)

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](#) .



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Jun Xu, M.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine

Founded ACO as a way to give back and make a difference in a meaningful way.

Lori Solomon, M.D. '99, M.P.H. '09, Is Appointed Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine

Lori Solomon, M.D. '99, M.P.H. '09 , assistant professor of family and community medicine, has been appointed chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine. In her new role, she will lead the Department with a mission to provide quality education in family practice and generalist medicine and prepare students for today's demanding medical environment. Dr. Solomon joined the New York Medical College (NYMC) faculty in 2002 and as a family physician, she is committed to improving patients' healthcare experience and health outcomes through longitudinal, comprehensive medical care. She loves helping her patients adopt healthy lifestyles and supporting patients through all life phases. [Read the full article on Dr. Lori Solomon.](#)

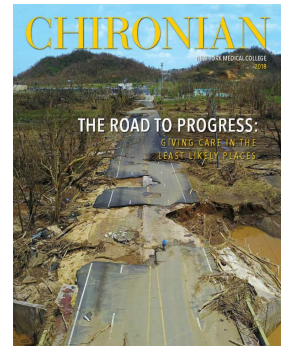
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Kelly A. Hutcheson, M.D., M.B.A., Is Appointed Chair and Professor of the Department of Ophthalmology

Kelly A. Hutcheson, M.D., M.B.A., has been named chair and professor of the Department of Ophthalmology. She also serves as director of ophthalmology for Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth). Prior to joining New York Medical College, Dr. Hutcheson served as chief of ophthalmology at Sidra Medical and Research Center and Weill Cornell School of Medicine in Qatar, where she led the Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology. While at Sidra, Dr. Hutcheson focused on humanitarian work, leading a team of 30 people performing medical and surgical outreach in the Dominican Republic. She also led an exploratory trip to Nedjo, Ethiopia, in partnership with Surgical Eye Expeditions (SEE) International, providing medical and surgical care to adults and children. [Read the full article on Dr. Hutcheson.](#)



If you have any accomplishments or developments, published 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](#).

Rifat Latifi, M.D., FACS, FICS, Is Appointed Chairman of the Department of Surgery



Nationally recognized expert in the field of telemedicine, tenured professor of surgery at New York Medical College (NYMC) and director of the Department of Surgery at Westchester Medical Center Health Network - **Rifat Latifi, M.D., FACS, FICS**, has been named chair of the Department of Surgery at NYMC. He is both uniquely qualified in the realm of telemedicine having established the first teletrauma and telepresence program in Arizona, and deeply dedicated bringing telemedicine to the forefront of global surgery. Stepping into his new position, Dr. Latifi says, "As I take on this new role as chair of surgery, I look forward to passing along everything I have learned, as well as my commitment to helping the underserved, to our students." [Read the full article on Dr. Latifi.](#)

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

Karen M. Murray, M.D. '99, Is Named Associate Dean for Admissions for the School of Medicine

Karen M. Murray, M.D. '99, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, has been appointed associate dean of admissions for the New York Medical College (NYMC) School of Medicine (SOM). In her new position she is responsible for directing the Office of Admissions, reviewing thousands of applications, supporting the holistic review process, including CASPer (Computer-based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics), the on-line situational judgment test, and the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) practice, and ultimately seating classes of high-caliber, well-rounded medical students who will lead the future of medicine. Dr. Murray has

been involved in the SOM admissions process for the past decade as a member of the admissions committee. [Read the full article on Dr. Karen Murray.](#)



offerings of [NYMC in the news.](#)

PHOTO GALLERY



NYMC Enters into New Academic Affiliation with Rome Memorial Hospital

Broadening the clerkship opportunities available to third- and fourth-year medical students, New York Medical College (NYMC) and Rome Memorial Hospital (RMC) have entered into a new academic affiliation aimed at expanding medical education, meeting the medical health care needs of the community and further developing clinical and education research. With this new academic affiliation, RMC becomes designated as a teaching hospital for NYMC students, while NYMC medical students gain opportunities to expand their knowledge in a community hospital environment. [Read the full article on the new academic affiliation.](#)



View photos from the [25th Faculty Author Recognition](#) event.

ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY



Meet the School of Medicine Class of 2022

The newest cohort of future physicians arrived on campus at the end of July to begin their new lives as medical students. A week of orientation activities eased the new class into their journey toward becoming physicians. [View the SOM Class of 2022 Transition to Medical School photo galleries.](#)

Here's a glance at the SOM Class of 2022:

- 210 students matriculated
- 55 percent of the class is female
- Students hail from 22 states and one student is from Canada
- 41 percent of the class is from New York
- 96 undergraduate schools are represented
- The average class age is 24 years old
- 3.63 - Total GPA Average
- 512 - MCAT Average



Register for the [Alumni Online Community](#) to connect with fellow alumni, increase your network and stay up to date on Alumni news and events.

Center of Excellence In Precision Responses to Bioterrorism and Disasters is Awarded \$750,000 by New York State

New York Medical College administration and staff, local law enforcement and elected officials gathered for a press conference on July 10 to announce \$750,000 in funding for the Center of Excellence in Precision Responses to Bioterrorism and Disasters from New York State. The funding will allow the Center to expand training programs for hospitals, health systems and first responders to improve responses to disasters and acts of terrorism throughout New York State. [View the press Conference photo gallery and read the full article.](#)



Upcoming Events



School of Medicine Match Day

Friday, March 15, 2019

11:30 a.m.

Medical Education Center

Every year, moments before noon on Match Day, the New York Medical College campus is packed with a boisterous crowd eagerly waiting to find out where the next graduating class of the NYMC School of Medicine will continue their medical training.



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