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NEWS



26th Annual MSRF to Take Place Virtually February 3

The 26th Annual Medical Student Research Forum (MSRF) will be conducted virtually this year on Thursday, February 3, with a keynote address by **Fawaz Al-Mufti, M.D.**, associate chair of neurology for research, associate professor of neurology, neurosurgery and radiology, and assistant dean for GME research, NYMC. Dr. Al-Mufti will present "The Gift of Adversity: Lessons learned from the Phoenix (Dactylifera)." The forum is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., beginning with student presentations followed by Dr. Al-Mufti's presentation at 4:15 p.m. [View the MSRF on Zoom.](#)

NYMC and TCUS Host 17th COVID-19 Symposium

The 17th COVID-19 Symposium hosted by NYMC and TCUS on January 26, featured NYMC and TCUS faculty who broke down recent changes to federal quarantine and isolation guidelines, mask guidance, racial disparities in vaccination rates, parents' struggles with the pandemic's impact on schools and the commercial real estate



market in the pandemic. [Read the full article on the COVID-19 Symposium and view the video.](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Sima Vazquez, SOM Class of 2024, Faces Adversity with Positivity

Sima Vazquez, SOM Class of 2024, is no stranger to adversity. Diagnosed as a child with a Chiari malformation, a rare condition in which brain tissue extends into the spinal canal, Ms. Vazquez underwent two surgeries by the time she was 14 years old. Despite the surgeries, she adopted a positive attitude to excel at whatever she puts her mind to, whether it's her hobbies or her pursuit of a medical degree, with the eventual goal of being a neurosurgeon. [Read the full article on Ms. Vazquez.](#)

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Meghan Work, M.P.H., Ph.D., Brings Years of Epidemiology Experience to the SHSP

Meghan Work, M.P.H., Ph.D., knew epidemiology was the field for her from the moment she took her first course on it. Now, after nearly a decade in the pharmaceutical industry as a cancer epidemiologist, she is set to embark on her long-awaited opportunity as a full-time faculty member as an assistant professor of public health in NYMC's SHSP Department of Public Health. [Read the full article on Dr. Work.](#)



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

The Office of Public Safety Is Committed to Keeping NYMC Safe and Secure



The Office of Public Safety provides round-the-clock surveillance and support for all members of the NYMC and Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM) community members on campus. With services ranging from building patrol to providing safety escorts, the Office provides many resources to ensure that students feel safe and looked after. **Robert Lancia, M.A.**, director of Public Safety, [offers a deeper look into what goes into keeping the campus safe.](#)

DID YOU KNOW

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EVENTS ON THE NYMC CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, February 1	11:00 a.m.	Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds
	1:10 p.m.	Department of Public Health, Ethics Program Special Event
Wednesday, February 2	6:45 a.m.	Department of Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
	8:00 a.m.	Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds
	2:00 p.m.	Department of Neurology Grand Rounds
Thursday, February 3	1:00 p.m.	Annual Medical Student Research Forum (MSRF)
Monday, February 21	All day	NYMC Closed: President's Day
Wednesday, February 23	6:45 a.m.	Department of Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
	5:30 p.m.	Office of Student Mental Health and Wellness Webinar

Add an event to the NYMC calendar [here](#).

HIGHLIGHTS



75th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Doctors' Trial: Yom Hashoah Symposium

Thursday, April 28, 2022 • 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Nevins Auditorium, MEC

CME credit available. Online and in-person. [Register here.](#)



COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Ages 5-11, Boosters and Flu Vaccines, are Available at the NYMC Family Health Center

Contact the Family Health Center at (914) 828-0435 to make an appointment, although walk-ins are welcome.



NYMC Free Community Food Pantry.

Located outside of the Alumni House at 20 Sunshine Cottage Road, the pantry is stocked with non-perishable food items and other items donated by the NYMC community.



Yoga Class for Faculty and Staff

Virtual yoga class led by certified yoga instructor Mary Butler-Fink.

Mondays • 5:30 p.m. • [Zoom](#)
Meeting ID: 489 054 8060; Password: YOGA
One tap mobile +19292056099 (for dial in)

IN THE NEWS

New York Medical College Leadership News

How Can You Tell If a COVID Test Is Fake?

Very Well Health - 1/26/2022
Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs

How Long Will You Test Positive for COVID-19?

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Faculty News

Omicron and Long COVID: What We Know So Far

General Health - 1/26/2022
Marisa A. Montecalvo, M.D., director of health services and professor of medicine

New Developments in Asthma Can Help You Breathe Easier

The Rye Record - 1/24/2022
Kirk E. Sperber, M.D., M.A., clinical associate professor of medicine

[Why Does Alcohol Mess With My Sleep?](#)

The New York Times - 1/25/2022

Armeen D. Poor, M.D., clinical assistant
professor of medicine

General Information

[Clarapath trailblazes in automating
laboratory pathology processes](#)

The Business Journal - 1/24/2022

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