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Department of Microbiology and Immunology Receives Generous Gift



Mervin and Elaine Jacobs, second and third from left, have been long time dear friends of Touro College and University System. After meeting with **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, far left, chancellor and chief executive officer, they were inspired to support NYMC's Department of Microbiology and Immunology and its vital research endeavors. From left: **Rabbi Alan G. Ciner**, vice president of the Touro College and University System; and **Ira Schwartz, Ph.D.**, professor and chairman of microbiology and immunology.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



[James R. Cassuto, M.D./Ph.D. '15](#)

Sees incredible potential in being able to use radiopharmaceuticals to target specific tumor markers-essentially customized radiation therapy designed for each patient's specific tumor type.

Symposium Focuses on Tick-Borne Disease

Experts from across the country and as far as Slovenia gathered at NYMC on October 18 for "Bridging Clinical and Basic Science Research on Tick-Borne Infections Symposium: A Tribute to Ira Schwartz, Ph.D." The event honored **Ira Schwartz, Ph.D.**, professor of microbiology and immunology, medicine and biochemistry and molecular biology, who is stepping down from his role as chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. Topics ranged from "Spirochets Do It Differently: Covalently Crosslinking of the Flagellar Hook" to "Understanding Borrelia Miyamotoi" to "Metabolomics to Diagnose and Understand the Pathogenesis of Tick-Borne Diseases." Dr. Schwartz recalled the serendipitous path he took to working with Lyme disease and the groundbreaking research that followed at NYMC. "We were really at ground zero in terms of Lyme disease, both clinically and in research," Dr. Schwartz said. View the [Bridging Clinical and Basic Science Research Symposium photo gallery](#).

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](#).

NYMC Pride Shines at Founder's Dinner



The NYMC community and friends assembled on the lovely evening of September 17 to celebrate at the annual Founder's Dinner held at the DoubleTree Hilton in Tarrytown, N.Y. The fundraising gala drew nearly 350 guests including faculty, hospital affiliates, alumni, students, friends, vendors, members of the business community and local government officials. The evening also paid tribute to steadfast supporters of the College for their commitment to NYMC and the larger community. Back from left, **Alan Kadish, M.D.**, president, and **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, chancellor and chief executive officer, expressed gratitude and congratulated the honorees, front from left: **Dr. Mark Hasten**, who received the Alfred B. DelBello Distinguished Service Award; **Ira Schwartz, Ph.D.**, who was presented with the Jackson E. Spears Service Award; and **Robert G. Lerner, M.D.**, who was honored with the Golden

Faculty Service Award. Not pictured: Robert J. Lifton, M.D. '48, who was the recipient of the William Cullen Bryant Award. Amid the dining and awards presentations, guests feverishly tried to outbid each other in the silent auction that included sporting event tickets, celebrity memorabilia, jewelry, artwork and more.

"We are very grateful for the generous support of our sponsors and donors including trustees, faculty, alumni, hospital affiliates, vendors and generous friends who helped make the evening a memorable one," said Amy S. Kahn, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations. "It was a great opportunity to connect with each other and reflect on the proud history and promising future of New York Medical College.

View the [2017 Founder's Dinner photo gallery](#). [Read the full article...](#)

Alumni Community Website to Launch January 2018

Coming this January, a new interactive alumni website! All on a secure online space **exclusive for NYMC alumni**.

- Reconnect and reminisce with fellow alumni
- Share experiences with new graduates
- Be a mentor to current students
- Increase your individual and professional network



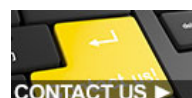
View photos from the [NYMC Faculty Author Recognition event](#), held on October 24, 2017.

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](#).

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