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Coming Soon - A new way to interact with your classmates

We are excited to announce a new way to reconnect and reminisce with fellow alumni, share your experiences with new graduates, and expand your professional network all on a secure online space exclusive for NYMC alumni.

Keep a lookout for updates and more details in your inbox in October as we launch our online interactive database.

Be sure to <u>update your contact information</u> with our office to stay connected.

Ph.D. Candidate Awarded Prestigious NIH Fellowship

More than one year after applying and several rounds of additional information exchange later. Amanda Soler, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Pharmacology, was thrilled when she opened the official email notification from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and learned she was the recipient of a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research. The competitive F31 award will provide \$30,534 each year for two years to support her research on "20-HETE Increases Large Artery Stiffness and Systolic Blood Pressure in the Metabolic Syndrome." Her research project focuses on understanding the contribution of the eicosanoid 20-HETE and 20-HETE-dependent vascular remodeling on the regulation of large

Read more about NIH fellowship

Summer Investigative Works



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Aaron Odermann, M.D., M.S. '17. a n accelerated path to medical school Read more about Aaron Odermann

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Liza Sukra, M.S. c andidate, returning to her roots at NYMC to pursue her passion Read more about Liza Sukra

Sixth Annual STAR Student Research Forum Showcases Impressive

artery stiffness and systolic hypertension. Ms. Soler is examining isolated systolic hypertension in metabolic syndrome and how large vessels stiffen and react to pharmacological treatments.

More than 25 high school and undergraduate students spent their summer vacation in the laboratories and lecture halls of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences' Summer Trainees in Academic Research (STAR) program. They attended lectures on current topics in science, discussed scientific literature during the STAR Journal Club, learned laboratory practices and safety, and conducted research in an active laboratory under the guidance of a New York Medical College faculty mentor. Weeks of hard work and dedication led up to the Sixth Annual STAR Student Research Forum on August 10 where participants presented their work in



poster format. The event fosters communication skills and helps prepare students for the science competitions at their schools as well as local, regional and national competitions. View the STAR Student Research Forum photo gallery here. Read more about summer investigative works

GRANT NEWS



NYMC faculty members engage in sponsored research and other programs spanning a wide range of biomedical topics.

Read here about NYMC's latest grant news.

GSBMS Welcomes New Students

The Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences welcomed its newest class of M.S. and Ph.D. students and hosted a welcome barbeque on August 8. Francis L. Belloni, Ph.D., right, dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences held a special orientation session for the new cohort of Ph.D. candidates, from left: Juan Azcona, Bibiana Iglesias, Sina Dadafarin (M.D./Ph.D. candidate), and Catherine D'Addario.



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. Click here to see the latest offerings of NYMC in the news.

New York Medical College Receives \$3 Million to Establish The Catherine and Vladislav P. Hinterbuchner Professorship and Chair



New York Medical College is the recipient of a \$3 million gift to establish the Catherine and Ladislav P. Hinterbuchner Professorship and Chair in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan to support teaching and training of medical students and residents as well as foster research. The endowment is from the estate of Catherine Hinterbuchner, M.D., who led the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine -- as the College's first woman chair -- and was chief of rehabilitation medicine at both Metropolitan Hospital Center and Lincoln Hospital in New York City for nearly 40 years.

Eduardo Lopez, M.D., second from left, has been named the inaugural chair. A special dedication ceremony was held at NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan on August 10 to mark the

occasion. Dr. Lopez, who presented "Primary Prevention of Brain Injury" at the event was joined by, from left: **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, chancellor and chief executive officer, New York Medical College; **Alina Moran, M.P.A.**, chief executive officer, NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan; and **Alan Kadish, M.D.**, president, New York Medical College and Touro College and University System. Read more about the Catherine and Vladislav P. Hinterbuchner professorship and chair

PHOTO GALLERY



View photos from GSBMS Orientation Barbecue on August 7, 2017.

NYMC Unveils the Center of Excellence in Precision Medicine and Responses to Bioterrorism and Disasters

A dedication ceremony marking the unveiling of the Center of Excellence in Precision Medicine and Responses to Bioterrorism and Disasters at 7 Dana Road was held on June 5. The Center, the first of its kind in the Hudson Valley, will combine New York Medical College's globally recognized assets in disaster medicine and medical countermeasures with individualized precision medical strategies against biological and chemical threats and seek to translate research findings in order to protect Americans from the threat of catastrophic bioterrorism and man-made disasters. The Center was created with funding from New York State with the support of New York State Senator Terrence Murphy, center. On hand for the event were, from left: New York State Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti, Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and



vice president for government affairs; Westchester County Executive **Robert P. Astorino**, and **Michael J. Reilly, Dr.P.H. '10, M.P.H.**, director of Center for Disaster Medicine, associate professor of environmental health science, and associate professor of clinical emergency medicine, along with college administration and faculty and local law enforcement officials. Read more about center of excellence

Upcoming Events



Founder's Dinner

Sunday, September 17, 2017 DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, Tarrytown, N.Y.

Join fellow alumni at this special gala event featuring dinner, entertainment and presentation of NYMC's awards. For more information, please visit the Founder's Dinner website here.



Eichmann, Arendt, and the Banality of Evil: A Guided Tour of the Special Exhibit on the Capture and Trial of Eichmann and Correlative Presentations on Biomedical Ethics and the Holocaust

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 Museum of Jewish Heritage, 36 Battery Place, New York, NY 10280

Please join us for a special exhibit tour at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, followed by presentations with a panel discussion on Biomedical Ethics and the Holocaust and dinner. Register here or read more here.

















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