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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.

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### M.P.H. Student Brings Passion for Medicine, Public Health and Sports Together in Guyana

**Parthener Pinder, M.D.**, an M.P.H. candidate in the School of Health Sciences and Practice, recently travelled to Georgetown, Guyana, with the Guyana-Jamaica Friendship Association (GJFA) for a Symposium and Workshops on Early Childhood Education in collaboration with the Guyana Ministry of Education. The two-day symposium was designed to arm educators with enhanced tools to enrich the learning environment of children, with more than 150 educators from the 11 educational districts of Guyana in attendance. In Guyana, special efforts are focused on the education and health sectors working together to meet the needs of young children, including staff development in both areas. Dr. Pinder was one of five featured presenters of the workshops and combined her knowledge of medicine, public health and sports to conduct two workshops: "The Benefits of Movement and Games for Early Learners" and "Supporting Active Play in the Early Years." [Read more about medicine, public health and sports in Guyana](#)



### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**Dana Deravin Carr, M.S., R.N.C., M.P.H. '01, Dr.P.H. '13**, a diverse and progressive career at Jacobi Medical Center as Senior Care Manager/Program Coordinator High Risk Transitions. [Read more about Dr.Carr](#)

### SHSP Students Join LEND at WIHD



### FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Three graduate students from the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP) have been awarded positions in the Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD)'s [LEND program \(Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities\)](#). Incoming Dr.P.H. student, **Kerry Watson, M.P.H. '17**, left, and second-year speech-language pathology students, **Shannon Stocks**, center, and **Stacey Ramirez**, right, will join the LEND training program this fall. The LEND program at WIHD is a two-semester interdisciplinary leadership training program funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the federal government at 52 universities around the country. Program trainees include graduate students and post-doctoral fellows from health and education disciplines, self-advocates, and family members of children and adults with disabilities who want to develop knowledge and skills to take a leadership role working with and on behalf of children with disabilities and other special health care needs and their families. [Read more about Lend at WIHD](#)

**Janet Dolot, P.T., D.P.T., Dr.P.H. '14, O.C.S.,** bringing public health perspectives to physical therapy. [Read more about Dr.Dolot](#)

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Nicole Scambia, M.P.H.** Candidate, promoting health, nutrition and fitness while balancing work and school [Read more about Nicole Scambia](#)

### SHSP Hosts Special Public Health Practice Council Meeting



**Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A.**, back left, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president for government affairs, welcomed guest speaker **Hiram C. Polk Jr., M.D.**, back second from left, commissioner of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, to the Public Health Practice Council meeting on August 16. Dr. Polk served for more than 30 years as chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. They were joined by public health officials: **Carol Smith, M.D., M.P.H.**, back second from right, Commissioner of the Ulster County Department of Health and Mental Health; and **Lisa Morrissey, M.P.H. '13**, back right, director of health, Danbury Health Department. Front from left: **Lawrence Eisenstein, M.D., Fifth Pathway '01, M.P.H.'16**, Nassau County Commissioner of Health and distinguished visiting professor of epidemiology and community health; **Eli N. Avila, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., FCLM**, Orange County Commissioner of Health and distinguished

visiting professor; **Sherlita Amler, M.D., M.S., FAAP**, Westchester County Commissioner of Health, clinical associate professor of pediatrics and adjunct professor of epidemiology and community health; and **Patricia Schnabel Ruppert, D.O., M.P.H., C.P.E., DABFM, FAAFP**, Rockland County Commissioner of Health and distinguished visiting professor of epidemiology and community health.

#### 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.

#### 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

### Center for Long-Term Care Welcomes Notable Physiotherapist and Philanthropist for Special Presentation

The Center for Long-Term Care hosted a special presentation by notable physiotherapist and philanthropist **Valerie Taylor**, third from right, on July 26. Ms. Taylor is the founder of the [Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed \(CRP\)](#) in Bangladesh. She presented "Creating a Rehabilitation Facility in a Developing Country," describing the humble beginnings of the facility and its transformation to becoming an internationally respected organization focused on a holistic approach to rehabilitation, recognizing that all aspects of the rehabilitation process are vital for its success. Ms. Taylor was welcomed by, from left: **Michael J. Majsak, P.T., Ed.D.**, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy; **Kenneth Knapp, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, health policy and management and co-director of the Center for Long-Term Care, **Padmini Murthy, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., M.Phil., CHES**, professor of health policy and management and global health director in the School of Health Sciences and Practice and clinical assistant professor of family and community medicine in the School of Medicine; **Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A.**, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP) and vice president for government affairs; and **Hasanat Alamgir, M.B.A., Ph.D.**,



associate professor and chairman of the Department of Health Policy and Management and co-director of the Center for Long-Term Care.



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#### PHOTO GALLERY



[View photos](#) from the SHSP Alpha Eta and Delta Omega Induction Ceremony 2017.

### Diane E. Heck, Ph.D., Is Appointed Associate Dean for Research in the School of Health Sciences and Practice



**Diane E. Heck, Ph.D.**, professor and chair of the Department of Environmental Health Science, has been named associate dean for research in the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP). In her new additional role, she will lead the development and implementation of strategies for achieving the school's research goals, identify and communicate sources of external funding, and facilitate and encourage innovation and entrepreneurship. She will also work closely with the faculty to develop and write proposals, lead initiatives to write and develop strategic interdisciplinary college-wide sponsored research projects, and establish internal and external research partnerships. Dr. Heck will focus significant effort toward the development and translation of funding-ready and funded projects, as well as building sustainable research enterprises. [Read more about Diane E. Heck](#)

### 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 the center of excellence](#)



### SHSP Applauds New Honor Society Inductees



The School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP) celebrated its newest members of the Delta Alpha Chapter of the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, and Alpha Eta, the national honor society for allied health professionals at its second annual induction ceremony on May 18. This year, Delta Alpha inducted 15 new members and Alpha Eta welcomed 17 new members, including students, alumni and faculty who meet the societies' rigorous criteria. View the photo gallery [here](#). [Read more about new honor society inductees](#)

## 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](#)



## Upcoming Events



### Founder's Dinner

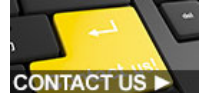
Sunday, September 17, 2017  
DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, Tarrytown, N.Y.

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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