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Dean's Message



Dear NYMC School of Medicine Alumni,

I hope you enjoy *Alumni Connections*, and the glimpses it provides of the NYMC community. I continue to be impressed by the passion and dedication of our faculty, students and alumni, and am continuously in awe of the endlessly creative ways our community puts their NYMC training to use. It's with great pride that we share news of these accomplishments, as well as news of upcoming alumni events and social gatherings. We are always seeking stories about our alumni's many successes so please share with us, and help us keep our NYMC community connected. Reach us via [email](#).

All the best from the NYMC School of Medicine!

Sincerely,

D. Douglas Miller, M.D., C.M., M.B.A.
Dean

New York Medical College Marks its 158th Commencement Ceremony, Bestowing Degrees on 395 Graduates



A feeling of celebration and accomplishment filled the air in the majestic grand hall of Carnegie Hall as New York Medical College's 158th Commencement exercises got underway-with all the expected pomp and circumstance delighting students, faculty and guests who filled the hall's five tiers to capacity. On May 24, the College awarded 206 doctor of medicine (M.D.) degrees, 37 doctor of physical therapy (D.P.T.) degrees, 3 doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees, 61 master of science (M.S.) degrees, 85 master of public health (M.P.H.) degrees and 3 doctor of public health (Dr.P.H.) degrees. The audience of family, friends and distinguished guests gathered to observe the proceedings, providing cheers, applause and standing ovations throughout the course of the evening. View the [158th Commencement Week Activities photo gallery](#). [Read more about ceremony](#).

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Ryan Gray, M.D. '09, leads a web venture to support med students. [Read more about Dr.Gray](#)

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

New York Medical College and the Westchester Medical Center Health Network Host Ceremonial Signing of Academic Affiliation Agreement

New York Medical College (NYMC) and the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth) held a special signing ceremony on May 17 to commemorate the 12-year, Academic Affiliation Agreement between the two institutions. The long-term agreement will strengthen the academic medicine programs as well as the clinical care and research practices of both NYMC and WMCHealth. Seated, from left: **Michael D. Israel**, president and CEO, Westchester Medical Center Health Network and **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, chancellor and chief executive officer, New York Medical College. Standing from left: **Herman Geist**, Westchester County Healthcare Corporation board member; **Julie Switzer**, executive vice president, general counsel, Westchester Medical Center; **Dr. Mark Hasten**, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Touro College and University System and New York Medical College; **Mitchell Hochberg**, chair of the board of directors, Westchester County Healthcare Corporation; **Alan Kadish, M.D.**, president, New York Medical College and Touro College and University System; and **Robert P. Astorino**, Westchester County Executive. [Read more about academic affiliation agreement](#)



William H. Frishman, M.D., Chairman, Department of Medicine. [Read more about Dr. Frishman](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Philip Maynard, School of Medicine Class of 2019, was a liberal arts major who relishes the rigors of medical school. [Read more about Phillip Maynard](#)

Touro College Set to Launch Nursing Program at New York Medical College



The Touro School of Health Sciences will open a new registered nurse (R.N.) to bachelor of science (B.S.) degree program at New York Medical College at 19 Skyline Drive. Set to open in August, the program is expected to enroll approximately 40 students and will include training in skills such as database research and telehealth and is intended to prepare nurses for modern health care environments. An articulation agreement was signed by **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, chancellor and chief executive officer, New York Medical College; **Belinda S. Miles, Ed.D.**, president Westchester Community College, State University of New York, at a signing ceremony on May 18. The agreement will create a nursing pipeline from the associate's degree to bachelor's degree studies in nursing. [Read more about nursing program](#)

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.

AOA Iota Chapter Celebrates Annual Lecture and Induction Banquet

The New York Iota chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), the national medical honor society, hosted its annual visiting professor lecture, banquet and induction ceremony on April 25 at 19 Skyline Drive. **D. Douglas Miller, M.D., C.M., M.B.A.**, left, dean of the School of Medicine, and **William H. Frishman, M.D.**, the Barbara and William Rosenthal Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine, professor of pharmacology and counselor of the Iota chapter, welcomed keynote speaker **Kimberly Manning, M.D.**, associate professor of medicine, director, Distinction in Teaching and Leadership at the Emory University School of Medicine. View the photo gallery [here](#). [Read more about induction banquet](#)



IN THE NEWS

Class of 2017 Earns Choice Residencies at Match Day

At high noon on the third Friday in March, otherwise known as Match Day, the Medical Education Center lobby was filled to capacity as the School of Medicine Class of 2017 tore open their



envelopes from the National Resident Matching Program and learned where they will be going for their residency training. True to tradition, the 200+ graduating doctors-to-be and their families and friends cheered, shed tears and embraced when found out where they will complete the next phase of their medical education. This year's "Match" was a record-high with 35,969 U.S. and international medical school students and graduates vying for 31,757 positions, the most ever offered in the Match. View the Match Day photo gallery [here](#). [Read more choice residencies](#)



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.

NYMedTalks Explores Crossroads of Health Care and Technology

More than 300 attendees participated in this year's NYMedTalks held on March 31. Since 1986, NYMC medical students have convened an interdisciplinary, interprofessional conference to expose students to topics outside of the traditional academic curriculum. Originally known as Student-Physician Awareness Day (SPAD), the vernal tradition continues today in the form of NYMedTalks to increase exposure to research, innovation, and developments that will impact the approach to healthcare today and in the future. The event was planned and executed by members of the Class of 2020 Student Senate, from left: **Kenneth Guber, Abhiniti Mittal, Kendall Presti, Robert Kane and Jennifer Lindelof**. View the 2017 NYMedTalks photo gallery [here](#).



PHOTO GALLERY



[View photos](#) 1980's alumni reception, held May 7 in Woodbury, NY

Jeffrey Aston, School of Medicine Class of 2017, Completes Prestigious AOA Fellowship



When **Jeffrey Aston, School of Medicine Class of 2017**, departs for his six-year residency in integrated plastic surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona not long after this week's Commencement Ceremony, it will be the next leg of a journey that has taken him far and wide, but has never strayed from a very clear end goal: to become a plastic surgeon.

Along the way, Aston has been treated to plenty of hard work, insights and experiences he will forever treasure and well-deserved recognition. In 2016, he was awarded a prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship for research he performed at Johns Hopkins University investigating a novel approach to tissue expander breast reconstruction using acellular dermal matrix. The award is named for Carolyn L. Kuckein, a long-time administrator of AOA and an

honorary member who died in 2004. [Read more about AOA fellowship](#)

Upcoming Events

School of Medicine Alumni Event
Sunday, July 16, 2017
Amagansett, N.Y.



NYMC partners with alumni across the country to host events and receptions, giving all SOM alumni and parents an opportunity to connect-and re-connect-and to learn about noteworthy College initiatives and growth. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 914-594-4556 or alumni@nymc.edu .



Founder's Dinner

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

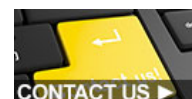
Join fellow alumni at this special gala event featuring dinner, entertainment and presentation of NYMC's awards. For more information, please visit the Founder's Dinner page [here](#).



School of Medicine Reunion Weekend

November 18-19, 2017
DoubleTree Hilton Hotel, Tarrytown, N.Y.

Join fellow alumni for the NYMC 2017 Alumni Reunion. See which classes are being celebrated and find details of the weekend weekend [here](#). Invitations to the event will be mailed in July.



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