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Week of February 14, 2022



NEWS



26th Annual Medical Student Research Forum Features Record Number of Participants

The enthusiasm for student research at NYMC was clearly on display during the 26th Annual Medical Student Research Forum (MSRF) on February 3, with 105 abstracts—a record number—submitted by SOM students. Rather than filling the hallways of the Medical Education Center with their presentations, students presented their wide-ranging research projects virtually, but the quality of the research projects and the importance of the topics studied continued to shine through. [Read the full article on MSRF here.](#)

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Mary Petzke, Ph.D., Fulfills Her Lifelong Dream of Teaching

Growing up, changes to her environment were not uncommon for **Mary Petzke, Ph.D.**, assistant dean for medical student research and associate professor of pathology, microbiology and immunology. Living in Wisconsin



and California before eventually going to college in Boston, where she called home fluctuated. One constant in her life, however, was a love for teaching that was instilled in her in grade school and remains today. [Read the full article on Dr. Petzke.](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Actor and Comedian, Frank Vigliotti, SLP Class of 2023, Prepares for New Role as a Speech-Language Pathologist

It is not common to find a public health student with a background in acting and stand-up comedy. Yet, **Frank Vigliotti**, SLP Class of 2023, has nearly two decades of experience in just that. Now he has made the dramatic pivot to health sciences with aspirations to become the type of health care worker he has admired from a distance as he went through personal tragedy. [Read the full article on Mr. Vigliotti.](#)

IN THE COMMUNITY

Donate Life Club Set to Surpass Donation Goal After Another Successful Drive

The NYMC Donate Life Club looks set to fly past their goal of 200 donations for the academic year after yet another successful blood drive on February 10, which comes during a time of great need of blood throughout New York State. [Read the full article on the blood drive.](#)



TIP OF THE WEEK

From the Culinary Medicine Interest Group: Chocolate (especially dark chocolate), although viewed as a sweet in most diet plans, is actually rich in copper, an essential mineral involved in the



function of many enzymes. Paired with vitamin E (found in nuts), it can also be protective against nerve degeneration. Enjoy your Valentine's Day chocolate.

EVENTS ON THE NYMC CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, February 15	12:00 p.m.	Department of Rehabilitation Medicine
	12:15 p.m.	Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
	5:00 p.m.	Undergraduate Medical Education Grand Rounds
Wednesday, February 16	8:30 a.m.	Department of Surgery Grand Rounds
	9:30 a.m.	Departments of Neurology and Neurosurgery Grand Rounds
	12:00 p.m.	Department of Orthopedic Surgery & dRehabilitation
	2:00 p.m.	2022 HeLa Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Conference
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
Monday, February 28	12:00 p.m.	Department of Physiology Seminar

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

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HIGHLIGHTS



2022 HeLa Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Conference

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 • 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. EST

Keynote: **Ashanda Saint Jean, M.D. '98, FACOG**
 Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley; and Medical Director, Advanced OB-GYN Associates, WMCHHealth-

CME credit is available. [Full program and to register, click here.](#)



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

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

Faculty News

What Highmark's disclosure reveals about fraudulent billing claims

Modern Healthcare (login required) - 2/8/2022
Adam E. Block, Ph.D., assistant professor of public health in the Division of Health Policy and Management

As Omicron Surges, Clear Guidelines are Needed for COVID-19 Testing

Visible Magazine - 2/4/2022
John Loike, Ph.D., interim director of the Master of Science Degree and the Graduate Certificate program in Bioethics, SHSP

Ómicron: la miseria de la microbiología y de la ética

El Clarin - 2/5/2022
Felipe C. Cabello, M.D., professor emeritus of pathology, microbiology and immunology

No Giving It Short Shrift: COVID-19 Can Be a Long Haul

Managed Healthcare Executive -

Signs of Struggle

Advancing Care in the Hudson Valley - Winter 2022

Abraham S. Bartell, M.D., M.B.A., clinical associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences

At the Forefront of COVID-19 Research

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Supriya S. Jain M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics and radiology
Matthew Gregory Pinto, M.D., clinical associate professor of pediatrics

Expert Care For Children and Families-- Closer to Home

Advancing Care in the Hudson Valley - Winter 2022

Michael H. Gewitz, M.D., professor of pediatrics and vice chair of the Department of Pediatrics

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Gary Rogg, M.D., assistant professor of medicine

[WMCHHealth Hospital Collaborates to Provide Timely and Effective Stroke Care](#)

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[Westchester Medical Center First in Region to Offer Brain Tumor Therapy That Can Slow Progression, Lessen Side Effects and Reduce Frequency of Post-Surgical Treatment](#)

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Simon Hanft, M.D., associate professor of neurosurgery

[Health Alliance Welcomes WMCHHealth's Women's Health Institution to Kingston and Margaretville](#)

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Sean Shaheen Tedjarati, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., chair and clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology

[Maria Fareri Children's Hospital Doctor Leads Study on Myocarditis in Adolescents](#)

Advancing Care in the Hudson Valley - Winter 2022
Supriya S. Jain M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics and radiology

[Q&A with Donor: Ben Katzenstein](#)

Advancing Care in the Hudson Valley - Winter 2022
Yocheved S. Lindenbaum, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics

[Q&A with the Gershman Family](#)

Advancing Care in the Hudson Valley - Winter 2022
Carrie R. Muh, M.D., associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatrics

Dylan F. Stewart, M.D., associate professor of surgery

Tanya Eva Pereira, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics

John Welter, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics

[Life-Changing Treatment](#)

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Steven Marc Wolf, M.D., clinical professor of pediatrics

Carrie R. Muh, M.D., associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatrics

[Celebrating A New Heart](#)

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Masashi Kai, M.D., clinical associate professor of surgery
Stephen Pan, M.D., M.S., clinical assistant professor of medicine

[Continuity of Care for a Local Creator](#)

Advancing Care in the Hudson Valley - Winter 2022
Falak B. Shah, M.D., clinical assistant professor of medicine

[Up and Running](#)

Advancing Care in the Hudson Valley - Winter 2022
Jenny Chia-Ning Sung, M.D., clinical assistant professor of pediatrics

[One Transplant Alters Two Lives](#)

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Thomas Diflo, M.D., professor of surgery

Affiliate News

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WAG - 2/7/2022

Michael D. Israel, M.P.H., assistant professor of medicine, distinguished visiting professor of public health

WMCHHealth: Westchester Medical Center and Maria Fareri Children's Hospital
Phelps Hospital Northwell Health
Saint Joseph's Medical Center
Northern Westchester Hospital
Greenwich Hospital

Obituary

[Joseph F. Dursi, M.D. '59](#)

LoHud - February 2022

Former associate dean of the School of Medicine, director of Health Services, chief of surgery of NYMC's Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospital and associate professor of surgery

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