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Dean's Message



Dear SHSP Alumni,

Things have been especially busy at NYMC's School of Health Sciences and Practice in recent months, and we are delighted to share news of some of these student, faculty and alumni activities and accomplishments. Commencement is always a particularly gratifying experience for faculty and students. Held in New York's Carnegie Hall, it is a wonderful event filled with a full range of emotions. Read about it and see photos in the article below. But well before commencement, our students partake in many important milestone events such as the D.P.T White Coat Ceremony, the induction ceremonies for the honor societies (Alpha Eta and Delta Omega), and The Annual Research and Scholarship Day which I am also pleased to share with you in this issue of *Alumni Connections*.

These and all the happenings at SHSP in this issue of *Alumni Connections* are a great source of pride for me as the school's dean—as I hope they are for you as our alumni. Share your stories with us via [email](#).

Many thanks,

Robert W. Amler, M.D., 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](#)

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Alumni Mary Marsh, R.N., M.P.H. '09 never stops educating herself. [Read more about Dr. Marsh](#)

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 the academic affiliation agreement](#)



Luis F. Riquelme, Ph.D., a leader in NYMC's Speech-Language Pathology program. [Read more about Dr. Riquelme](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



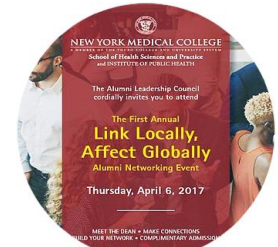
Nicole Scambia, Candidate for M.P.H., thrives in NYMC's online learning community. [Read more about Nicole Scambia](#)

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](#)

PHOTO GALLERY



[View photos](#) from 2017 "Link Locally, Affect Globally," Alumni Networking Event.

SHSP Celebrates National Public Health Week

The Student Healthcare Executives (StuHE) in the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP) hosted a week full of activities to celebrate National Public Health Week, an initiative of the American Public Health Association, during the week of April 3. This year's national theme was "Generation Public Health," a campaign with the goal of making the U.S. the healthiest nation in one generation-by 2030. Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice, led off the week with a special lecture "Environmental Field Investigations: Assessing Community Exposures and Health Effects," while students had the opportunity to participate in a resume writing workshop led by a health care recruitment firm. [Read more about public health week](#)



IN THE NEWS



As leaders in a variety of specialties and fields, New York Medical College's faculty have

D.P.T. Class of 2017 Celebrates at Thirteenth Annual Doctoral Project Presentation Day



Candidates for the degree doctorate of physical therapy (D.P.T.) in the School of Health Sciences and Practice took one step closer to graduation on April 20 when they presented their research projects at the Thirteenth Annual Doctoral Project Presentation Day. Groups of students presented 11 platform presentations on their work on issues in one of three areas germane to physical therapy: clinical research, education, or service. Breathing a collective sigh of relief after completing the graduation requisite, the D.P.T. Class of 2017 listened to keynote speaker Marilyn Moffat, P.T., D.P.T., Ph.D., D.Sc. (hon), GCS, CSCS, CEEAA, FAPTA, professor of physical therapy at the NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, who presented "Prevention and Management of Non-communicable Diseases: The Role of Physical Therapists." Dr. Moffat, a practitioner, teacher, consultant and author,

is a recognized leader in physical therapy in the United States and internationally, and served a six-year term as president of the American Physical Therapy Association. Here's a look at the doctoral projects of the D.P.T. Class of 2017. View the photo gallery [here](#). [Read more about annual doctoral project presentation day.](#)

been 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.

GRANT NEWS



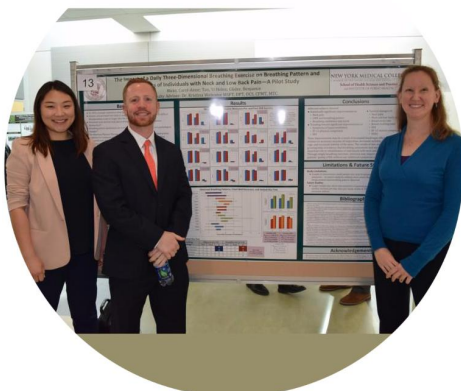
NYMC faculty members engage in sponsored research and other programs spanning a wide range of biomedical topics. [Read here](#) about NYMC's latest grant news.

Doctor of Physical Therapy Class of 2019 Celebrates and Reflects at White Coat Ceremony

The Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Class of 2019 in the School of Health Sciences and Practice donned their white coats for the first time in front of their families and friends at the White Coat Ceremony in Nevins Auditorium on April 24. The occasion marked their entrance into the clinical years of their education and their commitment to the profession of physical therapy and future patients. View the photo gallery [here](#). View the video [here](#). [Read more about white coat ceremony.](#)



SHSP Hosts Successful Fifth Annual Research and Scholarship Day



The School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP), in collaboration with Alpha Eta and Delta Omega Honor Societies, hosted its Fifth Annual Research and Scholarship Day on May 11 at the Clinical Skills and Simulation Center. Students presented a record-breaking number of posters of their research and scholarly activities according to Boyer's five categories of scholarship: discovery, teaching, integration, application/practice and engagement. The event aims to encourage research, stimulate networking among students and faculty, and express appreciation to NYMC and community mentors. View the photo gallery [here](#). [Read more about research and scholarship day.](#)

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 honor society inductees.](#)



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 page [here](#).



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