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## Alumni Connections - November 2015

### Amy S. Kahn is Named Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs



**Amy S. Kahn** has been named vice president for development and alumni affairs, leading the College's comprehensive advancement program, including philanthropic development, major gifts, annual fund and alumni relations as well as special campaigns. In this role, Ms. Kahn will be responsible for creating and implementing the strategic plan to meet the College's advancement goals and will

oversee the development and alumni relations teams. Ms. Kahn's experience includes more than a decade of development work at Northwestern University, starting at the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences in 1999 and ultimately directing development for student life and scholarships and focusing on university-wide priorities. Since 2013, Ms. Kahn has served as vice president of development at the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

Ms. Kahn earned her B.S. in business administration at the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Ms. Kahn reports to Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive officer.

### College Supporters Gather in Tarrytown at Annual Founder's Dinner



More than 300 guests came out to support NYMC at the annual Founder's Dinner held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tarrytown, N.Y., on October 22. The evening drew guests from affiliated hospitals, faculty, alumni, students, friends, government officials and members of the business community. The fundraising

gala raised \$350,000 to support various College programs and activities. The event also honored three distinguished members of the College community for their contributions to NYMC and the greater community. This year's honored guests were: John C. Duffy, M.D. '60, the William Cullen Bryant Award recipient; Ansley Bacon, Ph.D., the Jackson E. Spears Community Service Award recipient and; Bijan Safai, M.D., D.Sc., the Distinguished Service Award recipient. The presenting sponsor of the 2015 Founder's Dinner was The Children's & Women's Physicians of Westchester, LLP (CWPW). From left: **Martin S. Katzenstein, M.D. '78**, associate professor of clinical pediatrics, **Leonard J. Newman, M.D. '70**, professor and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, and **D. Douglas Miller, M.D., C.M., M.B.A.**, dean of the School of Medicine, enjoyed the evening's festivities. Dr. Newman and CWPW received special recognition at the event for their profound impact on New York Medical College and their support and leadership of the Founder's Dinner. View the Founder's Dinner photo gallery [here](#).

### William Campbell, Ph.D., Longtime, Celebrated NYMC Adjunct Professor, Wins Nobel



Outside the entrance to the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva is a sculpture of a boy leading a blind man with a stick. Doris Bucher, Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology, says the sculpture pays homage to all the work that went into the near eradication of onchocerciasis or "river

blindness." Yet, when she looks at it, she feels particular praise for the former colleague whom she credits with wiping out the disease -- the celebrated NYMC adjunct professor and lecturer, and now 2015 Nobel Prize winner, William Campbell, Ph.D. "I was so touched," Dr. Bucher, says of the first time she saw the sculpture. "When I saw it I thought, 'this is what Bill did.'" [Read more...](#)

### New York Medical College Seeds Selected for the Flu Vaccine



Once again NYMC flu vaccine seeds developed in the laboratory of Doris L. Bucher, Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology, have been selected for the flu vaccine composition. The selections were announced at the WHO Consultation and Information

Meeting on the Composition of Influenza Virus Vaccines for the Southern Hemisphere 2016 held in Memphis, September 21-23. Twice a year WHO organizes consultations with an advisory group of experts to analyze influenza virus surveillance data and issue recommendations on the composition of the influenza vaccines for the following influenza season. The periodic replacement of viruses contained in influenza vaccines is necessary in order for the vaccines to be effective due to the constant evolving nature of influenza viruses. Every year since 2004 one or more of the high-

yield reassortant vaccine NYMC seeds developed in Dr. Bucher's lab have been used internationally for the preparation of the vaccine formulation for both the northern and southern hemispheres, approximately 400 to 500 million doses annually.

**New York Medical College Achieves Top ACCME Accreditation**



The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) recently awarded the School of Medicine the coveted status of "Accreditation with Commendation" and extended its accreditation for an additional two years through November 2020 for a total cycle of six years. This is the highest possible rating that a sponsoring institution can achieve as a provider of continuing medical education

(CME). According to ACCME policy, the commendation status is "reserved for programs which are truly exceptional." Only a minority of CME providers obtain commendation and this is the first time that NYMC has gained this distinction. ACCME cited NYMC as, "a learning organization and a change agent for the physicians served," which demonstrates "an engagement with the environment in support of physician learning and change that is a part of a system for quality improvement." [Read more...](#)

**Public Health Program Passes the Test . . . with Flying Colors**



The School of Health Sciences and Practice's (SHSP) public health program recently earned the maximum term of accreditation--seven years--by the Council for Education on Public Health (CEPH). With the delivery of a final interim report in May 2016, the SHSP public health program is accredited through July 1, 2022. The national accreditation process is intensely rigorous to ensure that

schools and programs of public health are effectively preparing their students for impactful careers in the field and that they are all guided by the same broad mission of public health -- defined by CEPH in 1978 as "enhancing health in human populations, through organized community effort." [Read more...](#)

**Late 19th Century Prize Microscopes Return to New York Medical College**



Five rare antique brass microscopes awarded in the late 1800s to top students at NY Homeopathic Medical College (NYHMC), the predecessor to New York Medical College, have returned home to the College after as much as 138 years.

These five microscopes are currently on exhibit in two locations on campus; one set is displayed in the Skyline Building lobby and the other is in the Health Sciences Library (HSL). Both exhibits include the microscopes' original wooden carrying cases, many

accessories and related materials. [Read more...](#)

**NYMC Mourns the Death of Former Chancellor Rev. Msgr. James P. Cassidy, Ph.D.**



**Reverend Monsignor James P. Cassidy, Ph.D.**, who served as chancellor of New York Medical College from 1987 to 1992 died on October 14 at the age of 90. He became a member of the NYMC Board of Trustees in 1972 when he was the director of the Department of Health and Hospitals Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York with responsibility for 17 Catholic hospitals and home care agencies. He also served for many years as the second vice chairman and secretary of the

Board of Trustees and was a member of the executive committee prior to becoming chancellor. [Read more...](#)

**New York Medical College Steps Out to Fight Heart Diseases**



More than 30 members of the NYMC community stepped out for the 2015 American Heart Association Westchester County Heart Walk on October 4 at the Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla and raised nearly \$5,000 to fight heart disease,

stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. Doctor of Physical Therapy students in the School of Health Sciences and Practice were on hand to lead dynamic warm-up exercises, offer screenings, provide health tips and cheer on walkers as they crossed the finish line of the three-mile walk. View the Heart Walk photo gallery [here](#).

**D.P.T. Class of 2015 Achieves 100 Percent First-Time Passing Rate on the National Licensure Exam**



For the second year in a row, graduates of the NYMC Doctor of Physical Therapy program have achieved a 100 percent first-time passing rate on the national licensure exam. The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy administers the National Physical

Therapy Examination (NPTE), the examination that every graduate of a physical therapy education program must pass to become a licensed physical therapist in the U.S. "Our graduates have traditionally been in the mid- to high-90 percent range on their first attempt, notably above both state and national averages. However, in the last two years we have achieved a 100 percent first-time passing rate--the beginning of a new tradition of which we are very

proud," said Michael J. Majsak, P.T., Ed.D., associate professor and chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy. "I congratulate our students and our faculty and staff who work diligently to empower our students for this level of success. These sort of achievements are truly a collaborative process."

**Alumni Spotlight: Michael Crupain, M.D. '06, Brings Evidence-based Medicine to the Masses**



A true Renaissance man, Michael Crupain was originally set to become a neurosurgeon. Then his professional life took a detour —first to preventive medicine and, now, as medical director at The Dr. Oz Show with Dr. Mehmet Oz . When asked about his career path, he admits, "It's complicated."

It's a long way from Westchester Medical Center to a sound stage in Manhattan. [Read more...](#)

**Accolades**



In addition to teaching and conducting research, New York Medical College faculty, residents, students and employees lecture, receive prestigious awards, serve as board members and chair noteworthy committees. To view recent accomplishments, [click here](#).

**Music and Medicine: Beethoven: Deafness and Creativity**



**Monday, November 23**

12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.  
Neveins Auditorium, MEC.

**Stephen Moshman, M.D.** Professor of Clinical Medicine and Conductor of the Albert Einstein Symphony Orchestra.

Presented in conjunction with the Manhattan School of Music.

Click [here](#) for more information.

**Meet the Doctor Lecture Series: Concussions in Youth Sports**



**Monday, November 23**

7:00 p.m.  
Mount Pleasant Public Library  
350 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570. [Driving directions](#)

**Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A.**  
Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice; Professor of Pediatrics

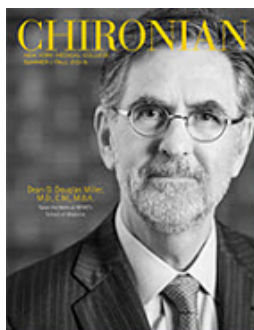
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**NYMC Grant News**



NYMC research covers a wide range of biomedical topics with more than \$32.6 million of sponsored research and other programs under management. [Read more](#) about NYMC's latest grant news.

**Call for Alumni Milestones**



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**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 experts on cutting edge topics, events and news stories. [Click here](#) to see the latest offerings of NYMC in the news.

**Ways To Give**



There are **numerous ways to give** to New York Medical College that suit your business and/or philanthropic goals and your financial resources. Here are some of the most popular options: give to the annual fund; an existing scholarship, research, or academic fund; participate in the annual Founder's Dinner Gala; make a planned gift; or establish an endowment fund. For more information, please contact the Office of Development or call (914) 594-4550. [Give now](#)

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