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## Alumni Connections - February 2015

[BioInc@NYMC is Awarded a Mid-Hudson Innovation Hot Spot Award and is Approved for START-UP NY Program](#)



**BioInc@NYMC**, the new biotechnology incubator at New York Medical College, has been awarded a Mid-Hudson Innovation Hot Spot award granted by the New York State Regional Economic Development Council to

foster innovation by offering start-ups valuable business support services to help commercialize academic research and promote further collaboration between business and academia. [Read more...](#)

BioInc@NYMC was also approved for START-UP NY. The College has designated 11,800 square feet of research space on campus that will be considered a tax-free zone under the START-UP NY program, a business development initiative created by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to attract new and expanding businesses. [Read more...](#)



The first three tenants of **BioInc@NYMC** have taken occupancy in the recently launched biotechnology incubator at 7 Dana Road. Conversion Energy Enterprises, MB Group USA and MOE Medical Devices, LLC, applied and were selected to be the first occupants.

[Read more...](#)

[Save the Date for the School of Medicine Alumni Reunion](#)



**Sunday, May 17, 2015**

Sheraton Times Square Hotel  
New York City

Please join us for a gala reunion celebration with your New York Medical College School of

Medicine classmates! All members of the Classes of 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015 are invited. [Read more...](#)

[NYMC Community Celebrates Alumni House 30th Anniversary](#)



It's been thirty years since the campus Alumni House was saved from destruction. An early evening reception was held on December 18 to celebrate the milestone. Alumni and NYMC leadership were in attendance to commemorate the anniversary along with

members of the 1984 Alumni Board of Governors. They shared their stories of having a home on campus for all alumni to enjoy. Their vision became a reality when the Alumni House was opened 30 years ago. From left: **Joseph F. Dursi, M.D. '59**, **Louis E. Fierro, M.D. '60**, **Saverio S. Bentivegna, M.D. '50**, and **Henry I. Saphier, M.D. '61**. View the anniversary celebration photo gallery [here](#).

[Alumni Gather in Boca Raton](#)

[College Launches Master of Science in Medical Ethics Program](#)



NYMC hosted a late afternoon reception at the home of Leonard J. Newman, M.D. '70, and Mrs. Randi Newman in Boca Raton, Florida, on January 11. All NYMC alumni living in Florida were invited. Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief

executive officer, and Dr. Newman, professor and chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at NYMC and president of Children's & Women's Physicians of Westchester, LLP, shared an update on the great things that are happening at NYMC and goals for the upcoming year.



Beginning in the fall 2015, New York Medical College will offer a Master of Science in Medical Ethics that will use historical, philosophical, legal and social-scientific approaches and models to address bioethical challenges. [Read more...](#)

### Pre-Internship Program Graduates Celebrate at Completion Ceremony



Certificates of completion were presented to graduates of the Pre-Internship Program at a celebratory ceremony with families and friends on December 11, marking the

completion of one year of supervised clinical training before moving on to residency training. The Pre-Internship Program began as the Fifth Pathway Program in 1974 and more than 2,700 students have successfully completed the training and gone on to practice medicine throughout the U.S. This year 26 students trained at Richmond University Medical Center in Staten Island, N.Y., Saint Joseph's Medical Center in Yonkers, N.Y., and Wyckoff Heights Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. [Read more...](#)

### NYMC Celebrates Dr. Bentivegna's Longtime Service



The College community gathered on January 8 in the Alumni ouse to honor **Saverio Bentivegna, M.D. '50**, second from left, on the occasion of his retirement. For 67 years Dr. Bentivegna has been part of the NYMC family since his days as a medical student and a surgical resident at Metropolitan Hospital

Center. He became a faculty member in 1959, where for 45 years he directed the surgical clerkship and for 40 years he led the Fifth Pathway and Pre-Internship Programs. He also served as professor of clinical surgery and senior associate dean for the Pre-Internship Program. In December 2014, he was honored with the title professor emeritus of surgery. **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, right, chancellor and chief executive officer, joined Dr. Bentivegna and his sons, **Michael Bentivegna**, left, and **Peter Bentivegna, M.D. '85**, at the celebration. View Dr. Bentivegna's farewell photo gallery [here](#).

### Join Us for the Meet the Doctor Lecture Series



**Tuesday, February 17**  
7:00 pm

**"Baby Boomers and the Family Caregiving Gap"**

**Kenneth A. Knapp, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Professor, Health Policy and Management, Research Scholar and Research Administrator, Center for Long Term Care Research and Policy School of Health Sciences and Practice



**Nancie Celini, M.P.H. '08, Dr.P.H. '12**,  
Lecturer, School of Health Sciences and Practice

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### Dr. Miller Shares His Views On Uncertain Health in an Insecure World

**NYMC Grant News**



**Kutluk Oktay, M.D.**, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, biology and anatomy, medicine, and pathology, has received a five-year grant totaling more than \$2.48 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to study the effect of chemotherapy on ovaries. [Read more...](#)

**NYMC Grant News**



**Gary P. Wormser, M.D.**, professor of medicine, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and vice chairman of the Department of Medicine, is the recipient of two recent grants for his work on Lyme disease. He received a \$150,000 grant for "Retrospective Review of Biomarkers for Lyme Disease" from the Institutes for Systems Biology, and a \$121,288 sub-award for "Searching for Persistence in Lyme Disease" from Tufts University with funds originating from the National Institutes of Health.

**NYMC Grant News**



**Gary Williams, M.D.**, professor of pathology, received a \$100,000 one-year renewal of his grant from Boehringer Ingelheim for his work "Chicken Egg Genotoxicity and Carcinogenicity Assessing Assay for Use an an Alternative Preclinical Model to Investigate Drug-Induced Toxicity with Special Interest in Cardiogenicity."

**Accolades**



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

**Alumni Milestones**



We would love to share your most recent news and accomplishments in our next issue of the **Chironian**. If you have any accomplishments or developments, published a book, or have any family news to share we would love to hear from you. Please click [here](#) to share your updates with us to be included in our class notes.

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