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NYMC Announces the Appointment of New Dean of the School of Medicine



New York Medical College proudly announces the appointment of **Donald Douglas Miller, M.D., C.M., M.B.A.**, as dean of the School of Medicine. Dr. Miller, an internationally recognized cardiologist, clinician-scientist and a leader in academic medicine and chief academic executive officer for more than 25 years, will also serve as the vice-provost for bio-medical affairs for Touro College and University System. Dr. Miller comes to NYMC from the University of Alberta where he served as dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry as well as

chair of the Health Sciences Council. [More »](#)

Guests Enjoy Elegant Evening at the Founder's Dinner



More than 300 guests enjoyed an evening of dining and dancing at the Founder's Dinner on October 26 at the Ritz-Carlton in White Plains, N.Y. The evening raised nearly \$430,000 for NYMC. **Children's & Women's Physicians of**

Westchester, LLP, was this year's presenting sponsor of the black-tie gala. "This year's Founder's Dinner was a wonderful evening for all on all counts," said Larissa Reece, vice president for development and alumni affairs. "We are very grateful to all the new sponsors and donors and the generous support from our Board of Trustees and others that helped make the evening a success." View the Founder's Dinner photo gallery [here](#) and the dinner journal [here](#).

NYMC Launches Biolnc@NYMC



More than 200 people gathered to witness the launch of **Biolnc@NYMC** located at 7 Dana Road on the NYMC campus. The biotechnology incubator provides clients access to state-of-the-art lab equipment, office space, workforce

training and shared resources to find new innovative ways to prevent and treat human disease and disability. It is the only incubator of its kind in the region that is directly co-located with a health science's university campus. The crowd included NYMC and Touro administration, faculty, staff and students, state and local government officials, community and business leaders and members of the media. **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, left, chancellor and chief executive officer, **Former New York State Governor David Paterson**, center, and **Alan Kadish, M.D.**, president, cut the ribbon to officially mark the opening of Biolnc@NYMC. [More »](#)

Join Us For the Alumni House 30th Anniversary Celebration



A campus jewel, the Alumni House, is celebrating thirty years since it was saved from destruction. It was the vision of a group of alumni to revive the building and transform it into a home for all alumni to enjoy. Click [here](#) for more history of the Alumni House. All alumni are invited to attend this anniversary celebration. Space is limited, RSVP is required.

Thursday, December 18

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Alumni House

Valhalla Campus

To RSVP, please contact AlumRelations@nymc.edu or 914-594-4556 by Friday, December 12.

NYMC Announces Academic Affiliation with Beckley VA Medical Center

NYMC Hosts Second Annual Drs. Gabor and Harriette Kaley Endowed Lectureship



For the purposes of enhancing education, research and patient care, New York Medical College, and Beckley Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Beckley VAMC), Beckley, WV, announced an academic affiliation designating Beckley

VAMC as a teaching site for NYMC's medical education program. NYMC has a longstanding relationship with the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System and is expanding its ties with the VA through this new affiliation. Sharing common principles of integrity, commitment and excellence, both NYMC and Beckley VAMC will mutually benefit from this affiliation as both institutions strive for the highest quality of health care. [More »](#)



The Second Annual Drs. Gabor and Harriette Kaley Endowed Lectureship was held on November 20. Faculty, students and staff filled the auditorium at 7 Dana Road to listen to keynote speaker **Harel Weinstein, D.Sc.**, center, present "Molecular Machines of Cell

Signaling: Transporters, GPCRs." Dr. Weinstein is the Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, chairman of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, director of the Institute for Computational Biomedicine, and chair of the Graduate Program in Physiology, Biophysics and Systems Biology at Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University. The lectureship honors **Harriette Kaley, Ph.D.**, and the late **Gabor Kaley, Ph.D.** Dr. Kaley, who passed away in December 2011, served as chairman of the Department of Physiology for 37 years. **Akos Koller, M.D., Ph.D.**, professor of physiology, moderated the event.

D.P.T. Students Run a Successful Race for Rehab and Celebrate National Physical Therapy Month



More than 200 athletes of all ages and abilities participated in the 16th annual Race for Rehab on Sunday, October 12. The Race for Rehab is a 5K race on campus organized by Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) students in the School of Health Sciences

and Practice to raise funds and awareness for **Achilles International**, a worldwide organization that aims to bring hope, inspiration and the joys of achievement to people with disabilities to promote side-by-side participation by disabled and able-bodied athletes. At this year's race D.P.T. students had the opportunity to serve as guides for Achilles athletes who needed assistance to participate in the event. [More »](#)

Center for Disaster Medicine Provides PPE Training for Ebola



The Center for Disaster Medicine has been called upon to provide training for donning and doffing personal protection equipment (PPE) for Ebola for Westchester County health care workers and first responders. Beginning in early November and continuing over the next several weeks **Michael Reilly, Dr.P.H. '10, M.P.H.**, director of the Center for Disaster Medicine and associate professor of environmental health science in the School of Health Sciences and Practice, has provided demonstrations and training in the **Clinical Skills and Disaster Medicine Training Center** for more than 100 Westchester County workers in

accordance with the latest CDC guidelines for protective equipment for Ebola. Over the next month the Center will also train NYMC faculty, medical, physical therapy and speech-language pathology students.

Pharmacology Research Day Pays Tribute to the late John C. McGiff, M.D.



Faculty, students and alumni gathered for the Department of Pharmacology's Annual Research Day on October 23. The day of scientific presentations paid tribute to the memory of John C. McGiff, M.D., who was professor and

chairman of the Department of Pharmacology from 1979 to 2010. **Michal L. Schwartzman, Ph.D.**, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology, presented the John C. McGiff Lecture Award for outstanding contributions in research and teaching in the pharmacological sciences to the day's keynote speaker, **Patrick J. Pagano, Ph.D. '91**, professor of pharmacology and chemical biology and vice chairman of graduate education, at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Pagano presented "New Players on the Nox Stage, From Chaperones to Novel Therapies." [More »](#)

NYMC Welcomes Joel Kupersmith, M.D. '64, Back to Campus for Special Dean's Lecture



The School of Health Sciences and Practice hosted a special Dean's Lecture by **Joel Kupersmith, M.D. '64**, left, on November 3. Dr. Kupersmith presented "Privacy in Genomic and Other Databases." **Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A.**, right, dean of

the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs, was pleased to welcome Dr. Kupersmith and **Judith Friedman Kupersmith, M.D. '69**, to campus. [More »](#)

Stephen M. Berman, M.D. '82, Ph.D., Presents Special HIV Lecture



Stephen M. Berman, M.D. '82, Ph.D., clinical professor of medicine at University of California, Irvine, and VA Long Beach Healthcare System, returned to campus on October 30 to present a special lunchtime lecture, "HIV: Becoming Enriched Physicians Through

Lessons Learned." Dr. Berman reflected on his personal observations and provided a historical look at the HIV epidemic and how it has affected basic research and clinical practice. While attending NYMC, he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi Societies and was the first recipient of the Eileen Pike Microbiology Award. Among his many accomplishments is instituting the comprehensive primary care program for HIV infected individuals at the VA Long Beach Healthcare System. Dr. Berman has conducted numerous clinical research trials for investigational drugs for both HIV infection and other infectious diseases. He lectures frequently and is widely published in journals focusing on HIV/AIDS and infectious disease treatment and management. **Jennifer L. Koestler, M.D.**, senior associate dean for medical education, welcomed Dr. Berman back to NYMC.

Alumni Reception Set for Boca Raton



NYMC will host an early evening alumni reception at the home of Leonard Newman M.D., '70, in Boca Raton, Fla. Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and CEO of NYMC along with other college leadership will be in Florida to meet with alumni and provide an update on all the great things happening at New York Medical College.

Sunday, January 11, 2015 Alumni Reception

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
17947 Hampshire Lane
Boca Raton, FL 33498

For more information and to register, please contact AlumRelations@nymc.edu or (914) 594-4556 by Monday, January 5, 2015.

College Celebrates New Synagogue on Campus



Dr. Mark Hasten, left, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and **Rabbi Moshe D. Krupka**, executive vice president, were on hand to celebrate the opening of the new synagogue on October 27 in the Alumni House. The event also included an evening of traditional Jewish

study by Rabbi Krupka who presented "Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them" (Exodus 28:8).

Alumni Catch Up at AAMC Annual Meeting



NYMC hosted a special alumni and faculty reception at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago on November 9. The gathering was held in conjunction with the 2014 Association of American Medical Colleges annual meeting. All NYMC alumni and faculty attending the meeting

were invited along with alumni living in the Chicago area. **Stanford Auerback M.D. '75A**, left, and **Montgomery Douglas M.D.**, professor and chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine and associate dean for diversity and inclusion, shared meeting notes.

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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.



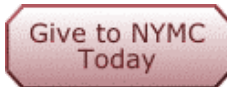
The St. Baldrick's Foundation has awarded a consortium research grant totaling more than \$1 million to New York Medical College. This grant supports eight outstanding lymphoma centers including New York Medical College and Children's National Medical Center and is led by **Mitchell S. Cairo, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics, medicine, pathology, microbiology and immunology and cell biology and anatomy, and Catherine Bollard, M.D., as co-principal investigators. [More »](#)

Faculty Accolades



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

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