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## Alumni Connections - October 2014

### Join Us at the Founder's Dinner: October 26



The Founder's Dinner will be held on **Sunday, October 26** at 5:30 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton in White Plains, N.Y. The evening will pay tribute to **Joanne Kurtzberg, M.D. '76**, who will receive the William Cullen Bryant Award for distinguished leadership; **Richard Stone, M.D. '68**, who will be honored with the Distinguished Service Award; and **Andrew Ordon, M.D., G.M.E. '85**, recipient of the Jackson E. Spears Community Service Award. Children's & Women's Physicians of Westchester, LLP, is this year's presenting sponsor of the black-tie gala. [More »](#)

### Register for the Alumni Reception in Chicago



NYMC will host an Alumni and Faculty Reception in conjunction with the 2014 annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges. All NYMC alumni living or visiting in the Chicago area are welcomed to attend.

**Sunday, November 9**  
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Hyatt Regency Chicago**  
Room - Acapulco  
151 East Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60601

To register, please click [here](#). For questions, please contact [AlumRelations@nymc.edu](mailto:AlumRelations@nymc.edu) or (914) 594-4556.

### BioInc@NYMC Grand Opening Set for October 29



Join NYMC for the official ribbon cutting ceremony of our transformative biotechnology incubator.

**Wednesday, October 29**  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
7 Dana Road  
Valhalla, NY 10595

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### SHSP Establishes Alumni Task Force



A task force focused on alumni from the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP) has been established to develop ideas on how the School can partner with alumni in areas such as professional development, networking and mentorship. Ideas on alumni

connecting with other alumni and faculty both locally and nationally are being explored. An early priority is to survey alumni regarding their ideas and suggestions for programming. [More »](#)

### Library Resources Survey



From time to time, especially around Commencement, graduating students and alumni request continued access to the NYMC Health Sciences Library's rich array of licensed scholarly resources beyond their graduation date. Some peer AAMC libraries do have special web pages

and packages designed as an alumni association benefit. The Health Sciences Library and the Office of Alumni Relations worked closely together to develop a brief survey to determine the level of interest by current alumni, the desired resources or databases, and the amount of money they might be willing to spend to receive these library services. Please let us know what you think by completing the survey. [Take the survey »](#)

### Marie Ascher, M.S., is Named the Lillian Hetrick Huber Endowed Director of the Health Sciences Library



**Marie Ascher, M.S.**, will assume the role of the Lillian Hetrick Huber Endowed Director of the Health Sciences Library upon the retirement of **Diana Cunningham, M.L.S., M.P.H. '00**, associate dean and the current Lillian Hetrick Huber Endowed Director of the Health Sciences Library, at the end of October. Ms. Ascher is currently associate director of user support, education and research services in the Health Sciences Library.

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## NYMC Hosts Westchester County Medical Society Legislative Reception



New York Medical College hosted the Westchester County Medical Society (WCMS) Legislative Reception at 19 Skyline Drive on September 18. WCMS members, including NYMC faculty and medical students, and local elected officials discussed the challenges and issues in the practice of medicine. **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, right, chancellor and chief

executive officer, welcomed **Louis F.X. McIntyre, M.D. '86**, president of the Westchester County Medical Society to campus.

## NYMC and Metropolitan Hospital Center Host "Music, Medicine and Metropolitan"



Faculty, administration, medical students and residents gathered for a lunchtime event, "Music, Medicine and Metropolitan," on October 8 at Metropolitan Hospital Center. The program also provided a glimpse into NYMC's rich history with the unveiling of an impressive marble

plaque purchased at auction by alumnus **Jay Tartell, M.D. '82**, and donated to the College. It served as the plaque for the predecessor of Metropolitan Hospital on Ward's and Blackwell's Islands in the East River: The New York Inebriate Asylum. Historical sources indicate that the asylum served Civil War veterans and that it ultimately became the first facility of Metropolitan Hospital. Guests were enlightened by the presentation, Beethoven's Creativity and his Deafness, by **Stephen Moshman, M.D.**, professor of clinical medicine, and enjoyed a musical performance by a string quartet from the Conservatory of Music at SUNY Purchase. To view the "Music, Medicine and Metropolitan" photo gallery [click here](#).

## NYMC Grant News



**Michael P. Shakarjian, Ph.D.**, assistant professor and director of M.P.H. studies in environmental health science, received a grant from the National Institutes of Health, totaling \$805,000 over two years, to develop neurotoxin poisoning treatments. He will use the countermeasures against chemical threats (CounterACT) program grant to develop models and screen FDA-approved drugs to find the best methods to treat poisoning by a potent neurotoxic rodenticide known as TMDT, which has been implicated in thousands of accidental,

intentional, and mass poisonings worldwide. The results of his work will directly inform U.S. Public Health Service and CDC recommendations regarding the therapeutic response to the threat posed by TMDT. [More »](#)

## Joel Kupersmith, M.D. '64, to Present Dean's Lecture on November 3



The School of Health Sciences and Practice is pleased to present a special Dean's Lecture by **Joel Kupersmith, M.D. '64**. Dr. Kupersmith will present "Privacy in Genomic and Other Databases" on Monday, November 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the Center for Interactive Learning in the School of Health Sciences and Practice.

Dr. Kupersmith is former dean and vice president for clinical affairs at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and until May of 2013 served as VA chief research and development officer. [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](#).

## 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.

## Mark Your Calendars



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