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## Dean's Message



Dear NYMC School of Medicine Alumni,

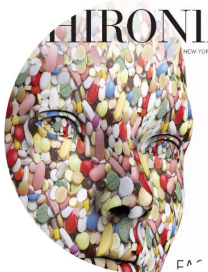
Welcome to *Alumni Connections* where we will share the news and accomplishments of the NYMC School of Medicine. We are a vital community of students, alumni, faculty, and friends that extends far beyond our 54-acre physical campus in Valhalla, New York. Sharing the NYMC community's many accomplishments and activities--from life-changing research to student scholarship, and from career milestones to social gatherings and reunions--helps us strengthen our sense of being an extended family. We welcome input and ideas from **all** of our alumni, so please feel free to share updates and announcements. And **please** tell us the kind of items and stories that you would like to see featured in *Alumni Connections* by reaching us via [email](#).

All the best from the NYMC School of Medicine!

Sincerely,

D. Douglas Miller, M.D., C.M., M.B.A.  
Dean

## The Latest Issue of Chironian Magazine is Now Online



The 2017 issue of [Chironian](#) is now available online. Be sure to read the latest on how NYMC is battling the opioid epidemic and fighting the Zika virus; how NYMC students are helping in Honduras, the latest on alumni highlights and more.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**Christiana Brenin, M.D. '90**, and **David Brenin, M.D. '90**, are husband and wife who met during their studies at New York Medical College. Read more about [Dr. Christiana Brenin](#), and [Dr. David Brenin](#)

## Department of Surgery Hosts Thirteenth Annual Louis R.M. DelGuercio, M.D., Distinguished Visiting Professorship and Research Day

**John A. Savino, M.D.**, the Felicien Steichen Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery, welcomed keynote speaker **Carol EH Scott-Conner, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.**, professor emeritus in the Department of Surgery, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City, to the 13th Annual Louis R.M. DelGuercio, M.D., Distinguished Visiting Professorship and Research Day on December 14. The event was established in 2002 to honor the late Dr. DelGuercio's leadership and pioneering research during his 24-year tenure as chairman of the Department of Surgery, and to stimulate and promote surgical research at NYMC. There were 47

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

submissions for the poster and podium presentations. The Anna Samartzis Research Excellence Awards were presented to: Matthew Bronstein, PGY3, "A Meta-Analysis Of The Diagnostic Performance Of Magnetic Resonance Imaging In The Detection Of Appendicitis In Children," (best poster); Dimitra Lotakis, PGY2, "A Tale of Two Wheels: A Contemporary Review of Motorcycle Trauma," (best poster); Anubhav G. Amin, M.D., PGY4, "Human Mesenchymal Stem Cells And The Anti-Inflammatory Compound Curcumin Synergistically Modulate Immune Response Following Spinal Cord Injury Leading To Enhanced Recovery," (best basic science research paper); Kristina D. Dzeba, M.D., PGY3, "Medication Reconciliation: Clarity And Accountability From The Outpatient To Inpatient Setting," (best clinical research paper); and Aditya Safaya, M.D., PGY2, "Delayed Endovascular Repair of Blunt Thoracic Aortic Injury (best clinical research paper). View the 13th Annual Louis R.M. DelGuercio, M.D., Distinguished Visiting Professorship and Research Day [photo gallery](#).



**Lydia Bunker**, School of Medicine Class of 2017

An emerging leader who cherishes medicine's focus on team-centered care. [Read more...](#)

## Officials Talk Shop at BioInc@NYMC

New York State Senator **Terrence P. Murphy**, second from left, invited Empire State Development (ESD) President, Chief Executive Officer and Commissioner **Howard Zemsky**, third from left, for a visit at BioInc@NYMC on February 27. Mr. Zemsky was appointed by Governor Cuomo to lead New York State's economic development program, including a newly announced \$650 million life sciences initiative. BioInc@NYMC has received priority designation and funding in earlier budget cycles in concert with federal, county, and private support. Joining the visit clockwise from left were: **Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A.**, vice president for government affairs and dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice; **Randi D. Schwartz, M.B.A.**, director of BioInc@NYMC and associate dean for academic administration, School of Medicine; **Barry Kappel, Ph.D., M.B.A.**, president and chief executive officer of Sapience Therapeutics Inc., a growing client-firm at BioInc@NYMC; and **D. Douglas Miller, M.D., C.M., M.B.A.**, chief scientific officer at BioInc@NYMC and dean of the School of Medicine.



## 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.

## Upcoming Events



### Match Day

Friday, March 17, 2017; 11:30 a.m.  
Medical Education Center

Every year, moments before noon on Match Day, New York Medical College campus is packed with a boisterous crowd eagerly waiting to find out where the next graduating class of the NYMC School of Medicine will continue their medical training. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Women's Heart Health

Monday, March 20, 2017; 5:30 p.m.  
7 Dana Road, Classrooms 217/218

**Moderator:** D. Douglas Miller, M.D., C.M., M.B.A., dean of the School of Medicine; **Keynote:** Tanya Dutta, M.D., assistant professor of medicine; and **Presenter:** Patrick W. Thomas, M.D., M.B.A., FAAC, board president of Putnam County Heart Association. [Click here](#) for more information.



### A cappella Invitational

Wednesday, March 29, 2017; 6:30 p.m.  
Basic Sciences Building, Cooke Auditorium

Join us for a night of musical performances hosted by the Arrhythmias, the Chromatic Scalars and the Borborygmi Bells. [Click here](#) for more information.

## IN THE NEWS



As leaders in a variety of specialties and fields, NYMC's faculty are 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.

## PHOTO GALLERY



[View photos](#) from Alumni Event, Boca Raton, Fla., February 2017.

## NYMED TALKS

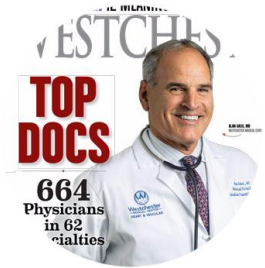
### At Crossroads: Healthcare and Technology in Our Future

Friday, March 31, 2017; 8 :00 a.m.  
Medical Education Center



Join the NYMC community as we learn about the inter-disciplinary influence of medicine, public health, and technology from experts in every field. [Click here](#) for more information.

### DID YOU KNOW?



Nearly 30 percent of top Westchester Doctors are New York Medical College faculty members, according to [Westchester Magazine's 2016 Top Doctors List](#).



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