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# InTouch

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Week of April 25, 2022



## NEWS



### D.P.T. Class of 2024 Marks the Transition to Clinical Education with White Coat Ceremony

It was a milestone occasion as members of the D.P.T. Class of 2024 took a symbolic step toward beginning their clinical studies as they donned their white coats for the first time during the White Coat Ceremony on

April 12 in the John W. Nevins, M.D. '44 Auditorium. Family and friends of the students witnessed their loved ones affirm their commitment to the field of physical therapy. [Read the full article and view the photos from the ceremony.](#)

### Sangmi Chung, Ph.D., Receives Bridge Funding Grant

**Sangmi Chung, Ph.D.**, associate professor of cell biology and anatomy, is the recipient of the Touro University Fall 2021 Bridge Funding Grant for her work, "Common Schizophrenia Variants Functioning in Developmental Human Cortical Interneurons."

Recent large-scale genetic studies of schizophrenia revealed that many human genome regions are strongly associated with schizophrenia risk, however it is not clear how these regions affect the risk of the disease. Dr. Chung will study how they affect specific nerve cells called interneurons. "Interneurons are highly affected by schizophrenia, so by studying these nerve cells, we can see how they increase the risk of schizophrenia. We will do this by using various genomics approaches that allow us to analyze how specific regions in the genome control the generation of specific proteins," explained Dr. Chung. "We are grateful for this opportunity to continue to address these important research questions."



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Erica Pratt, M.P.H. Class of 2022, Envisions Herself as a Public Health Leader

Born in Winston Salem, North Carolina, **Erica Pratt**, Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Class of 2022, gained work experience in the public health field as a patient health educator and then a clinical specialist



after her undergraduate studies. She has long had an interest in the multi-faceted nature of public health and is in the last semester of her M.P.H. track with a concentration in Health Behavior and Community Health. She is currently a retention adherence specialist at Mount Sinai Health System which supports goals regarding early intervention of HIV and hopes to use her M.P.H. to become a community health leader.

[Read the full Q&A.](#)

## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### The Office of Research Administration Supports NYMC's Research Endeavors

The [Office of Research Administration](#) (ORA) operates as the hub for research at NYMC, whether it be submitting applications for grants or ensuring that all research conducted on campus adheres to state and federal guidelines. The Office, led by **Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D.**, senior vice president for research affairs for Touro University and vice president for research at NYMC, ensures that the College's robust research community can seamlessly pursue and submit their findings. [Dr. Amar offered a look at the Office's duties.](#)



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



### Kin Lazzaro Brings 15 Years of Fundraising Expertise to NYMC's Office of Development and Alumni Relations

A fundraising professional with more than 15 years of experience, **Kin Lazzaro** joined NYMC as major gifts officer in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Ms. Lazzaro has made a career out of working in higher education and fostering relationships with the communities of each institution to raise crucial funding and looks to do the same great work at NYMC. [Read the full Q&A with Ms. Lazzaro.](#)

## ACCOLADES

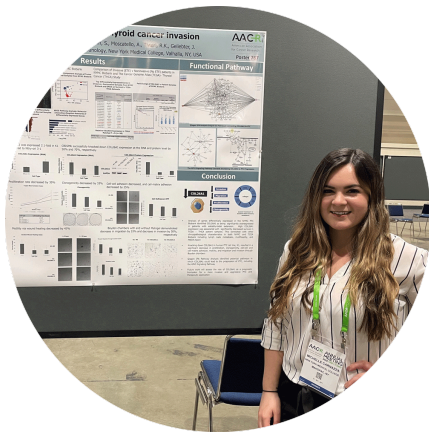
**Mill Etienne, M.D. '02, M.P.H.**, vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion, associate dean of student affairs and associate professor of neurology and of medicine, was a speaker at the Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI) Tuesday Talk, "Racism is a Public Health Crisis," on April 19. CCSI is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring innovation in practice by providing essential business services in partnership with organizations that improve lives and strengthen communities.



Students in the laboratories of Jan Geliebter, Ph.D., professor of pathology, microbiology and immunology and associate professor of otolaryngology, and Raj K. Tiwari, Ph.D., professor of pathology, microbiology and immunology and associate professor of otolaryngology, were determined to present their work at the American Association for Cancer Research Annual

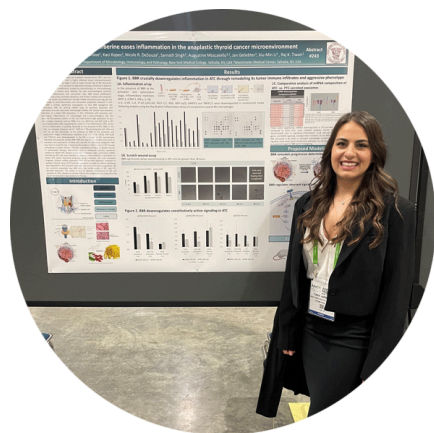
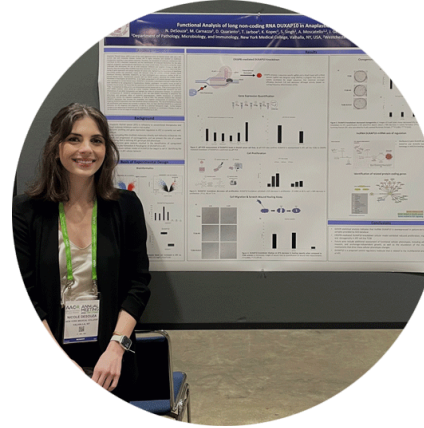


Meeting in New Orleans, on April 8 – 13. Despite their flight being canceled, they drove 1,300-plus miles to present their posters.



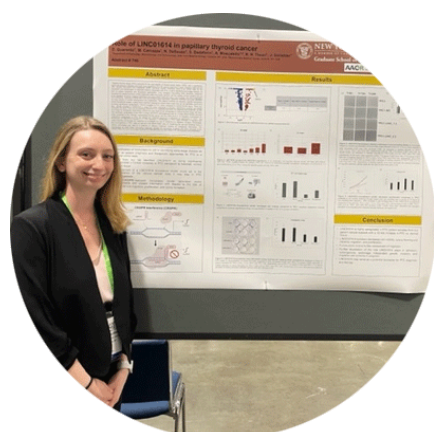
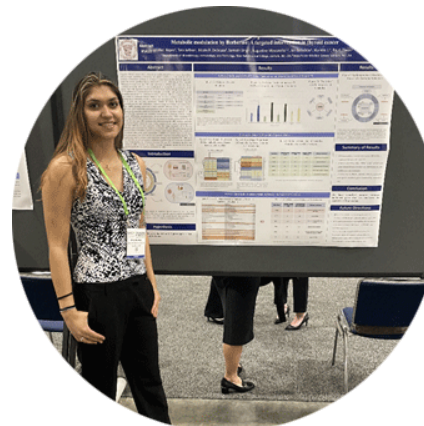
**Michelle Carnazza**, Ph.D. candidate in microbiology and immunology, presented “Role of COL26A1 in papillary thyroid cancer invasion.”

**Nicole DeSouza**, Ph.D. candidate in microbiology and immunology, presented “Functional analysis of lncRNA DUXAP10 in anaplastic thyroid cancer.”



**Tara Jarboe**, Ph.D. candidate in microbiology and immunology, presented “Berberine eases inflammation in the anaplastic thyroid cancer microenvironment.”

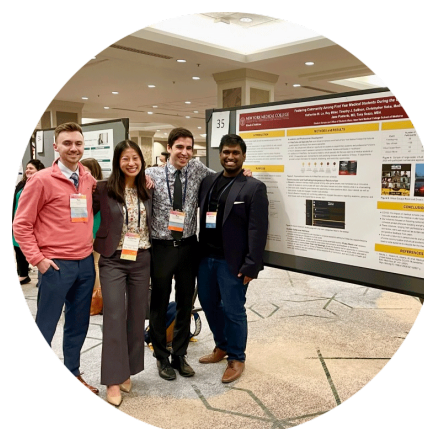
**Kaci Kopec**, Ph.D. candidate in microbiology and immunology, presented “Metabolic modulation of anaplastic thyroid cancer by Berberine: A targeted intervention.”



**Danielle Quaranto**, M.S. student in biochemistry and molecular biology, presented “Role of LINC01614 in papillary thyroid cancer.”

The NYMC SOM was well represented at the Association of American Medical College’s Group on Student Affairs (GSA), Careers in Medicine (CiM), and Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) National Meeting in Denver, on April 7 – 9.

In attendance were members of the SOM Student Senate E-Board, from left: **Timothy Sullivan**, SOM Class of 2024 and secretary; **Katherine Lo**, SOM Class of 2024 and treasurer; **Roy Miller**, SOM Class of 2024 and outreach coordinator; and **Rajkumar Pammal**, SOM Class of 2023 and president.



Two posters were presented at the national meeting: 1) “Fostering





Community Amongst First Year Medical Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” by **Katherine Lo, Roy Miller, Timothy Sullivan, Christopher Hoke**, SOM Class of 2024, and **Medha Reddy**, SOM Class of 2024, and 2) “The Roundtable Journal on Health Policy: Broadening Healthcare Discourse in Medical School” by members of the Class of 2023 **Rajkumar Pammal**, editor-in-chief of the journal, left, **Alexandra**

**Schulz**, right, managing editor of the journal, and **Elias Kahan** and **Justin Lapow**. *The Roundtable Journal on Health Policy* is a multi-disciplinary collection of commentaries and papers that discusses issues in politics, society and healthcare developed by medical students sitting on the NYMC Health Policy Roundtable under the mentorship of Joseph T. English, M.D., the Sidney E. Frank Distinguished Professorship of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and supported by the Sidney E. Frank Foundation.

## EVENTS ON THE NYMC CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>Monday, April 25</b>	5:00 p.m.	Department of Medicine Seminar: AOA Visiting Professor Lecture
<b>Tuesday, April 26</b>	5:00 p.m.	Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds
	5:30 p.m.	Office of Student Mental Health and Wellness Yoga and Meditation
<b>Wednesday, April 27</b>	6:45 a.m.	Department of Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
	8:30 a.m.	Department of Surgery Grand Rounds
	11:00 a.m.	Department of Pharmacology Seminar
	12:00 p.m.	Department of Medicine Grand Rounds
<b>Thursday, April 28</b>	3:00 p.m.	75th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Doctors’ Trial: Yom Hashoah Symposium
	5:30 p.m.	Office of Student Mental Health and Wellness Yoga and Meditation
	6:00 p.m.	Undergraduate Medical Education: Gold Humanism Honor Society Induction Ceremony
<b>Friday, April 29</b>	1:00 p.m.	Department of Biology and Anatomy Convocation of Thanks Memorial Service 2022

Add an event to the NYMC calendar [here](#).

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## HIGHLIGHTS



### **75th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Doctors’ Trial: Yom Hashoah Symposium**

Thursday, April 28, 2022 • 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Nevins Auditorium, MEC  
Online and in-person. [Register here](#).

### **Class of 2022 Commencement**

Tuesday, May 24 - Wednesday, May 26  
In-person by invitation only and online.



**COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Ages 5-11, Boosters and Flu Vaccines, are Available at the [NYMC Family Health Center](#)**

Contact the Family Health Center at (914) 828-0435 to make an appointment, although walk-ins are welcome.

## IN THE NEWS

### NYMC Leadership News

[The Outer Limits Of Human Reproduction](#)

United Academics Magazine  
4/20/2022  
Alan Kadish, M.D., president  
John Loike, Ph.D., interim director of the Master of Science Degree and the Graduate Certificate program in Bioethics, SHSP

[Physicians don't take Dr. Oz seriously: Why should voters?](#)

New York Daily News  
4/8/2022  
Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive officer

[Touro Becomes a University in New York \(page 56\)](#)

WAG Magazine  
April 2022  
Alan Kadish, M.D., president

[Optimize Muslim Patient Health by Learning About Ramadan](#)

MedpageToday (login required)  
4/10/2022  
Mill Etienne, M.D. '02, M.P.H., vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion, associate dean of student affairs and associate professor of neurology and of medicine  
Adil Afridi, M.S., SOM Class of 2022

### NYMC News

[Medical Ethics, Then And Now \(page 60\)](#)

WAG Magazine  
April 2022  
NYMC/TU Yom Hashoah Event on April 28

[Medicine with a Personal Touch \(page 64\)](#)

WAG Magazine  
April 2022

### Faculty News

[Annual Research Symposium highlights student achievement, professional development](#)

Tech Register  
4/7/2022  
Jane A. Petro, M.D., professor emeritus surgery

[The Children's Dream Foundation Annual Event](#)

Larchmont Ledger  
April 2022  
Katharine Yamulla, M.A., CHSE, senior director of competency-based assessment and clinical skills education and director of the Clinical Skills and Simulation Center

[Safety First: Exploring the Use of Turf on Athletic Fields](#)

Medbridge  
3/15/2022  
Kristina M. Welsome, M.S.P.T., D.P.T., OCS, CFMT, MTC, assistant professor of physical therapy

[The Children's Dream Foundation Announces its May 13 Fundraiser Honoring Leaders in Pediatric Healthcare](#)

The Inside Press  
4/12/2022  
Katharine Yamulla, M.A., CHSE, senior director of competency-based assessment and clinical skills education and director of the Clinical Skills and Simulation Center

[Good weather isn't guaranteed but renowned speakers are, at nuclear](#)

[The 4 Best Hair Growth Pills and Supplements](#)

Live Strong  
4/14/2022  
Shoshana Marmon, M.D., Ph.D., clinical assistant professor of dermatology

[Healthcare Heroes Honorees](#)

Westchester Magazine  
April 2022  
Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D., vice president for research, NYMC, and senior vice president for research affairs, Touro University  
Lori Solomon, M.D. '99, M.P.H. '09, clinical associate professor and chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine and director of the Family Health Center  
Gregory R. Veillette, M.D., assistant professor of surgery

[Dr. Andrew Ashikari, regional director of the Breast Care Center at Northern Westchester and Phelps hospitals](#)

Westchester and Fairfield County Business Journal  
4/18/2022  
Page 9: Andrew Ashikari, M.D., clinical associate professor of surgery

[Heart Disease Prevention Program Debuts at Medical Center](#)

Westchester and Fairfield County Business Journal  
4/18/2022  
Page 22: Joshua Melcer, M.D., assistant professor of medicine

[medicine meeting in Glasgow](#)

Rad Magazine  
4/8/2022  
Diwakar Jain, M.D., professor of medicine

["Growing Mental Health Crisis In Schools,"  
DiNapoli Warns](#)

4/12/2022  
Stephen Ferrando, M.D., Har Esh Professor  
and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry  
and Behavioral Sciences

[Moderna Is Developing 2 New Vaccines—  
And 1 Could Protect Against the Common  
Cold](#)

Health  
4/15/2022  
Chandra Shekhar Bakshi, D.V.M., Ph.D.,  
associate professor of pathology, microbiology  
and immunology

[The future of healthcare is female: Could  
femtech break down gender barriers in  
medicine?](#)

Ewha Voice  
4/21/2022  
Padmini Murthy, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., M.Phil.,  
CHES, professor of public health and global  
health director

**Student News**

[The compound present in a popular  
Spanish vegetable that could reduce  
allergies](#)

The Gal Times  
4/13/2022  
Ibrahim Musa, Ph.D. candidate in microbiology  
and immunology

**Alumni News**

[Jane C. Wright – A Forgotten Pioneer in  
Cancer Research](#)

Frontiers Science News  
4/12/2022  
Jane Cooke Wright, M.D. '45, served as  
associate dean at NYMC from 1967 to 1975

**Touro College of Dental Medicine at NYMC News**

[Touro College of Dental Medicine Partners  
with Local Schools to Host 5th Annual Give  
Kids a Smile](#)

The River Journal  
4/15/2022  
Ronnie Myers, D.D.S., dean, TCDM

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