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NEWS



NYMC Honors Historic Partnership with NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan During Plaque Dedication Ceremony

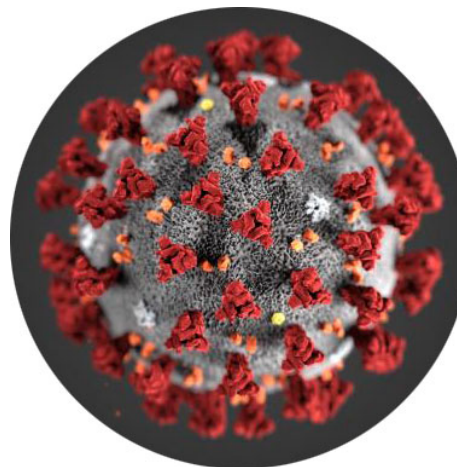
It was a time to reflect on the longstanding reputation of NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan and their partnership with NYMC—the longest affiliation between a medical school and municipal hospital in the United

States—at the NYPD 23rd Precinct Plaque Dedication Ceremony at Met on June 10. Leadership from NYMC, Met and representatives from the 23rd Precinct joined to commemorate the plaque which was recently restored by **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, fourth from right, chancellor and chief executive officer, and **Nicholas Webb, MSIS**, fourth from left, archivist and digital preservation librarian. The plaque was originally presented to Metropolitan in 1975 to commemorate the life-saving work of Met staff for three NYPD officers. [Read the full article and view the photo gallery.](#)

COVID-19 Essentials

Reminder to the NYMC community:

- Face masks, well-fitting, are required indoors.
- Do not come to work/school if you have symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.
- Instead, stay home, test yourself and notify your supervisor/professor and Health Services at health_services@nymc.edu.
- Vaccination with booster is an NYMC/TCDM requirement unless granted an exemption/ deferral.



Be sure to check the NYMC website for the [latest COVID-19 updates.](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Kristy Tefft, M.S. '20, SOM Class of 2024, Puts a Premium on Patient Relationships

Kristy Tefft, M.S. '20, SOM Class of 2024, became increasingly certain of her desire to be involved in health care with each patient she helped treat.



From her time volunteering at a hospital to her pursuing her M.S. in Basic Medical Sciences at NYMC, to now approaching her clinical studies as a medical student, Ms. Tefft has relished the opportunities to build relationships with the patients she meets. [Read the full Q&A.](#)

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety Keeps the NYMC Community Safe and in Compliance

[The Department of Environmental Health and Safety](#) (EHS) is responsible for a broad range of safety policies and trainings to ensure the safety of the campus community, as well as proper usage of energy and laboratory space at NYMC. EHS also serves as a hub for members of the NYMC community for information on safety regulations, how to properly dispose of laboratory waste and any other environmental health concerns on campus. [Read the full Q&A.](#)



IN THE COMMUNITY



Donate Life Clubs Finishes Exceptional Year With Record-Breaking Donations

The NYMC Donate Life Club finished the 2021-2022 academic year strong with their final blood drive on June 2. The final cumulative count was a record 256 donations. The donations, which all came during a blood shortage in New York, reached approximately

650 patients in area hospitals in a time of great need. [Read the full article.](#)

ACCOLADES

George W. Contreras, M.E.P., M.P.H., M.S., CEM, EMTP, right, assistant director of the Center for Disaster Medicine and assistant professor in the Institute of Public Health, was inducted into the Delta Alpha chapter of Delta Omega, the national public health honor society, with an honorary membership for meritorious distinction in public health. **Penny Liberatos, Ph.D.**, associate professor of public health and president of the NYMC Delta Alpha chapter, bestowed the honor on him on May 24.



Padmini Murthy, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., M.Phil., CHES, professor of public health and global health director, seated third from right, was invited to participate in the [U.S. Army War](#)



[College](#) (USAWC) National Security Seminar in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, June 5 – 9. Dr. Murthy was one of 168 business, government, academic and community leaders selected from across the country to take part in the week-long academic seminar alongside the students of the USAWC to exchange thoughts about national security topics in the capstone phase of the USAWC graduate program.

DID YOU KNOW

Charles Longo, assistant director of public safety, is an amateur harness racer, a form of horse racing called standardbred racing or trotters. Mr. Longo earned his first two amateur victories as a driver in Ontario, Canada, on May 30. Despite racing being a lifelong interest of Mr. Longo, he did not attend the U.S. Trotting Association's Driving School until he was 50 years old. Following his victories, he was approved to race at the Meadowlands Racetrack, a prominent horse racetrack in East Rutherford, New Jersey.



EVENTS ON THE NYMC CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday, June 23	1:00 p.m.	Department of Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
Monday, June 27	1:00 p.m.	Golf Tournament and Reception
Tuesday, June 29	6:45 a.m.	Department of Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
Monday, July 4	All Day	NYMC Closed: Independence Day
Tuesday, July 24	11:00 a.m.	Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology Seminar
Friday, July 29	11:30 a.m.	SOM Class of 2026 White Coat

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

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HIGHLIGHTS



NYMC 2022 Golf Outing

Monday, June 27, 2022

Saint Andrew's Golf Club

10 Old Jackson Ave, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

- 11:00 a.m. - Registration/practice
- 1:00 p.m. - Shotgun Start
- Awards and reception to follow

SOM Class of 2026 White Coat Ceremony

Friday, July 29, 2022

11:30 a.m.

In-person by invitation only

[Online viewing is available here.](#)



SOM Seeks MMI Interviewers

The School of Medicine Office of Admissions is seeking [interviewers](#) for the Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI) 2022-23 interview season.

IN THE NEWS

NYMC Leadership News

First case of monkeypox reported in Hudson Valley

News 12 Westchester - 6/7/2022
Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs

Pfizer CEO to NYMC grads: pursue moonshot, as we did with Covid vaccine

The Business Journal (page 4) - 6/6/2022
Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive officer
Sherlita Amler, M.D., M.S., clinical associate professor of pediatrics, adjunct professor of public health and senior fellow in the Center for Disaster Medicine
Ronnie Myers, D.D.S., dean, TCDM

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News 12 Bronx - 6/8/2022
Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs

New York Medical College Match Day Event

Westchester Magazine - June 2022
David Lewis, M.D. '22
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
Daniel Bowen, M.D. '22
Raeesa Habiba Hossain, M.D. '22

Faculty News

New York Medical College Announces Seasonal Opening of Lyme Disease Diagnostic Center

River Journal - 6/15/2022
Gary P. Wormser, M.D., the founder of the Center, professor of medicine, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases and vice chairman of the Department of Medicine

NYMC: How to Get In [Episode 474]

Admissions Straight Talk - 6/14/2022
Karen M. Murray, M.D. '99, associate dean for SOM admissions and associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology

My toe hurt, but it was really kidney cancer and I had only four days to live

New York Post - 6/14/2022
Michael Grasso III, M.D., clinical professor of urology

COVID-19 Continues to 'Unravel' Progress on Routine Vaccinations

VeryWell Health - 6/13/2022
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

Tulsa, Uvalde and Buffalo remind us to prepare for the unexpected | Opinion

The Journal News - 6/7/2022
George W. Contreras, M.E.P., M.P.H., M.S., CEM, FAcEM, assistant director of the Center for Disaster Medicine and assistant professor in the Institute of Public Health

Omega-3 Fatty Acids May Reduce Blood Pressure

Medscape (login required) - 6/3/2022
Srihari S. Naidu, MD, professor of medicine

New York State Legislature Passes Living Donor Support Act

Harlem World Magazine - 6/3/2022
Devon George John, M.D., assistant professor of surgery

Omega-3 Fatty Acids May Reduce Blood Pressure

WebMD - 6/9/2022
Srihari S. Naidu, MD, professor of medicine

Lessons for Orthodox Women From My Pre-Med Journey

Jewish Press
6/9/2022 Mark M. Silverman, M.D., Instructor of orthopaedic surgery and special assistant to the chancellor

Mount Vernon resident shares journey taking gender-affirming therapy

News 12 Westchester - 6/6/2022
Rebecca Drew Glassman, M.D., assistant professor of medicine

Affiliate News

[U.S. Army medical personnel to train with
Westchester Medical Center](#)

Westfair - 6/15/2022

Westchester Medical Center

Renee Garrick, M.D., vice dean and chief
medical officer for Westchester Medical Center
and professor of clinical medicine

General News

[PreMed Student at Touro's NYSCAS
Receives Dean's Award for Outstanding
Academic Achievement](#)

NYSCAS - 6/14/2022

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