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NEWS



Industry Leaders to Present at Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference Set for September 15

As part of the series of celebrations in honor of Touro University's (TU) 50th anniversary, NYMC and TU will host a special conference, "Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Biomedical Space" on Thursday, September 15

from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The conference will take place virtually and in person at 7 Dana Road. A stellar lineup of speakers including renowned leaders from NYMC, TU, the McLaughlin Research Institute, Lovelace Biomedical Research Institute and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals will discuss innovation in health care, life sciences entrepreneurship, research institutes, clinical approaches, medical education and academic approaches. [Read more about the conference and register.](#)

Esther L. Sabban, Ph.D., is Named the Sidney E. Frank Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Esther L. Sabban, Ph.D., professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, has been appointed the Sidney E. Frank Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. The Sidney E. Frank Distinguished Professorship was established in 2005 with a \$5 million endowment to support a variety of educational programs and research aimed at understanding what triggers certain forms of psychiatric illness, including medical conditions, depression and stress related to trauma, disaster or terrorism. Dr. Sabban's research focuses on the biology of the stress response and understanding the mechanisms of regulation of catecholamine neurotransmission. [Read the full article on Dr. Sabban.](#)



Purchasing Office Helps Close Links in Supply Chain

Disruptions in the global supply chain as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic have become all too familiar. From computer chips to baby formula and countless items in between, not to mention shipping delays and backlogs, individuals and organizations have

had to get creative and do their best to forecast their needs and plan their purchases. **Maribel Giraldo, M.S.**, director of procurement services, [shares how NYMC is dealing with supply chain issues.](#)



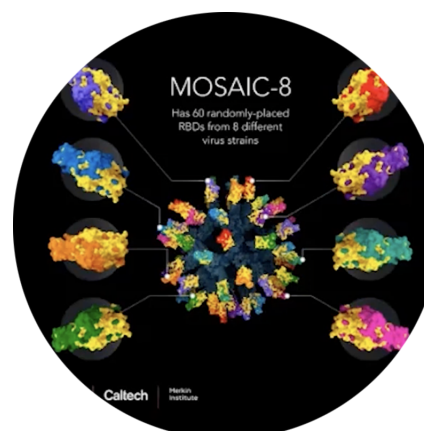
Race for Rehab Set for October 2

On your mark: The [Race for Rehab](#) is back in person this year after two years of virtual running. The 24th Annual Race for Rehab, sponsored by the D.P.T. Class of 2024, is set for Sunday, October 2, at 10:00 a.m., on the Valhalla campus. The 5K race will benefit [Achilles International](#), an organization dedicated to providing athletes with

disabilities a supportive community to train and race with 65 chapters in the United States and 70 chapters abroad. A pre-race warm up will be led by D.P.T. students and an awards ceremony and prize drawings will take place after the race. [Sponsorship information and registration is available online.](#)

NYMC and TU Host 21st COVID-19 Symposium

NYMC and TU leadership hosted the 21st COVID-19 Symposium on August 23. The webinar covered a host of topics including designing vaccines to keep up with virus mutations; the new Novavax vaccine; the history of vaccines and vaccinology; prescriptions for Nirmatelvir/Ritnovir (Paxlovid), Molnupiravir (Lagevrio) and monoclonal antibodies; and sending children back to school in the fall. [Watch the full symposium.](#)



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



The Center for Disaster Medicine is an Essential Resource for Emergency Response Education

The Center for Disaster Medicine (CDM) at NYMC has been training and educating law enforcement and health care professionals in emergency response techniques for nearly two decades. CDM leadership, including **David S. Markenson, M.D., M.B.A.**,

director of the CDM, and assistant directors George W. Contreras, M.E.P., M.P.H., M.S., CEM, FACEM, assistant professor in the Institute of Public Health of the SHSP and Kevin L. Pohlman, M.Ed., assistant professor in the Institute for Public Health in the SHSP, take a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach to the various trainings they provide ranging from emergency preparedness to public health emergencies. [Read more about the daily operations of the CDM.](#)

IN THE COMMUNITY

Donate Life Club Has Near Record Turnout in First

Blood Drive of 2022-2023 Academic Year

The Donate Life Club at NYMC started the academic year strong with a big turnout for their first blood drive of the year on August 18, already achieving one quarter of the last year's record-breaking amount of donations. The drive was done in collaboration with the New York Blood Center and local breweries called "Pint for a Pint," where blood donors receive a voucher for a free beverage at a later date. [Read the full article on the drive.](#)



DID YOU KNOW



Alumna **Amanda Spence, M.P.H. '21**, currently project manager of the community health support team at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, was featured on the cover of the [Thursday Styles section of The New York Times](#), on August 9, 2022. (log in required)

NEW HIRES

Join us in welcoming our new employees at NYMC during the month of August:

- Dionne M. Forrester, R.N., B.S.N., Registered Nurse, Department of Pediatrics
- Maria V. Gonzalez, Medical School Coordinator, Office of the Registrar
- Bria Gunzburg, EHS Technician, Department of Environmental Health and Safety
- Edwin Inoa, Technician I, Department of Comparative Medicine
- Jody Monkovic, LCSW-R, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Office of Student Mental Health and Wellness
- Aleena Paul, M.D., M.B.A., M.S.Ed., Assistant Clerkship Director, Department of Family and Community Medicine
- Rafael R. Robles, Technician I, Department of Comparative Medicine
- Jennifer L. Salcedo, M.D., M.P.H., M.P.P., FACOG, Designated Institutional Official, Office of Graduate Medical Education
- Regina Williams, SHRM-SCP, Director, Human Resources
- Ilana A. Wolf, D.P.T., Clinical Instructor, Department of Physical Therapy

From the Office of Human Resources, September 1, 2022.

EVENTS ON THE NYMC CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, September 7	8:00 a.m.	Department of Pediatrics Rounds
Wednesday, September 7	8:30 a.m.	Department of Neurosurgery Grand Rounds
Wednesday, September 7	12:00 p.m.	Department of Medicine Grand Rounds
Wednesday, September 14	6:45 a.m.	Department of Anesthesiology Grand Rounds
Thursday, September 15	2:30 p.m.	Conference on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Biomedical Space
Monday, September 19	5:00 p.m.	Office of Student Mental Health and Wellness Seminar
Wednesday, September 21	11:00 a.m.	Department of Pharmacology Seminar
Wednesday, September 21	12:00 p.m.	Department of Medicine Grand

		Rounds
Wednesday, September 21	4:00 p.m.	NYMC Faculty Author Celebration and Awards

Add an event to the NYMC calendar here.

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HIGHLIGHTS



SOM Seeks MMI Interviewers

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



Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference in the Biomedical Space

As part of the series of celebrations in honor of TU's 50th anniversary, attendees will hear from renowned leaders in biotechnology, incubators and accelerators, and biomedical research. [Register here.](#)



NYMC Faculty Author Celebration and Awards

Celebrate more than 430 NYMC faculty authors during this annual celebration on September 15, where you will hear from NYMC leadership and authors across departments as they discuss their work and their experiences publishing during this prolific year for research at the College. [Register here.](#)



Annual Founder's Dinner

Join us for the annual Founder's Dinner, NYMC's signature fundraising event, where it will be an evening to celebrate alumni and faculty of the College and raise money for student scholarships. The dinner will be held at Marina Del Rey in Bronx, NY, on October 26. [Register online to reserve your seat.](#)

IN THE NEWS

NYMC Leadership News

Notable 2022 Health Care Leaders

Crain's New York Business
8/22/2022
Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs
Carrie Muh, M.D., associate professor of neurosurgery
Judith M. Watson, R.N., B.S.N., M.P.H. '07, recipient of the 2018 Jackson E. Spears Community Service Award

Hey, Health Coach: How Much Should I Worry About Monkeypox?

Forbes
8/23/2022
Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs

Can You Get Monkeypox From Something You Touched?

Verywell Health
8/18/2022
Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs

Times Square school to bear Cross River's name following \$5M donation

NJBIZ
9/2/2022
Alan Kadish, M.D., president

Faculty News

[Catholic Health names chief public and community health officer](#)

Long Island Business News

8/18/2022

Lawrence E. Eisenstein, M.D., M.P.H. '16, FACP distinguished visiting professor of public health

[Regular Exercise Can Help Shield You From Severe COVID](#)

U.S. News and World Report

8/23/2022

Armeen D. Poor, M.D., clinical assistant professor of medicine

[Can I exercise if I have COVID? Here's what Staten Island's top doctors say](#)

SILive.com

8/29/2022

Philip E. Otterbeck, M.D., adjunct assistant professor of medicine

NYMC News

[Doctors of Distinction](#)

Westfair Business Journal (page 17)

8/29/2022

Team Award:

Marisa A. Montecalvo, M.D., director of Health Services and professor of medicine

Katherine Kowalski, ANP, nurse practitioner

Rochelle G. Saks, M.P.A., administrator

Ruby Lantigua, secretary

Donna McKenna, ANP, per diem nurse practitioner

Christine Moronta, ANP, per diem nurse practitioner

Rosemarie Raffa, FNP, per diem nurse practitioner

Promise for the Future:

Redab Alnifaidy, SOM Class of 2023

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