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NEWS

NYMC and TU Host Successful Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference

More than 500 attendees joined the Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Biomedical Space Conference on September 15, where the audience heard from leaders in biotechnology and biomedical research. After the impressive presentations, **Salomon Amar, D.D.S., Ph.D.**, senior vice president for research affairs, TU, vice president for research at NYMC, who organized the conference, said "If we take the lessons that we've learned we can chart a better future for humanity." [Watch the video](#) and [view the photos](#).



School of Medicine Launches New Medical Education Curriculum

The SOM Class of 2026 will be the first class to experience the new medical education curriculum launched this year at NYMC. The new curriculum, which was developed by a broad representation of SOM administration, faculty and students, integrates basic science and clinical course content during the first eighteen months of medical education, while also allowing students to enter clerkships much earlier in their education. [Read the full story on the new SOM curriculum](#).

The Inaugural Dr. Melvin H. Amler Prize for Innovation to be Announced

Jonathan V. Pascale, a fifth-year Ph.D. student, was named the inaugural recipient of the *Melvin H. Amler Prize for Innovation* for his research illuminating the importance of the vasoactive eicosanoid, 20-hydroxyeicosatetraenoic acid (20-HETE) and its receptor GPR75 at the Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Biomedical Space Conference, on September 15. 20-HETE and its receptor are implicated across a variety of pathologies including cancer, hypertension, diabetes and most recently, obesity. The award was established in honor of the late Melvin H. Amler, M.S., D.D.S., a National



Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded biomedical researcher and practicing dentist whose creativity inspired his students and colleagues for more than six decades. [Read the full article on Mr. Pascale.](#)



Annual Club Fair Boasts Record Number of Student Organizations

The MEC and BSB were bustling on September 15 as hundreds of NYMC students attended the annual Club Fair to learn more about the more than 100 student organizations represented. Students had more options than ever with 19 new clubs—a record for a single academic year. [Read the full](#)

[article on the club fair and view the photos.](#)

NYMC Goes Gold for Childhood Cancer

To recognize Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the NYMC community came together and wore gold to raise awareness of the thousands of children who fight cancer and the work done by faculty like **Mitchell S. Cairo, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics, medicine, pathology, microbiology and immunology, and cell biology and anatomy, to research potential treatment options.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Rajkumar Pammal, SOM Class of 2023, Hopes to Be an Agent of Change in Emergency Medicine

Rajkumar Pammal, SOM Class of 2023 and president of the SOM Student Senate, doesn't take the role of a physician in a patient's life lightly. While pursuing his M.D., Mr. Pammal has made it a priority to not only learn the science behind medicine, but to

embrace humanism when beginning to treat patients. While embracing compassion in his clinical studies, Mr. Pammal has his sights set on a career in emergency medicine. [Read the full Q&A with Mr. Pammal.](#)

ACCOLADES



Kristina Petersen, Ph.D., assistant dean of academic support programs and associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, was a guest speaker at the Association of American Medical Colleges Group on Student Affairs Professional Development Initiative Community Call on September 16.

As recorded in the Congressional Record, **Shetal Shah, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics, was commended by [U.S. Representative Thomas R. Suozzi, of New York's Third District, on June](#)

[23](#), and [U.S. Representative Kathleen Rice, of New York's Fourth Congressional District, on September 9](#) for his advocacy on behalf of New York's children and his commitment to public health. He was recognized for his work to increase funding for childhood vaccinations and children's hospitals, helping increase access to Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and his efforts to encourage medical school graduates to pursue careers in



pediatrics and pediatric subspecialties in underserved communities. Dr. Shah was also recognized for his role in promoting public health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic by hand-delivering protective equipment to pediatricians across Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties, providing timely updates COVID-19 protocols to more than 1,500 pediatricians throughout Long Island and allaying fears about the COVID-19 vaccine.

DID YOU KNOW?



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Test your knowledge on [NYMC's Instagram](#).

EVENTS ON THE NYMC CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, September 21	11:00 a.m.	Department of Pharmacology Seminar
	12:00 p.m.	Department of Medicine Grand Rounds
	12:15 p.m.	Pollinator Garden Naming Ceremony in Honor of Mary Ann Latona Nadler
	4:00 p.m.	NYMC Faculty Author Celebration and Awards
Monday, September 26	All Day	NYMC Closed: Rosh Hashanah (Day 1)
Tuesday, September 27	All Day	NYMC Closed: Rosh Hashanah (Day 2)
Wednesday, September 28	12:00 p.m.	Department of Medicine Grand Rounds
Thursday, September 29	12:00 p.m.	Institute of Public Health Seminar
Friday, September 30	12:00 p.m.	Women in STEM Luncheon

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.



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

[NYMC Leadership News: How Did Monkeypox Actually Start? Doctors Explain Its History.](#)

Parade
9/9/2022
Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs

[When Is Flu Season 2022, and How Intense Will It Be? Virus Experts Share Essential Flu Insights for This Year](#)

The Healthy
9/12/2022
Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs

[This expanding Jewish university is doing some unusual things](#)

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
9/14/2022
Alan Kadish, M.D., president

Faculty News

[What's getting people whipped up over whipped cream in New York](#)

Spectrum News 1
9/9/2022
Abraham S. Bartell, M.D., M.B.A., clinical associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences

[3 breathing exercises to ease your anxiety during stressful times](#)

TODAY
9/16/2022
Patricia L. Gerbarg, M.D., clinical assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences

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