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NYMC celebrates 154th Commencement



College leadership joined Commencement speaker Adewale Troutman, M.D., M.P.H., M.A., second from right, outside the robing room. From left were: Francis L. Belloni, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences; Alan Kadish, M.D., president; Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive officer; Dr. Mark Hasten, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Robert W. Amler, M.D., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs. (photo by Susan Wagner)



School of Medicine graduates were ready for the ceremony to begin. (photo by Susan Wagner)

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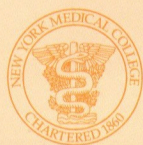
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School of Health Sciences and Practice graduates eagerly waited to be called to the stage. (photo by Susan Wagner)



Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences graduates processed in with big smiles.

A deluge of rain soaked some graduates and guests but didn't dampen their high spirits at the College's 154th Commencement exercises on May 23. Amid the traditional pomp and circumstance on the grand stage of Carnegie Hall, the College awarded 210 doctor of medicine (M.D.) degrees, 30 doctor of physical therapy (D.P.T.) degrees, 17 doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees, 79 master of science (M.S.) degrees, 101 master of public health (M.P.H.) degrees and 4 doctor of public health (Dr.P.H.) degrees to the Class of 2013.

Mace bearer Joseph F. Dursi, M.D. '59, escorted the lively and colorful procession of students, faculty, administration and distinguished guests into the Stern Auditorium where Grand Marshal Howard A. Blanchette, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, led the ceremonial proceedings.

Commencement speaker Adewale Troutman, M.D., M.P.H., M.A., president of the American Public Health Association, was presented with an

honorary Doctor of Science degree before addressing the Class of 2013. Dr. Troutman urged the graduates to live with integrity, both internally and externally, and to be global citizens connected to their communities. "We don't associate health with social justice. We don't recognize that among the most powerful determinants of health are occupation, education, income, residential segregation, unsafe neighborhoods, inequitable economic policies, poor housing and chronic unrelenting stress," he said. "So now what? It's simple, you get to save the world. But the world starts within. The galaxy of castellation begins in your DNA, your consciousness, your happiness, your inner peace, and your joy. The miracle is that all this is consistent with who we are as human beings. We have the capacity to bring about change, improve the world and find joy in the endeavor."

The Commencement exercises were preceded by a week of special events held on campus. View the complete 2013 Commencement photo gallery at www.nymc.edu/Commence/2013/events.asp. ▲

Appointments & Promotions

School of Medicine

Appointments:

Samuel M. Barst, M.D.
Associate Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology

Thomas Diflo, M.D.
Professor of Surgery

Lawrence L. Faltz, M.D.
Clinical Professor of Medicine

Michael J. Fellner, M.D.
Clinical Professor of Dermatology

Aharona Freedman, M.D.
Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics
Clinical Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine (secondary)

Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.
Professor of Radiation Medicine
Professor of Pediatrics (secondary)

Sei Iwai, M.D.
Professor of Clinical Medicine

Paul T. Jubinsky, M.D., Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Alan Kadish, M.D.
Professor of Medicine

Eduardo Lopez, M.D.
Associate Professor of Clinical Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Gary P. Wormser, M.D.
Professor of Microbiology and Immunology (tertiary)

Youmin Wu, M.D.
Professor of Surgery

Promotions:

Heather L. Brumberg, M.D., M.P.H.
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Virany H. Hillard, M.D.
Associate Professor of Clinical Neurosurgery

James Mariadason, M.D.
Associate Professor of Surgery

Shireen A. Pais, M.D.
Associate Professor of Medicine

Janet L. Roen, M.D.
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Celso Tello, M.D.
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Barbara L. Greenberg, Ph.D., is appointed Chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health

Barbara L. Greenberg, Ph.D., has been named chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health in the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP). She will direct the graduate programs in behavioral health sciences, biostatistics, community health, epidemiology and health education and promotion, and will work to enhance collaborative research activities in the department. She will assume the position on August 1.

Dr. Greenberg was recommended for the position following a national search by a committee chaired by James J. O'Brien, Ph.D., former vice dean of the SHSP.

An accomplished researcher and educator, Dr. Greenberg served most recently as professor and director at the Center for Global Health at Old Dominion University, in Norfolk, Virginia. Prior to that, Dr. Greenberg was associate professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, with appointments in the Departments of Diagnostic Sciences and Community Health.

She earned both her M.S. (in international health/public health and nutrition) and her Ph.D. (in immunology and infectious disease/epidemiology) from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore. She has held several international positions working on diarrheal diseases and malnutrition, including work at the International Center for Diarrheal Disease Research in Dacca, Bangladesh, the Apache Indian Reservation

in White River, Arizona and, the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia in Lima, Peru (Johns Hopkins). She has also worked on HIV/AIDS research at the New York City Department of Health Serosurvey Unit/AIDS Surveillance; the HIV/AIDS Research Division, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center; and the New York Academy of Medicine, Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies.

Dr. Greenberg has more than 20 years of research experience working in infectious diseases, with her principal focus in the areas of immunology, nutrition and HIV/AIDS. She is also an expert on the expanded role for oral health care professionals in early disease risk screening for heart disease and diabetes mellitus. She has demonstrated the utility of chair-side medical screening by oral health care providers and has conducted surveys to assess provider and patient attitudes and perceived

barriers to screening for increased risk for specific medical conditions in a dental setting. She has been PI and co-PI on several funded research grants to address a variety of critical public and global health issues involving infectious disease (HIV/AIDS), women's health, disparities and medical screenings.

"I am looking forward to this exciting opportunity to join NYMC and work with the dynamic faculty in the department to build on the solid foundation that exists and work to enhance our community partnerships and collaborative inter- and intra-institutional initiatives," Dr. Greenberg said. ▲



Dr. Greenberg will head the Department of Epidemiology and Community Health beginning August 1.

**Save the
dates!**

*Mark your
calendar
for the following
events!*

Now Through Wednesday, September 4

Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons
Health Sciences Library, (914) 594-4200

An exhibition celebrating the contributions of African American academic surgeons to medicine and medical education, developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture. View during normal library hours.

Sunday, October 13

Race for Rehab

Valhalla Campus. For more information, please visit
www.nymc.edu/Race_for_rehab

Sunday, October 20

The Founder's Dinner

Glen Island Harbour Club, New Rochelle, N.Y.

(914) 594-4550

www.nymc.edu/foundersdinner

Robert G. Lerner, M.D., is elected president of Westchester County Medical Society

Robert G. Lerner, M.D., professor of medicine and of pathology and vice chairman of the Department of Medicine and chief of hematology at Westchester Medical Center, has been elected president of the Westchester County Medical Society (WCMS) for a one-year term. He took office on July 1.

The Westchester County Medical Society is one of the oldest medical societies in the country. It was established in 1797 by 10 physicians who wanted to foster the common interest of its members and the general public. Over the last 216 years it has grown to approximately 1,800 members working and living in Westchester County.

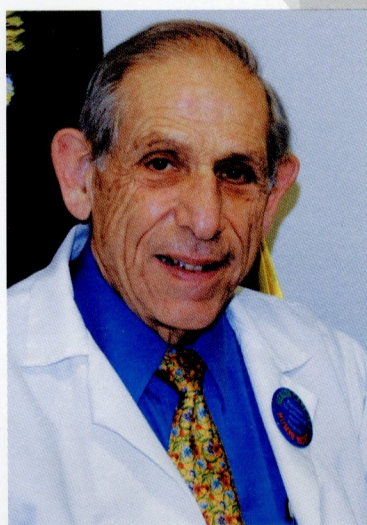
The society provides scientific and medical education to its members, promotes health care education to the public, and works to ensure that the citizens of Westchester County continue to receive the highest quality medical care.

"I consider serving as president a great honor," said Dr. Lerner. "I look back on recent leadership and frankly it is a tough act to follow. I, too, want to be an effective advocate for the Westchester County Medical Society and its physician members."

Past presidents have tackled issues such as fraud and interference by for-profit insurance companies, and have sought ways of assuring the voice of the physician is heard in the legislative process.

In a speech at the WCMS annual meeting on June 7, Dr. Lerner said, "It is clear that without individuals having access to our care we cannot practice our profession and achieve the goals of better health for our patients and the community. It follows that a system that places obstacles in the way of access to medical care not only can harm personal health but also interferes with our physicians' ability to practice their profession."

Among those obstacles is runaway pricing, whether it is charged by pharmaceutical companies, insurers, hospitals or any other providers, according to Dr. Lerner.



Robert G. Lerner, M.D., professor of medicine and of pathology and vice chairman of the Department of Medicine, will serve a one-year term as president of the Westchester County Medical Society.

He touched on the controversy surrounding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and acknowledged opposing opinions. "Some call it Obamacare and consider that a pejorative term. Others also call it Obamacare and consider it a badge of pride. Some call it socialized medicine as an uncomplimentary term because they don't like it," he said.

Regardless, he said, there are many varieties of health care in the country, and one of them is an excellent American system of socialized medicine which provides high quality health care to a large segment of our population—the Veteran's Health Administration.

"That system outperforms our usual health care in many ways," said Dr. Lerner. "It is true socialized medicine with government-owned hospitals and other facilities, as well as government salaried physicians, nurses and other medical personnel. Our current health care system also has individual physicians unaffiliated with any insurer, government or otherwise, practicing their profession. It has neighborhood health centers, concierge medicine, executive health screening and everything in between."

Dr. Lerner envisions a national health program that accommodates all of these systems of practice and provides the funding so that anyone can access the system. He said that strong advocacy and an ongoing dialogue between an active physician membership and our legislators and other health care providers will be required to achieve a national health program that will work for the benefit of patients, the WCMS and the greater society. "It is the only way to have an influence as the system evolves," he said.

Dr. Lerner, who has been a member of the Westchester County Medical Society since 1982, is board certified in internal medicine, hematology and medical oncology. He graduated from the New York University School of Medicine and completed his residency at Bellevue Hospital and Montefiore Hospital. Following military service, Dr. Lerner went on to a National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsored fellowship in hematology at the University of Southern California and Los Angeles County Hospital.

Dr. Lerner joined the faculty of New York Medical College in 1967. While continuing to teach, research and practice, he was awarded a Research Career Development Award from the NIH. Dr. Lerner has also been appointed to the New York State Board for Medicine of the New York State Department of Education and serves as a board member of the IPRO, a national quality improvement organization. He is also an active member of the Westchester-Putnam Coalition for Access to Care. ▲

Nominations sought for new award

The Westchester County Medical Society is sponsoring the **First Annual Doctors of Distinction Award Program** for physicians who either live or work in Westchester County. Nominations are sought by August 15 in the following categories: humanitarian, community service, medical entrepreneur, research excellence, lifetime achievement and leadership in medical advocacy. For instructions and nomination forms, please visit <http://westfaironline.com/doctors-of-distinction-nominate>.

NEW: ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

The Westchester County Medical Society and the Iona College Hagan School of Business are co-sponsoring an advanced certificate in medical practice management. The five-course program is designed for medical professionals seeking certification in the business of health care. The first course, "**Health Care Industry Analysis**," begins on August 28. Classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Westchester County Medical Society in White Plains, N.Y. Registration for the first course is required by August 15. For more information, please call (914) 633-2420.

Pre-Internship Completion Ceremony

After completing medical school at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara and one year of supervised clinical training in a College-affiliated hospital, graduates of the Pre-Internship Program received certificates of completion at a ceremony on May 17. (photos by Joe Vericker)



The 2013 graduates of the Pre-Internship Program gathered for a celebratory group photo.



Keynote speaker S. D. Mitchell, M.D., Pathway '02, director of breast surgery at Plains Hospital and clinical instructor of surgery at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, addressed the graduates.



Richard McCarrick, M.D., right, vice president of graduate medical education and affiliated with the University of Texas at Dallas, presented Luis Guillermo Beverido, M.D., with the Pre-Internship Program Academic Award for excellence.

Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences Luncheon

A luncheon celebration was held on May 21 for the degree candidates from the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences. Faculty and administration joined in to offer congratulations and bid farewell.



Francis L. Belloni, Ph.D. (standing back row third from right), dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, joined these soon-to-be Ph.D.s.



Graduating student Jennifer Arroyo, M.S. '06, addressed her classmates at the luncheon and later received her Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology at Commencement.



School of Health Sciences and Practice Dinner

Graduates from the School of Health Sciences and Practice and their guests were joined by faculty and administration for a dinner and awards ceremony on May 21 to celebrate their accomplishments and bright futures in public health.



Dr.P.H. students Monae Johnson, M.P.H., left, and Dana Deravin Carr, M.P.H., right, were congratulated by their mentor, Deborah Viola, PhD., associate director of Dr.P.H. studies in health policy and management.



Before the dinner, members of the speech-language pathology Class of 2013 gathered for a recognition ceremony.



Robert W. Amler, M.D., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice, presented Angelina Bonavita with a Clinical Excellence Award in physical therapy.

Senior Honors Convocation and University Reception

Senior Honors Convocation on May 22 paid tribute to academic scholarship, community service, clinical excellence and personal character as awards were presented to students, faculty, administration and staff. The celebration continued outside on the plaza of the Medical Education Center as members of the Class of 2013 and their families and friends enjoyed the University Reception.



Stephen E. Moshman, M.D., professor of clinical medicine, received a Robert Goldstein, M.D., Society of Teachers Award, which is given to faculty members who have been recognized by the graduating class for excellence in teaching for ten consecutive years.



Susan Boisvert was selected by her classmates to receive the James Matthew Hagadus, M.D., Award. The recognition honors academic achievement and those special intangible qualities that make a doctor "the good physician": compassion, sensitivity, intuition and independence of spirit and intellect.



Joshua Hartman, Paul M. Janoian III, and Linda Rose DeMello were the recipients of the Dr. and Mrs. David Harrison Scholarship Awards, established by David Harrison, M.D. '21, to express appreciation to his alma mater and to recognize the graduating students who have achieved the three highest academic standings in their class.



Carol L. Karmen, M.D., associate professor of clinical medicine, and William H. Frishman, M.D., the Barbara and William Rosenthal Professor and Chairman of Medicine and professor of pharmacology, proudly display their awards for excellence in teaching and mentoring.

Chancellor's luncheon symposium focuses on "Medicine and Public Health"

The role of physicians in public health, barriers to access to health care, health disparities and "food deserts" were all hot topics at a chancellor's lunch symposium, "Medicine and Public Health," on May 24. The panel discussion was moderated by **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, standing right, chancellor and chief executive officer, and **Robert W. Amler, M.D.**, standing left, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs. The discussants, seated from left, were: **Montgomery B. Douglas, M.D.**, associate professor and chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine and associate dean for diversity and inclusion; Westchester County Health Commissioner **Sherlita Amler, M.D., M.S.**, clinical associate professor of pediatrics and distinguished lecturer of epidemiology and community health; Dutchess County Health Commissioner **Michael Caldwell, M.D., M.P.H.**, distinguished lecturer of epidemiology and community health; and **Adewale Troutman, M.D., M.P.H., M.A.**, president of the American Public Health Association, who gave the Commencement address to the Class of 2013 on May 23. ▲



Accolades

- **Brian Campolattaro, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of ophthalmology, received The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary's John Kearney Rodgers Physician of the Year Award. The honor is bestowed annually on an individual who exemplifies a new generation of medical leaders and demonstrates a commitment to advanced research, innovative treatment and surgical excellence.
- **Montgomery Douglas, M.D.**, associate professor of clinical family and community medicine and chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine and associate dean for diversity and inclusion, was appointed to the board of directors of the American Board of Family Medicine. He will serve on the operations committee and the research and development committee.
- **Danny Hirsch-Kauffmann Joki, M.D.**, professor emeritus of ophthalmology, delivered the Charles Snyder Lecture at the Cogan Ophthalmic History Society annual meeting in Kansas City in April. He presented "The Origin of Viscosurgery."
- **Richard Rosen, M.D.**, professor of ophthalmology, received an honorary degree from the University of Kent in Canterbury U.K., at a ceremony held in July.
- **Sudhir Vaidya, M.D.**, clinical assistant professor of family and community medicine, was invited by the American College of Physician Executives to present "Patient Safety and Medical Error," at its July 31 webinar, "Leape Ahead: Leadership Development for Students and Residents."
- **Joseph M. Wu, Ph.D.**, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, was an invited speaker at the 2013 In Vitro Biology Meeting, held in June in Providence, R.I. He presented "Chemoprevention by Resveratrol: Novel Targets and Mechanisms."

Class of 2016 conveys immeasurable gratitude at 25th Annual Convocation of Thanks

Members of the Class of 2016 paid tribute to anatomical donors using spoken word, instrumental music, song and art at the 25th Annual Convocation of Thanks. Held in the standing-room only Nevins Auditorium on May 3, the emotion-filled ceremony was an opportunity for first-year students to express gratitude to the individuals who gave the selfless gift so they could experience a medical school rite of passage—the study of human anatomy.

For the first time this year, the identities of the donors were given to the students at the end of the anatomy course. Students expressed gratitude at learning more about the persons who had already taught them so much and the families and friends of the donors were eager to share more about their loved ones. The ceremony concluded with an ensemble performance of "Amazing Grace" sung by the students and the audience, and was followed by a tree dedication ceremony on the campus grounds. ▲



Guests at the Convocation of Thanks gathered outside with the Class of 2016 for the tree dedication in honor of the anatomical donors.

Class of 2016 D.P.T. students arrive on campus

On June 3, 36 members of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) Class of 2016, were greeted by **Robert W. Amler, M.D.**, standing far left, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs, and **Michael Majsak, P.T., Ed.D.**, seated second from left, chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy. Faculty, staff and current third-year physical therapy students were also on hand to welcome the new students.



The D.P.T. Class of 2016 hails from 11 states. They represent a wide range of undergraduate schools such as Rutgers, Union College, Howard University, Stanford University, University of Michigan, Colgate University and SUNY-Binghamton. They hold degrees from a diversity of undergraduate programs including biology, psychology, neuroscience, history, exercise science, kinesiology, and political science.

"We are proud that our physical therapy program has grown in both size and quality," said Dr. Amler. "Our newest students are in for an extraordinary experience in clinical learning."

"Our interprofessional curriculum integrates the expertise of our faculty scientists from the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, clinical faculty from the School of Medicine, and clinical and public health faculty from the School of Health Sciences and Practice," said Dr. Majsak. "That foundation, coupled with our hybrid problem-based learning curriculum and utilization of excellent clinicians and clinical sites, offers an unparalleled educational experience in physical therapy. We are fortunate to attract excellent students who appreciate our educational model, resources, and outcomes." He added, "The beauty of what happens here, through the efforts and mentoring of all faculty and staff, is the transformation of a rich and diverse group of individuals into a community of applied science clinicians who are empowered and dedicated to lead the health profession of physical therapy into the future." ▲

NYMC receives maximum ACGME accreditation

The process of becoming accredited and re-accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) is an arduous task for a medical school, especially one that serves as the hub of a large consortium of affiliated teaching hospitals. But it is critical for any institution that offers residency and fellowship programs and receives vital funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In May, New York Medical College successfully completed the lengthy and labor-intensive process and was granted continued full accreditation for five years—the maximum period allowable for an institutional sponsor of residency and fellowship programs.

Ironically, this achievement came just one month before the ACGME implemented several significant changes in the accreditation system in an effort to create the “Next Accreditation System” (NAS). The staff of the College’s graduate medical education program is already busy readjusting to meet the new criteria of the revised system, which began on July 1. They are hopeful that NYMC’s five-year accreditation will be extended to 10 years under the new program.

“Our GME programs are teaching a lot more than just purely medical knowledge and technical skills, and we have to assess the mastery of a variety of competencies and document it.”

— Richard McCarrick, M.D.

And yet all are rejoicing over the news of the reaccreditation, making it the first time the College has undergone a review of this magnitude since joining the Touro College and University System. NYMC officials were required to report in detail on institutional changes and their impact on residency programs. Of note were increased opportunities for NYMC medical residents to experience interprofessional training in other

disciplines, such as through Touro’s Law Center or its program for physician’s assistants, social workers, psychologists, and other health related programs. Richard McCarrick, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education and affiliations, offered accolades to Alan Kadish, M.D., president of New York Medical College and the Touro College and University System, and Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive officer of New York Medical College and provost for biomedical affairs at Touro, for their leadership in the effort. “This is a vote of confidence by an important national accrediting agency for the direction the College is heading under Drs. Kadish and Halperin,” said Dr. McCarrick.

The current process for accreditation is, to put it mildly, comprehensive—requiring applications, audits, survey reports, interviews, site visits and multiple internal reviews. It results in a voluminous document that requires detailed narratives about all the GME programs, including didactic conferences, quality assurance functions, scholarly activity, clinical rotations, faculty qualifications, resident contract information, institutional support data. Most important, it offers evidence that the programs have incorporated the six core competencies—patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning and improvement, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism and systems-based practice—into the curriculum.

“We are a large graduate medical education sponsoring institution, with roughly 1,000 residents and fellows in more than 50 programs,” said Dr. McCarrick. “We’ve been accredited since the ACGME began separately accrediting medical schools in the 1990s, and the standards have become more rigorous over time.”

For instance, in the last ten years the ACGME has become far more strict about resident duty-hour limits, requiring GME programs to continuously monitor the hours of every resident at each of the hospital affiliates. The College must also show

that residents learn cultural competency, communication skills, medical ethics, research methodology, and interprofessional teamwork. “Our residents not only have to master high-tech tertiary care medicine, but also how to navigate the medical economic system and the medical legal system,” said Dr. McCarrick. “Our GME programs are teaching a lot more than just purely medical knowledge and technical skills, and we have to assess the mastery of a variety of competencies and document it.”

He continued, “There are huge economic factors at stake in GME accreditation. In order for our affiliated teaching hospitals to receive hundreds of millions of dollars in Medicare and Medicaid funding, which supports all of the GME programs, we must be accredited by the ACGME.” ▲

THE NEXT ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

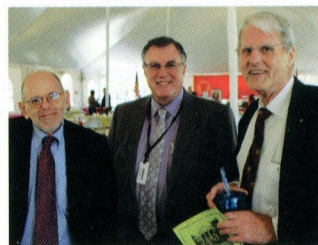
Beginning in July, the ACGME had introduced a new accreditation model called The Next Accreditation System (NAS). The NAS presents a continuous accreditation model that calls for annual data submissions to ACGME and requires annual evaluation by the GME Committee of trends in key performance measures. The new system also allows programs to showcase innovative achievements. “Instead of periodic reviews several years apart, we will be reviewing on an ongoing basis. This will allow us to focus more attention on programs that need help instead of spending time and resources on stable programs that are meeting all standards,” said Cynthia Oxboel, assistant dean and director of graduate medical education.

College celebrates 25th Annual Employee Recognition

More than 125 employees with five-year service anniversaries up to 45 years of service were recognized at the 25th Annual Employee Recognition hosted by the Department of Human Resources on May 14. Honorees and their colleagues and retirees gathered under the tent for a chilly morning breakfast celebration.

The program began with words from Alan Kadish, M.D., president. “Over the past year, I have had an opportunity to work closely with administration, faculty and staff of the College to implement a smooth and collegial transition for New York Medical College with its new sponsor, the Touro College and University System. And I am pleased to report that this has been successful. It gives me even more pleasure to stand before you today to thank you for your assistance with this positive outcome,” he said. “We are here today to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of so many outstanding honorees. Your tenure here at the College, along with your colleagues, is a reflection of your loyalty and dedication, both to your career and to the mission of the College. So much has been achieved through your efforts, and I want to thank you on behalf of the administration and trustees for all that you have contributed over the years.”

The Quarter Century Club tradition continued this year with proclamations presented to employees with 25 years of service. A new addition to the program this year was the presentation of community service awards. Prior to the program, employees were asked to nominate their co-workers for demonstrating leadership, good citizenship and volunteerism. ▲



Francis L. Belloni, Ph.D., center, dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, congratulated 40-year honoree Norman Levine, Ph.D., left, professor of physiology, and welcomed Reinhard E. Zachrau, M.D., professor emeritus of pathology, who came back to campus for the occasion.



Thirty-year honorees Michael H. Gewitz, M.D., professor of pediatrics, vice chairman of pediatrics and physician-in-chief of the Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at Westchester Medical Center; Michael S. Wolin, Ph.D., professor of physiology; Esther L. Sabban, Ph.D., professor of biochemistry and molecular biology; and Carl V. Hamby, Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology, were joined by Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., third from left, chancellor and chief executive officer; Alan Kadish, M.D., second from right, president; and Robert W. Amler, M.D., far right, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president of government affairs.

NEWSWORTHY

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SLP conference explores “Critical Issues: Clinical Implications”



SLP student volunteers from the Classes of 2013 and 2014 helped ensure the day was a success. Standing from left were Jennifer Biener, Heather Hankinson, Jaime Silverman, Kristin Thurlow, Amanda Del Giacco, Kristen Walters, Meladel Busante and Krystal Romano. Sitting from left were Amanda DeAlem, Hannah Tahhan and Victoria Grasso.

The Department of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) hosted its first annual conference, “Critical Issues: Clinical Implications,” on May 17 for faculty, alumni and students. Co-chaired by Kathleen Kaiser, M.S., CCC-SLP, assistant professor of clinical speech-language pathology, and Luis F. Riquelme, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BRS-S, assistant professor of clinical speech-language pathology, the conference covered topics including outcomes measurement, health literacy, pediatric and adult dysphagia, child language assessment, screening tools for mild traumatic brain injury and a student research poster display. The keynote address was given by Allison F. Bean, M.S. '03, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, assistant professor in the Department of Speech and Hearing Science at The Ohio State University. Dr. Bean focuses on language development in individuals with autism spectrum disorders and the role of domain-general processes in language development. Her presentation, “Searching for Evidence as We Do No Harm,” illuminated the connections between evidence-based practice and what is available in all areas of speech-language pathology. ▲

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