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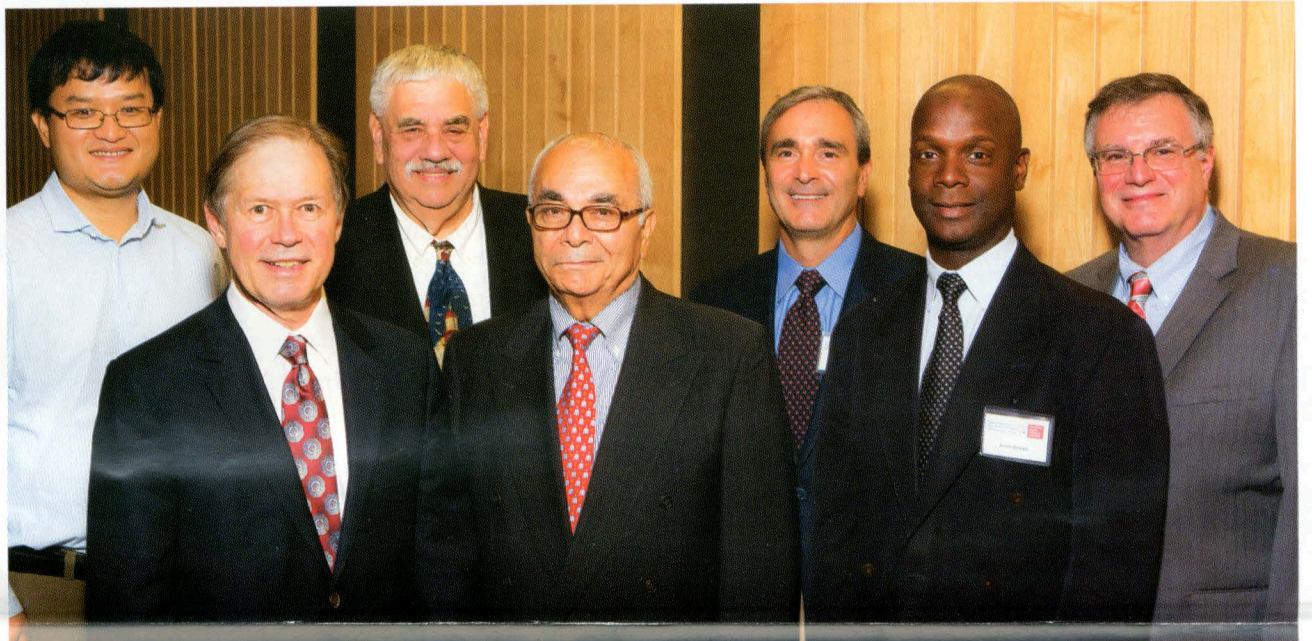
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Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences celebrates 50th anniversary



The 50th Anniversary Symposium speakers were welcomed by Francis L. Belloni, Ph.D., far right, dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences. From left were: Jun Xu, Ph.D. '05, professor of regenerative medicine, Tongji University; David G. Harrison, M.D., professor of medicine and pharmacology, Vanderbilt University; Joseph Hanig, M.S. '65, Ph.D. '68, associate director for research policy, Office of Testing and Research, OPS/CDER, FDA; Edward J. Messina, Ph.D. '73, professor of physiology; William C. Sessa, M.S. '88, Ph.D. '89, professor of pharmacology, Yale University School of Medicine; and Anton Bennett, Ph.D. '93, associate professor of pharmacology and comparative medicine, Yale University School of Medicine. (Photo by Roy Groething)

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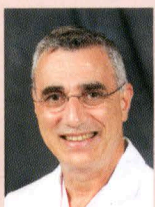


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It was chartered as the Graduate School of Medical Sciences in 1963, changing its name to the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences (GSBMS) in 1969. Half a century and more than 1,100 M.S. and Ph.D. graduates in the basic medical sciences later, the GSBMS is celebrating its storied past in innovative research and education. The 50-year milestone was celebrated on October 3 with a symposium and banquet. Scientific presentations, a poster session, a panel discussion and the Inaugural Gabor Kaley Ph.D. Memorial Lecture filled the day and guests gathered for more celebration at the evening banquet.

Francis L. Belloni, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, welcomed more than 100 guests to the event. In his opening remarks, he set the stage by recalling 1963, when Beatlemania struck the U.S., President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, a loaf of bread cost 22 cents, and a gallon of gas cost 30 cents. It was also an era in which leadership at New York Medical College recognized the growing need for post-graduate education in medical science.

A highlight of the day was a presentation of the history of the GSBMS, given by Edward J. Messina, Ph.D. '73, professor of physiology, who was a student in the school's second admitted class. After months of research and perusing archive materials in the Health Sciences Library, Dr. Messina whittled the GSBMS's rich history, achievements and noteworthy faculty down to a 45-minute slide presentation—an impressive feat for which he apologized for not being able to highlight every accomplishment and every accomplished faculty member.

A number of alumni returned to campus, some of whom presented scientific papers: Jun Xu, Ph.D. '05, professor of regenerative medicine, Tongji University; Joseph Hanig, M.S. '65, Ph.D. '68, associate director for research policy, Office of Testing and Research, OPS/CDER, FDA; William C. Sessa, M.S. '88, Ph.D. '89, professor of pharmacology, Yale University School of Medicine; and Anton Bennett, Ph.D. '93, associate professor of pharmacology and comparative medicine, Yale University School of Medicine.



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- **Robert W. Amler, M.D.**, dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president for government affairs, has been appointed to the Legislative Committee of the Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health.
- **Marie Ascher, M.S.**, associate director of user support, education and research services in the Health Sciences Library, received the Katy Nesbit Service Recognition Award for exemplary chapter services at the Upstate New York Ontario Canada Chapter of the Medical Library Association annual meeting in October.
- **Mitchell S. Cairo, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics, medicine, pathology, microbiology and immunology and cell biology, served as a visiting professor at Beijing's Children's Hospital. He also gave a platform presentation at the Society of International Oncology in Hong Kong in September. While in China he was invited to speak on "Advances in the Treatment of Childhood Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma" at the First Beijing International Forum of Pediatric Development, which was organized by Beijing Children's Hospital and Capital Medical University and held at the Beijing International Conference Center in November.
- **Brad Dworkin, M.D.**, professor of medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatobiliary Diseases, has been elected to a second term as Governor of the American College of Gastroenterology for the Southern New York Region.
- **Kathryn E. McGoldrick, M.D.**, professor and chair of the Department of Anesthesiology, was awarded two David M. Little Prizes at the annual meeting of the Anesthesia History Association held in San Francisco in October. She received the award in two categories: best book on anesthesia history published in 2012 and best journal article on anesthesia history published in 2012. She is the first person to win the Little Prize in two categories in the same year.

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New division chief of cardiology delivers expertise in research, education and clinical practice

Julio A. Panza, M.D., has been named chief of cardiology at New York Medical College and Westchester Medical Center. He succeeds William H. Frishman, M.D., the Barbara and William Rosenthal Professor and Chairman of Medicine and professor of pharmacology, who had been serving as acting chief of cardiology for the past two and one half years.

"There is a lot of momentum and energy and support for growth in the division of cardiology," said Dr. Panza, who has already charted out plans for division growth, outreach efforts, and cardiology facilities upgrades.

Dr. Panza will lead the Division of Cardiology in the Department of Medicine with a solid foundation of experience in patient care, research and education. A leader in the field of endothelial dysfunction, he is co-editor of the book *Endothelium, Nitric Oxide, and Atherosclerosis*.

His plans include reaching out to tri-state area cardiologists through continuing medical education programs, and expanding education and training by seeking to accredit new sub-specialties in heart failure and electrophysiology. He also plans to recruit new faculty and will lead the redesign of the cardiac catheterization and diagnostic laboratories, as well as the cardiology inpatient care units. His vision includes the formation of the Westchester Medical Center Heart and Vascular Institute as "the vehicle for joining the forces of cardiology, cardiac surgery, vascular surgery, and pediatric cardiology."

"There's a lot of know-how and expertise here—and tremendous support from administration—to consolidate our position as the premier academic tertiary care center for cardiovascular disease in the region."

—Julio A. Panza, M.D.

A native of Argentina, Dr. Panza received his medical degree from the National University of Rosario, Argentina. After completing an internship and residency at the Italian Hospital in Buenos Aires, he did a residency in internal medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center. He was offered a clinical research fellowship in the cardiology branch of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in

Washington, D.C., and then served at the National Institutes of Health as a senior staff fellow and clinical investigator. During his 15 years at the NIH, he climbed the ranks to become a tenured scientist with 150 publications to his name and the title of NIH

director of non-invasive cardiology on his door. In 2001, he became director of coronary care at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., where he also served as director of Georgetown University Hospital's Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship Program and the division of cardiology. During that time he was professor of medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine and served as chairman of the clinical trials review committee for the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute.

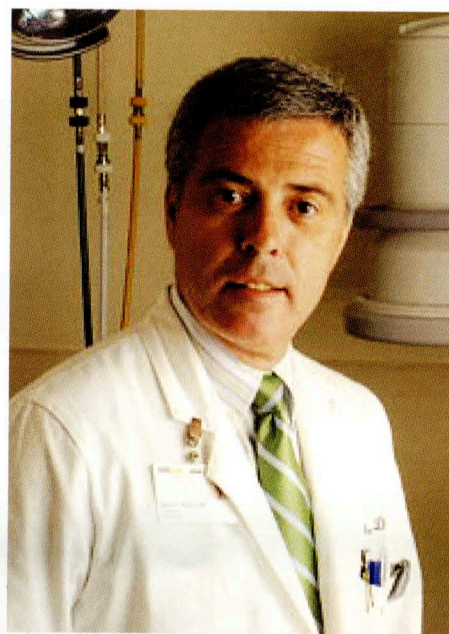
Dr. Panza is certified in internal medicine and cardiovascular dis-

ease by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association, and is a member of the American Society of Echocardiography and the Association of Specialty Professors.

"It's important to point out that our fellows and residents here have excellent publication records, which I hope to further enhance and highlight," he said, noting that the academic division of cardiology pioneered the use of coronary balloon angioplasty and stenting, and establishing the first 24/7 coverage facility for the emergency treatment of acute myocardial infarction for patients in the Hudson Valley Region. The discovery of the cardiac stem cell and the birth of the field of cardiac regeneration began here at New York Medical College with Piero Anversa, M.D., who was a member of the faculty for nearly 30 years.

Dr. Frishman, who directed the search committee said, "Dr. Panza is a nationally recognized cardiologist and is the best candidate to serve as chief of cardiology. He is a skilled researcher, an outstanding teacher and a superb clinician and I am looking forward to working with him."

"What attracted me to this position was the chance to apply my previous experience to grow and enhance a cardiology division," said Dr. Panza. "There's a lot of know-how and expertise here—and tremendous support from administration—to consolidate our position as the premier academic tertiary care center for cardiovascular disease in the region." ▲



Julio A. Panza, M.D., is the new director of the Division of Cardiology in the Department of Medicine.

Marietta Lee Ph.D., is named the 2013 Dean's Research Award recipient

Marietta Lee, Ph.D., professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, recalls two key expressions from long ago that are at the core of her 35-year career as one of the discoverers and trail blazing researchers of DNA polymerase δ (pol delta), a key enzyme in eukaryotic DNA replication and repair. The assertion, "We're going to find the cure for cancer," was first uttered in 1976 by the late Antero G. So, M.D., Ph.D., professor of medicine and of biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, after he, Dr. Lee and other researchers had discovered pol delta. Based on that notion, Dr. Lee abandoned all other research topic possibilities despite warnings and skepticism from the scientific community about the existence of the enzyme. Her second aphorism came in the form of a review by the NIH when she received her first funding as an independent investigator with an Established Investigator Award from the American Heart Association. The agency conveyed its faith that she could "prove once and for all that the enzyme pol delta really exists." It exists indeed, and her seminal research has shown that pol delta and its associated proteins affect genomic stability and either contribute directly or predispose cells to cancer.

To honor her groundbreaking research on pol delta, Dr. Lee has been named the 2013 Dean's Research Award recipient. The award acknowledges a noteworthy body of scientific work, the initiation of a significant scientific discipline and exceptional leadership in the scientific community. On March 12, Dr. Lee will discuss her research in a lecture, "DNA Polymerase Delta—A Journey of Scientific Discovery," and will be presented with the award.

Displaying dogged persistence, ignoring naysayers and maintaining an intense passion for her work have led Dr. Lee every step of the way since those early years. While the role of pol delta in replication and fidelity of genomic maintenance is now making headlines—it is believed to be involved in endometrial and colorectal cancers—she knows there is still much work to be done. She humbly acknowledges her role in the forefront of research, but says, "We are only at the beginning of understanding how genetic changes in pol delta and its associated proteins affect genomic stability and contribute to cancer."

Scientists now know that pol delta is involved in every aspect of DNA repair, from mismatch, base excision, nucleotide excision, double strand break, homologous recombination and translesion DNA synthesis. The maintenance of "genomic integrity" is essential for the avoidance of mutations and chromosome alterations that can lead to the development of cancer. As she has continued to do for 35 years, Dr. Lee hopes that her



Marietta Lee Ph.D., professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, has been named the 2013 Dean's Research Award recipient. (Photo by William Taufic)

research will help investigators understand precisely how mutations and defects in the DNA system contribute to the development of human cancers. The research also could lead to the discovery of novel compounds that may help prevent and treat cancer.

"Dr. Lee has made significant contributions to New York Medical College—her research has raised the institution's profile in the area of DNA replication and DNA repair, and she has anchored a critical mass of investigators with

common interests in DNA metabolism at the College since her recruitment in 1997," wrote Zbigniew Darzynkiewicz, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pathology, medicine, and microbiology and immunology, and director of the College's Brander Cancer Research Institute, in his letter nominating Dr. Lee for the Dean's Research Award. Dr. Darzynkiewicz won the award himself in 2003. "Her work on pol delta has focused on the biochemistry and cell biology of the human enzyme. She has made seminal contributions to this area, and our understanding of the properties of pol delta owes much to her research."

Dr. Lee has served on grant peer review committees for the NIH, American Cancer Society and DOD Breast Cancer programs. She has recently accepted an invitation to join the editorial board of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* published by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Dr. Darzynkiewicz said Dr. Lee constantly seeks to extend the boundaries of her research, and her work is driven by the pursuit of excellence. Her dedication and passion for research is manifest to those who know her.

Dr. Lee received a bachelor of science in chemistry and biology from Nazareth College in Louisville, a master of science from New York University, a doctorate in quantitative biology from the University of Miami, and a post doctorate in DNA Replication at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Dr. Lee is quick to credit her success to the efforts of a long list of talented colleagues, students, post-doctoral fellows and other collaborators at NYMC and elsewhere.

"I've been very lucky. There were not too many women in science when I started out, and I've been lucky to find research I really believe in and am passionate about," said Dr. Lee, reflecting on her research and career. "One time a student wrote on a review that I always seem like I'm having such a good time. To that student I would say 'Right on!'" ▲

Accolades *continued*

■ **Padmini Murthy, M.D., M.P.H., M.S.**, assistant professor of health policy and management, clinical assistant professor of family and community medicine and global health program director, was named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health, an independent, multi-disciplinary charity organization, dedicated to the promotion and protection of collective human health and well being.

■ **Stuart A. Newman, Ph.D.**, professor of cell biology and anatomy, was an invited speaker at the Institució Catalana de Reserca Estudis Avançats (ICREA) Conference on the Evolution of Multicellularity held in Barcelona in September. He presented a talk, "Three Stages in the Evolution of Multicellular Animals." Dr. Newman also presented a colloquium in the Department of Physics at Emory University in Atlanta in November. He spoke on "'Dynamical Patterning Modules' in the Evolution and Development of Animal Form."

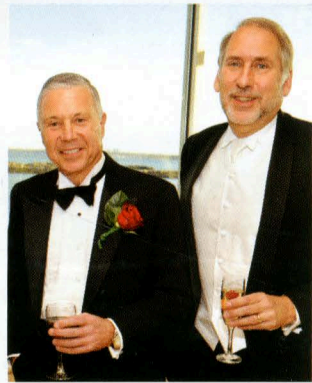
■ **Robert Stobezki**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy, was a 2013 recipient of the Society for Male Reproduction and Urology (SMRU) Traveling Scholars Program, enabling him to attend the American Society for Reproductive Medicine annual meeting held in Boston in October. He was also the recipient of an endowed scholarship, the 2013 Cappy Rothman, M.D., Chuck Sims, M.D., and California Cryobank Traveling Scholar Award. He presented his abstract, "Male Mice Show Significant Age-Induced Decline in Sperm DNA Integrity," at the SMRU Traveling Scholars oral abstract session.

■ The Department of Speech-Language Pathology has announced that several students and a faculty member were cited in the October issue of *The Communicator*, the official newsletter of the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association for their research, "Changes in Oropharyngeal Swallow Physiology in Persons with Dementia." **Luis F. Riquelme, Ph.D.**, CCC-SLP, associate professor of clinical speech-language pathology and students, **Diana Deaibes**, **Jessica Hurley**, **Jaime Silverman**, **Alyssa Ternullo** presented their findings at the annual convention of the Association held in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in April.

College honors three at Founder's Dinner

More than 330 guests gathered at the 2013 Founder's Dinner, which took place at the Glen Island Harbour Club overlooking the Long Island Sound in New Rochelle, N.Y. on October 20. The black tie evening of dining and dancing raised more than \$386,000 and honored three individuals for their accomplishments and support. Children's and Women's Physicians of Westchester, LLP (CWPW) was the presenting sponsor of the gala.

This year's honorees were chosen from a roster of nominations submitted by alumni, faculty, students and employees and reviewed by an advisory committee, which made the final selections. The William Cullen Bryant Award was presented to Nicholas F. LaRusso, M.D. '69, the Charles H.



The William Cullen Bryant Award recipient, Nicholas F. LaRusso, M.D. '69, was greeted by Chancellor Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.

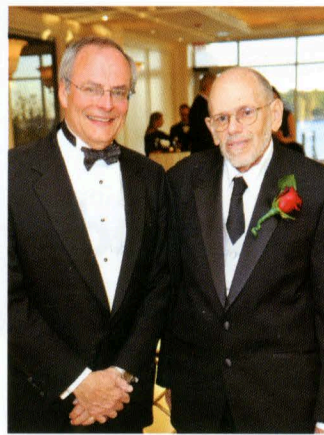
Weinman Endowed Professor of Medicine, Distinguished Investigator of the Mayo Foundation, and medical director of the Mayo Clinic for Connected Care at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Dr. LaRusso was given

the award that recognizes seminal leadership in health care, science, education, business, or the arts in the tradition of the College's founder, William Cullen Bryant.

The Jackson E. Spears Community Service award was given to Dan Morhaim, M.D. '75, the only physician in the 188-member

General Assembly of the Maryland House of Delegates. He is a leader in legislation concerning health care, the environment, and streamlining government operations. The award honors the late Jackson E. Spears, who served as a member of the College's Board of Trustees from 1943 to 2003, and is bestowed upon individuals or organizations who have demonstrated exceptional service and commitment to their communities.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Norman Levine, Ph.D., professor of physiology and immediate past president of the Faculty



Michael Gewitz, M.D., professor and vice chair of the Department of Pediatrics and physician-in-chief at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, congratulated Norman Levine, Ph.D., on receiving the Distinguished Service Award.

Senate at New York Medical College. The award recognizes voluntary leadership that helps advance the College's mission of education and research through service, commitment and expert ability.

This year's Founder's Dinner also kicked off a new fundraising campaign to name seats in the 115-seat auditorium at the College's new building at 19 Skyline Drive. Seats are still available for naming. For more information, please contact the Office of Development at (914) 594-4550 or development@nymc.edu. ▲



The Jackson E. Spears Community Service award recipient Dan Morhaim, M.D. '75, center, was flanked by Francis L. Belloni, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, Sherlita Amler, M.D., Westchester County Health Commissioner and member of the College faculty; Maggie Ciarcia; and Robert W. Amler, M.D., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice and vice president for government affairs.

Daniel G. Gallagher, M.Ed., is named associate dean for admissions and enrollment management in the SHSP

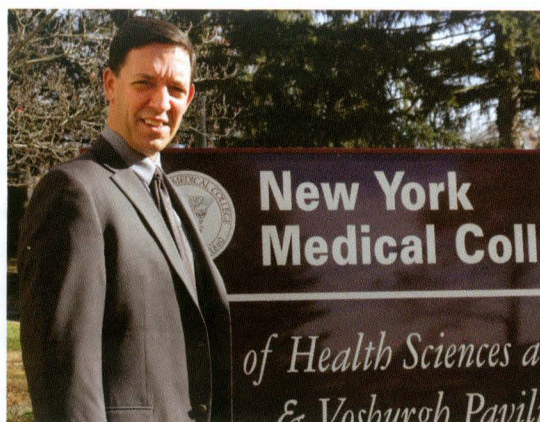
Daniel G. Gallagher, M.Ed., has been named associate dean for admissions and enrollment management in the School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP). He will be responsible for directing all SHSP recruitment and admissions activities, introducing short- and long-term marketing strategies, and creating new and innovative communication channels to prospective and newly enrolled students.

Mr. Gallagher has more than 20 years of experience in higher education, the last ten as dean of university admissions at Stevens Institute of Technology in N.J., where he helped increase graduate student enrollment to record numbers while overseeing graduate and undergraduate admissions as well as summer programming. Prior to that, he served as dean for undergraduate admissions there.

He is excited by the opportunity to recruit students to the public health field during a time when practioners face new challenges to the nation's health. "Whether they are confronting bioterrorism attacks, emerging infections, lifestyle behaviors, disparities in health status or increases in chronic disease and injury rates, our students will become the professionals that help strengthen the infrastructure of the public health community," said Mr. Gallagher. "The field is growing as it needs to gain capacity to respond to acute and chronic threats to our national health. There will be opportunities for our students to support the public health system in government, health care, private and public partnerships, education, finance and research."

Through a comprehensive enrollment strategy, Mr. Gallagher plans to expand the SHSP population and draw students regionally, nationally and internationally. He said the growth of online learning and the school's commitment to offer more online programs will support that.

"Understanding the busy lives of our adult learners, we realize that fully online learning offers them flexibility," he said. In order to reach those learners, he will look for unique ways to disseminate the advantages of a NYMC education. Those advantages include talented and dedicated faculty, a rigorous but nurturing environment, and a blend of theory and practice. Additionally, we will continue to recruit and enroll students into the speech-



In his new role as associate dean for admissions and enrollment management in the School of Health Sciences and Practice, Daniel G. Gallagher, M.Ed., will direct the school's recruitment and admissions activities.

language pathology and physical therapy programs that have excellent reputations and strong foundations in both science and medicine. Every year students in these programs enjoy positive outcomes on exams, and post graduate placements are very strong," he said.

"It is critical that we have a mix of marketing, branding, advertising and communica-

tions in place, so we can attract the adult learner who is interested in advancing his or her academic career, whether they live in the next town or halfway around the world," said Mr. Gallagher, who has a bachelor's degree in economics and history from City University of New York—Hunter College and a M.Ed. in physical education from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania. He has also worked in admissions at Polytechnic University in New York and Rider University in New Jersey.

"We are very fortunate to have Daniel on our team with his experience, excellent track record, and ability to find new and innovative ways to reach and motivate prospective applicants," said Robert W. Amler, M.D., dean of the SHSP and vice president for government affairs. "His appointment is an important new milestone for the School of Health Sciences and Practice and the Institute of Public Health."

"This is an exciting time to be at New York Medical College," said Mr. Gallagher. "There is new leadership invigorating the community and we have a wonderful team that is energized and focused on recruiting a diverse group of students to our campus. We are a destination for bright, talented and highly motivated students—the kind that make working in admissions rewarding." ▲

NYMC Cares Week encourages camaraderie and outreach

In October, a group of New York Medical College medical students gathered in a room with about 20 residents of a homeless shelter to play cards and board games and to share information about hepatitis and diabetes. According to one second-year medical student, the Grasslands residents were full of questions and felt relaxed enough in the casual setting to ask them.

"Many of them are not visiting a doctor regularly, and just seemed more comfortable asking students for information," said Misha Romashko, another second-year.

The gathering at the homeless shelter was just one of seven outreach events that took place as part of the NYMC chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society's (GHHS) first annual NYMC Cares Week, October 6 – 12. The series of events was designed to involve medical students in all four classes to facilitate a school-wide community effort and to encourage camaraderie, said fourth-year medical student Izuchukwu Ibe, who organized the week with classmate Rima Bishar, both members of the GHHS.

"We're hoping this creates a domino effect, and that students will begin to recognize needs and opportunities and act upon them," said Mr. Ibe.

Events during the week also included playing games with youthful residents at the Woodfield Cottage Juvenile Detention Center, bagging groceries for hungry families at the Food Bank of Westchester, touring the Children's Village of Dobbs

Ferry, cooking dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their children were patients at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center, and baking post-quiz cookies for first- and second-year medical students.

"The beauty of this week was that we made everything practical and sustainable for the future by offering the students the opportunity to be together doing service anyone can do. It had a homegrown, organic sense of community."

—Rima Bishar

we made everything practical and sustainable for the future by offering the students the opportunity to be together doing service anyone can do. It had a homegrown, organic sense of community. We hope this becomes tradition." Both she and Mr. Ibe acknowledged that medical student focus groups had recently listed community service as an important experience to have during their medical school years.

First-year Christopher Monson said his visit to the homeless shelter during NYMC Cares Week helped remind him why he was working so hard to get through medical school. "The highlight of the day for me was prefaced by an awkward moment where two residents of the shelter asked questions at the same time," reported Mr. Monson. "The more deferential of the two waited and was eventually forgotten after the continued discussion. After the presentation was over, I approached the man to say that I had not forgotten his question, which was actually a really good one. He had asked if potassium was good to take for the cramps he developed in his legs while exercising, because he had also heard that salt could help, too." Mr. Monson knew that salt is actually physiologically paired with potassium throughout the body. He also knew that, unlike potassium, which can deplete in the

body, most Americans are never deficient in sodium thanks to over-consumption of salty foods.

"So, could sodium deficiency cause the cramps? Yes. Is that likely? Not really. Try a banana and some water first," was Mr. Monson's advice to the resident. "The man was incredibly thankful for both our time in general and for my extra effort to answer his question. It was the first time I made a connection and established a professional trust with someone. This is why I went into medicine."

Misha Romashko said he enjoyed watching and learning from third- and fourth-year students at the homeless shelter event. "It was a great experience for me as a medical student because it wasn't like our typical preceptor sessions where we just practice asking the patients all the right questions and then go through a checklist when performing their physicals," he said. "At the shelter, we were able to teach the patients about their health, something that our preceptors do—since they are the ones prescribing the medicine and

explaining the treatment options. I felt that our knowledge from the first two years of medical school was put to good use!"

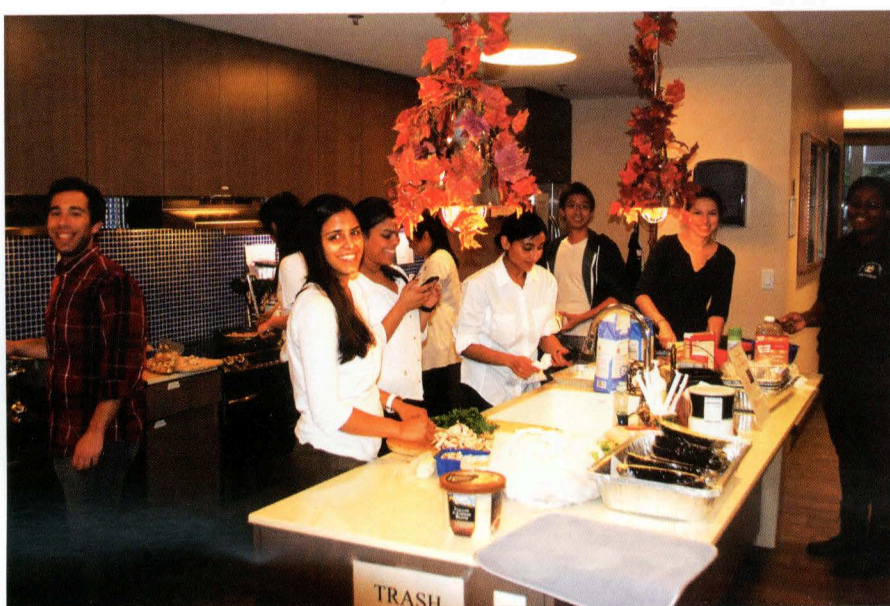
He also enjoyed interacting with fellow medical students from all four classes. "I was impressed with how well the fourth-years were able to simplify and explain difficult medical concepts to the shelter residents and with how well they remembered their drugs from pharm class! That made them role models for me when I get to my clerkships."

At another event, student volunteers stocked food, packed orders and loaded

about 400 packages onto a delivery truck at the Food Bank of Westchester. "It was just a few hours on a weekend, and yet we saw a tangible need and experienced being part of the solution," said Mr. Ibe.

At the end of the week, students toured and talked with teens at Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., which provides a safe haven, services and a caring community for troubled children and their families. Amin Esfahani, a fourth-year medical student and president of the Student Senate, said the day served as a reminder that within a few miles of the greatest institutions for higher education are people who lack access to something as simple as education.

"As we indulge ourselves in the world of high expectations and entitlement, much like the tragic figure Narcissus, we become entrapped by the figure we see in the mirror and fail to see the ruins that surround it," reflected Mr. Esfahani. "Indeed, my day at the Children's Village served as a reminder to reflect and remember that there is still a lifetime worth of work and dedication ahead if I ever wish to help make this world a better place." ▲



Medical students prepared a tasty meal for guests at the Ronald McDonald House.



Medical students sorted through donations and packed boxes of food at the Westchester Food Bank.

Appointments

School of Health Sciences and Practice

Karen S. Edwards, M.D., M.P.H.
*Associate Professor,
Center on Disability and Health*

Barbara L. Greenberg, Ph.D.
Professor of Epidemiology

Kenneth A. Knapp, Ph.D.
*Assistant Professor of Health Policy
and Management*

Pedro Laureano, Ph.D.
*Assistant Professor of Health Policy
and Management*

Michael J. Reilly, Dr.P.H., M.P.H.
*Assistant Professor of Environmental
Health Science*

Denise C. Tahara, M.B.A., Ph.D.
*Associate Professor of Public Health
Practice, Health Policy and Management*

Kristina M. Welsome, M.S., D.P.T.
*Assistant Professor of Clinical Physical
Therapy*

D.P.T. students host 15th Annual Race for Rehab

Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) students in the School of Health Sciences and Practice pulled off another successful Race for Rehab on Sunday, October 13, that included 199 race participants, the most ever. The 15th Annual Race for Rehab, a certified 5K and 10K run/walk, raised more than \$10,200 for Achilles International, formerly known as the Achilles Track Club, a world-wide organization that encourages people with physical challenges to participate in running events, exercise and physical activity, regardless of speed, level of ability or age. Since its inception in 1999, the Race for Rehab has raised more than \$102,000 for Achilles International. ▲



D.P.T. students had all hands on deck to make sure the 15th Annual Race for Rehab was a success.



The starter gun sounded and the first wave of participants took off.

Renowned trauma surgeon set to deliver Eleventh Annual Louis R.M. DelGuercio, M.D., Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture

The Eleventh Annual Louis R.M. DelGuercio, M.D., Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture and Research Day is set for Wednesday, December 18. The day's events will feature moderated poster rounds and presentations of scientific papers in basic science, educational, translational and/or clinical research by students, residents, fellows and faculty, culminating in a lecture by a renowned trauma surgeon. The event was established to honor the late Dr. DelGuercio, who served as chairman of the Department of Surgery from 1976 to 2001, as well as to promote research in surgical basic science, clinical surgery and surgical education. Dr. DelGuercio died in March 2013 at the age of 84.

This year's Distinguished Visiting Professor is Thomas M. Scalea, M.D., FACS, FCCM. Dr. Scalea is the Francis X. Kelly Professor of Trauma Surgery and Director, Program in Trauma at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Physician-in-Chief at R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and System Chief for Critical Care Services for the University of Maryland Medical System. He will present "Endovascular Treatment in Trauma Patients—Past, Present and Future."

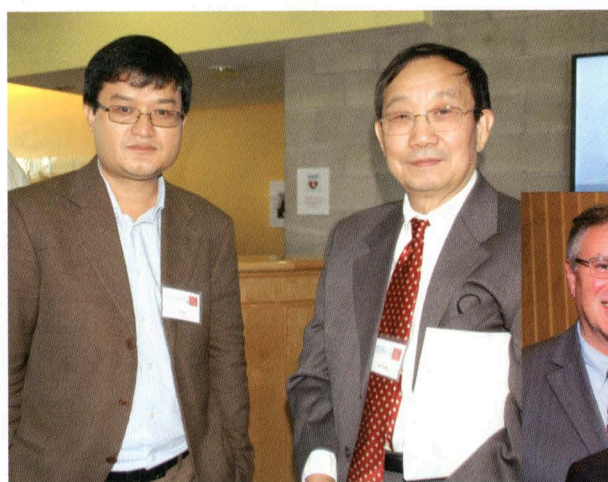
Dr. Scalea received a B.A. with distinction from the University of Virginia and his M.D. from the Medical College of Virginia. He did his residency at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, and his Trauma Critical Care Fellowship at New York Medical College. Following his fellowship, Dr. Scalea began his career at the Kings County Hospital/Downstate Medical Center, where he became chief of trauma and critical care and rose to the rank of full professor. He also founded the Department of Emergency Medicine at Downstate. In 1997, Dr. Scalea became the physician-in-chief at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland, the nation's only freestanding trauma hospital. Several years later, he became the first medical school endowed professor of trauma, when he was appointed the Honorable Senator Francis X. Kelly Professor in Trauma Surgery. He also serves as System Chief for Critical Care Services at the University of Maryland Medical System. ▲



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The Inaugural Gabor Kaley Ph.D. Memorial Lecture, "Inflammation, Immunity and Hypertension" was presented by David G. Harrison, M.D., professor of medicine and pharmacology, Vanderbilt University. Dr. Kaley, who passed away in December 2011, served as chairman of the Department of Physiology for 37 years. Thomas H. Hintze, Ph.D. '80, professor and chairman of the Department of Physiology, moderated the panel discussion, "The Promise of Translational Medicine: Of Mice and Men."

In honor of the occasion the Health Sciences Library published a bibliography of doctoral theses of GSBMS graduates from 1968 through 2013. View the GSBMS anniversary website and photo gallery at www.nymc.edu/GSBMS/celebrate/index.html. ▲



Speaker Jun Xu, Ph.D.'05, caught up with his mentor Jian Kang, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of cell biology and anatomy.



From left: Dean Belloni; Dr. Messina; Thomas H. Hintze, Ph.D. '80, professor and chairman of the Department of Physiology; Harriette Kaley, Ph.D.; Michael S. Wolin, Ph.D., professor of physiology; and the inaugural Gabor Kaley Ph.D. Memorial lecturer David G. Harrison, M.D. (Photo by Roy Groething)



Joining the GSBMS celebration were Joseph D. Etlinger, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy; Chancellor Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.; Michal Laniado Schwartzman, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology; Dean Belloni; Ernest Y.C. Lee, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; and Ira Schwartz, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. (Photo by Roy Groething)



Enjoying the celebration banquet were from left: Libor Velíšek, M.D., Ph.D., professor of cell biology and anatomy, pediatrics and neurology; Jana Veliskova, M.D., Ph.D., professor of cell biology and anatomy and of obstetrics and gynecology; Felipe C. Cabello, M.D., professor of microbiology and immunology; Tamuna (Tamar) Chachua, Ph.D., research fellow in the Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy; Stuart A. Newman, Ph.D., professor of cell biology and anatomy; Kenneth M. Lerea, Ph.D., associate professor of cell biology and anatomy; M.S. student Margaret B. Daniel; and Carl V. Hamby, Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology. (Photo by Roy Groething)



At the poster session, M.S. student Christopher Chew got some pointers from his mentor, Carl V. Hamby, Ph.D., associate professor of microbiology and immunology.

Save the dates!

Mark your calendar for the following events!

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"Endovascular Treatment in Trauma Patients—Past, Present, and Future"
Medical Education Center

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Twentieth Annual Author Recognition Event
Health Sciences Library

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Second Annual Saul A. Schwartz, M.D. '30, History of Medicine Visiting Professor Lecture
Visiting Professor Lecture Presented by
Barron Lerner, M.D., Ph.D.,
Professor of Medicine and Population Health, New York University School of Medicine
"Two Doctors, Two Generations: Comparing a Father's and Son's Medical Ethics"
Medical Education Center

Thursday, February 13, 2014

17th Annual Medical Student Research Forum
Medical Education Center

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Dean's Research Award Presentation and Lecture
Marietta Lee, Ph.D.
Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
"DNA Polymerase—A Journey of Scientific Discovery"
Medical Education Center

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Twenty-Sixth Annual Graduate Student Research Forum
Medical Education Center

Friday, March 21, 2014

Match Day
Medical Education Center and Plaza

Thursday, May 22, 2014

155th Commencement Exercises
Carnegie Hall, New York City

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NYMC makes strides against breast cancer



An NYMC team of students, faculty, staff and their families and friends, organized by the Student Healthcare Executives (StuHe) Club in the School of Health Sciences and Practice, was happy to pose at the finish line of the 16th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer at Manhattanville College in nearby Purchase N.Y., on October 20. Sporting their distinctive pink garb, the team trekked five miles and raised more than \$1,300 for the American Cancer Society. ▲

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