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# InTouch

a publication for the New York Medical College community

Week of May 6, 2024



## NEWS



### NYMC Reflects on the Legacy of Medicine During the Holocaust for Yom Hashoah

The NYMC and TU communities gathered for a solemn and insightful observation of Yom Hashoah on May 3.

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### Students Pay Tribute to Their First Patients During Convocation of Thanks

Medical, speech-language pathology, and physical therapy students paid tribute to their “first patients” and the contributions they made to their education during the annual Convocation of Thanks on May 3.

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## Physiology Research Symposium Spotlights Wide Array of Topics

The Physiology Research Symposium spotlighted the diverse range of important research underway by students, fellows, and research associates of the Department of Physiology on May 3. The presentations ranged from the non-invasive mapping of cortical microvasculature dilation to the impairment of placental development caused by maternal undernourishment. “A

critical component of scientific inquiry is the opportunity to engage with an informed community who will scrutinize our methods, reasoning, and evidence,” said **Christopher Leonard, Ph.D.**, center, interim chair and professor of the Department of Physiology. “Our annual research symposium provides this opportunity for our talented students and fellows who presented their ongoing research, in various stages of development, to the entire physiology community. This was a great opportunity for everyone to catch up with our neighbor’s work and to provide feedback to help advance their science.”

## Drs. Kadish and Halperin Offer Thoughts on Demonstrations on Campuses

**Alan Kadish, M.D.**, left, president of TU and NYMC, and **Edward C. Halperin, M.D.**,

**M.A.**, right, chancellor and chief executive officer, NYMC, shared their thoughts on universities' responses to demonstrations in an opinion piece, [Cooler campus voices amid the mob](#), published in the *New York Daily News*.



## Medical Students Join Lifesaving Organ Transplant Procurements

Medical students at NYMC now have the unique opportunity to be part of the lifesaving organ transplant process through the Transplant Education Program.

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## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### Exploring the Responsibilities of the Department of Environmental Health and Safety

**Donna Egan, M.S., CSP, CHMM, CSHM**, second from right, director of EHS, offers insights into her department's operations.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



### **Abby Cofsky Forges a New Career in Public Health Training and Communications**

**Abby Cofsky**, M.P.H. Class of 2024, will be delivering an inspiring address to her fellow students from the School of Health Sciences and Practice during the 165th Commencement Ceremony on May 21.

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## ACCOLADES

Members of the Department of Pharmacology participated in the 2024 American Physiology (APS) Summit held in Long Beach, California, April 4 – 7.

**Nicholas R. Ferreri, Ph.D.**, professor and vice chair of the Department of Pharmacology, is a member of the APS renal section steering committee and program committee for the annual meeting.

He also chaired a session of oral presentations and judged posters for trainees of the water and electrolyte homeostasis (WEH) section of APS.



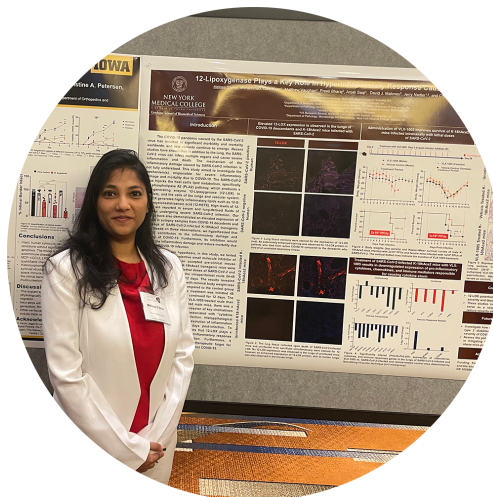
**Shoujin Hao, M.D., Ph.D.**, research assistant professor of pharmacology, and **Jarred Epps**, a graduate student and lab assistant in Dr. Ferreri's lab presented a poster, "Calcineurin mediates the inhibitory effects of TNF on NKCC2 phosphorylation."



**Daohong Lin, M.D., Ph.D.**, assistant professor of pharmacology, gave poster and oral presentations, "mTORc2 in the distal convoluted tubule (DCT) stimulates renal K<sup>+</sup> excretion by inhibiting basolateral Kir4.1/Kir5.1 and Na-Cl-cotransporter (NCC) during increasing dietary K<sup>+</sup> intake." She also served as a poster judge for four posters presented by WEH trainees.

Graduate student in the Department of Pharmacology, **Melinee D'Silva** participated in the 2024 joint meeting of the Association of American Physicians, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, and the American Physician Scientists Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 5 – 7. She presented a poster, "12-Lipoxygenase (12-LOX) Plays a Key Role in

## Hyperinflammatory Response Caused by SARS-CoV-2"



## POLICIES

### Update

- [No Camping Policy](#)

*From the Office of Public Safety, April 25, 2024*

- [Grading Policy for Phase Two and Three](#)

*From the School of Medicine, May 3, 2024*

## NEW HIRES

For the month of April, NYMC welcomes our new employees:

- **Lydia R. Baer, M.A.**, HR Coordinator, Recruitment
- **Kumar B. Reddy, M.B.A., Ph.D., CFCM**, Assistant Vice President for Research

Congratulations to our employees on their new appointments:

- **Melissa M. Cellini Casella, M.D., M.S.Ed., FAAP**, Phase 1 Co-Director
- **Jeanne Wilson, M.D.**, Phase 1 Co-Director

From the Office of Human Resources, May 1, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS



**NYMC and Regeneron Debut Neighborhood Science Seminar Series**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. • 7 Dana Road, BioInc@NYMC Lounge**

NYMC and Regeneron will host the next installment of the Neighborhood Science Seminar Series, with **Andre Limnander, Ph.D.**, director of immunology and inflammation, Regeneron, on "A therapeutic strategy to target distinct sources of IgE and durably reverse allergy."

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**NYMC Annual Golf Tournament and Reception**

**Monday, June 17 • 10:00 a.m.**  
**Saint Andrew's Golf Club**  
**Hastings-on-Hudson, New York**

Sponsored by the NYMC Board of Advisors, the annual golf tournament is a fundraiser to benefit student scholarships and other initiatives at NYMC.

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EVENTS ON THE NYMC CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, May 7	12:15 p.m.	SOM Research Seminar
	2:30 p.m.	Dr.P.H. Student Research Presentation

	6:00 p.m.	Office of Student Mental Health and Wellness Student Meditation
<b>Wednesday, May 8</b>	8:00 a.m.	The 21st Annual Louis R.M. DelGuercio Research Day
	8:00 a.m.	Department of Surgery Grand Rounds
	8:00 a.m.	Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds
	12:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Science Seminar Series
	12:00 p.m.	Department of Medicine Grand Rounds
	1:00 p.m.	Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology Seminar
	1:30 p.m.	Department of Neurology Grand Rounds
<b>Thursday, May 9</b>	5:00 p.m.	M.P.H. Epidemiology Capstone Presentation

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

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## IN THE NEWS

### Faculty News

**[Michael Israel on why he's retiring as president, CEO of Westchester Medical Center](#)**

Westfair Business Journal (Page 6) - 4/22/24  
Michael D. Israel, M.P.H., assistant professor of medicine

**[How to Use Mindfulness and Self-Compassion for Complexities of ADHD](#)**

The ADHD Kids Can Thrive Podcast - 4/23/24  
Mark Bertin, M.D., assistant professor of clinical public health

**[Long Service CEO of Westchester Medical Center to Retire in 2025: National Search Underway for Next Leader](#)**

Yonkers Times - 4/29/24  
Michael D. Israel, M.P.H., assistant professor of medicine

**[Dispose of Unwanted Drugs in Scarsdale on National Take Back Day](#)**

The Patch - 4/26/24  
Caitlin M. Aberle, Pharm.D., instructor of medicine

## Student News

### [Singing a new tune in medicine](#)

Westfair Business Journal - 4/25/24

Nadia Briones, SOM Class of 2027

## Alumni News

### [New York Medical College alumna opens](#)

### [local private practice in honor of late sister](#)

Westfair Business Journal - 4/25/24

Amanda De Alem, M.S. '13, CCC-SLP, TSSLE-  
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## General News

### [A Star Student Whose Compassion Is](#)

### [Changing The Way We Heal](#)

The Patch - 4/25/24

Jonah Bassuk was featured in the [June 6, 2023](#)  
[issue of InTouch](#)

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