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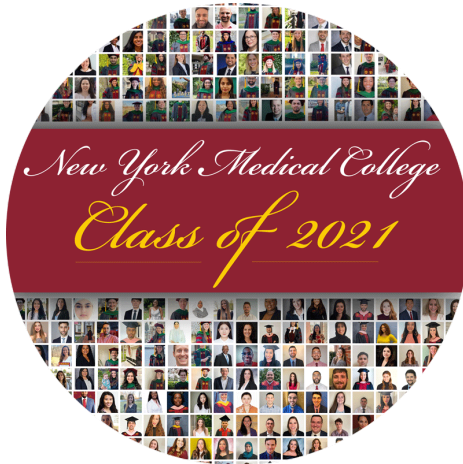
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**SHSP ALUMNI CONNECTIONS** Summer 2021



### **NYMC Celebrates 162nd Commencement Virtually**

The 162nd Commencement for NYMC and Second Commencement for Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM) was a heartfelt sendoff to the Class of 2021. Although the ceremonies were virtual, students, faculty and school leadership, all expressed their pride for finishing the 2020-2021 academic year despite the obstacles that remained due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was the culmination of a week of commencement activities that included individual school hooding and awards ceremonies. [Read the full article on the Commencement and view the photo gallery and videos.](#)

### **SHSP Named SDG Hub by the UNAI**

Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes [17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) intended to be achieved by the year 2030. Now, the NYMC SHSP has the distinction of being named a [SDG Hub for Goal 3: Good Health and Well-Being](#), for a three-year period that began on June 1, 2021. [Read the full article on the SDG Hub 3 designation.](#)



### **Center of Excellence in Precision Responses to Bioterrorism and Disasters Receives \$1 Million in Funding**

Elected officials gathered with NYMC and TCUS leadership to announce \$1,000,000 in increased funding for the Center of Excellence in Precision Responses to Bioterrorism and Disasters within the Center for Disaster Medicine (CDM). The funding is a major increase since an initial annual pledge from New York lawmakers of \$500,000 in 2017 and \$925,000 in 2019, a sum that is matched by NYMC in support of the expanding work and impact of the Center. [Read the full article on the press conference and view the photo gallery and video.](#)



## SHSP Students Volunteer for COVID-19 Data Collection

Three NYMC students in the SHSP were among a group of more than 1,200 student volunteers in the [COVID-19 Data Project](#), an initiative to collect data from local health departments throughout the country, including Westchester County, to display the effect of the virus on certain communities. The students all helped obtain and verify the data pertaining to case counts and deaths related to COVID-19. [Read the full article on the COVID-19 Data Project.](#)



## NYMC Selected to Assist NYS in the Identification of COVID-19 Variants

NYMC is among five institutions selected by New York State to bolster state efforts in identifying COVID-19 variants. The New York State Department of Health is partnering with the [NYMC Genomics Core Laboratory](#) to access and process positive specimens of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, from large multi-county areas in New York State outside of New York City. [Read the full article on the NYMC Genomics Core Laboratory selection.](#)

## MSCHE Reaffirms NYMC Accreditation for Maximum Term of Eight Years

At its June 2021 session, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) voted to reaffirm NYMC accreditation for the maximum eight-year period with no reporting requirements or recommendations while offering several commendations for excelling in certain areas. After a two-year process of an inclusive, transparent and evidence-based self-appraisal process involving stakeholders across NYMC, culminating in a four-day virtual site visit,

the results could not be better. [Read the full article on the MSCHE affirmation of accreditation.](#)



### **NYMC and TCUS Host 13th COVID-19 Symposium**

Variants of COVID-19 and vaccination efforts were the focus of the latest edition of the COVID-19 Symposium series, hosted by NYMC and TCUS on July 22. The 13th COVID-19 Symposium took aim at the Delta variant-which has been detected in an increasing percentage of COVID-19 cases across the United States in recent weeks-and vaccine hesitancy. [Read the full article on the 13th COVID-19 Symposium and view the video.](#)

### **NYMC Hosts Celebrating Diversity: Then and Now Event**

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Office of Development and Alumni Relations joined together to host Celebrating Diversity: Then and Now, a virtual event. Alumni Lifetime Achievement Awards and Trailblazer Awards were presented to alumni and members of the Class of 2021 from the SOM, GSBMS and SHSP. Moderated by Mill Etienne, M.D. '02, M.P.H. FAAN, FAES, vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion, SOM associate dean of student affairs and associate professor of neurology and of medicine, the inaugural event fittingly took place during commencement celebration week. [Read the full article and view the video on Celebrating Diversity: Then and Now.](#)



### **Golf Outing Honoring Leonard J. Newman, M.D. '70, Raises More than \$235,000**

More than 130 golfers hit the links at the famed Saint Andrew's Golf Course in Hastings on Hudson on June 28 to honor **Leonard J. Newman, M.D. '70**, second from left, longtime professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at NYMC. The outing, sponsored by the Board of Advisors, raised more than \$235,000 for student scholarships and other important initiatives at NYMC. [Read the full article on the golf outing and view the photo gallery.](#)



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## STUDENT PROFILE



**Oluwaseun Cole, M.P.H.**, a member of the D.P.T. Class of 2023, has already earned four academic degrees and has served in the United States Navy and Air Force, but his desire to help others fuels him to pursue his physical therapy degree. [Read the full article on Mr. Cole.](#)

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



SHSP alumnus and professor **Michael Reilly Dr.P.H. '10, M.P.H.**, looks to build on his accomplishments in public health and begin a career in medicine upon graduating from NYMC's SOM. [Read the full article on Dr. Reilly.](#)

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## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS



### **2021 Founder's Dinner**

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021 \* 6:00 p.m.**

The Founder's Dinner is NYMC's signature, annual fundraising event, where hundreds of academic, healthcare, business, and community leaders come together to celebrate NYMC's proud history and promising future, and to honor distinguished community leaders for their impactful and transformative achievements. This year's honorees include Cristina Contreras, M.P.A., LMSW, FABC chief executive officer at NYC Health + Hospitals. [Visit the Founder's Dinner website.](#)

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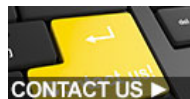
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