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Alumni Connections - April 2015

School of Medicine Alumni Association to Honor Three at Reunion Banquet



The School of Medicine Alumni Association will honor a faculty member, an associate dean and an alumna at the Reunion Banquet on Sunday, May 17, at the Sheraton Hotel in New York City. The 2015 Distinguished Service Awards will be presented to **Matthew A. Pravetz, O.F.M., Ph.D. '88**, associate professor of cell biology and anatomy, associate professor of clinical health science and course director for gross and developmental anatomy; and **Anthony M. Sozzo, M.A., M.S. Ed.**, associate dean for student affairs and director of student financial planning and student activities. The 2015 Medal of Honor will be presented to **Colonel Felicia F. Pehrson, M.D. '87, FACC**, director of healthcare delivery, Office of the Surgeon General. For more information to register and attend the Reunion, please contact Alumni Relations at (914) 594-4556 or alumrelations@nymc.edu.

NYMC Celebrates a Successful Match Day



Just before noon on Friday, March 20, Match Day, the Medical Education Center was loud and boisterous as the School of Medicine Class of 2015 anxiously waited to find out where their residency training will be. "There are many different measures or

outcomes that define the success of a medical school. New York Medical College's success is clearly defined by the successes of our medical students. This Match proves it," Gladys M. Ayala, M.D., M.P.H., vice chancellor of university student affairs, told the crowd. "Every year people ask me to sum up the Match. Was it successful? Is it the best? Believe it or not, I would absolutely say unequivocally this Match is outstanding. In fact, I would say this Match was the best." [Read more...](#)

NYMC Affiliates With Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center



New York Medical College is pleased to announce an academic affiliation with Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Suffern, N.Y., designating the hospital as a teaching site for NYMC's health science education program. The agreement outlines a mutual

obligation to create and maintain a learning environment that promotes the highest standards of medical professionalism. Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center is a non-profit, 286-bed hospital providing emergency, medical, surgical, obstetrical/gynecological and acute care services to residents of Rockland and southern Orange counties in N.Y. and northern Bergen County, N.J. [Read more...](#)

Wilbert S. Aronow, M.D., Receives the 2014 Chancellor's Research Award



The 2014 Chancellor's Research Award, formerly the Dean's Research Award, was presented to **Wilbert S. Aronow, M.D.**, right, professor of medicine, on January 28. The award was presented in recognition of his identification of the adverse effects of exposure to heavy air pollution from freeway traffic on angina pectoris and being first to

describe silent myocardial ischemia. Dr. Aronow is a leader in the area of geriatric cardiology and has authored or co-authored more than 1,300 papers, 980 abstracts, edited 12 books and has authored national guidelines for blood pressure treatment in the elderly. **D. Douglas Miller, M.D., C.M., M.B.A.**, dean of the School of Medicine, was on hand to present the award in the absence of Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive officer. After the award presentation, Dr. Aronow gave the research award lecture, "2015 Update on Treatment of Hypertension."

NYMC Welcomes New BioInc Client



NYMC is pleased to welcome Four LLC as the fourth client of BioInc@NYMC, the College's biotechnology incubator at 7 Dana Road. Four LLC is a nutrition, health and fitness consumer product company founded in 2013 to research, create and

market nutrition products based on life science patents. [Read more...](#)

SHSP Launches New Programs



The School of Health Sciences and Practice (SHSP) is introducing two new programs: an accelerated Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management and a Master of Science in Biostatistics. [Read](#)

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Third Annual Saul A. Schwartz, M.D. '30, AOA History of Medicine Visiting Professor Lecture



The New York Medical College Iota chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha kicked off Black History Month on campus with the Saul A. Schwartz, M.D. '30, AOA History of Medicine Visiting Professor Lecture on February 10. Visiting Professor **James T. Downs, Ph.D.**, second

from right, associate professor of history at Connecticut College, presented "Dying to be Free: The Health Conditions of Former Slaves During the Civil War and Reconstruction." He is the author of Sick from Freedom: African-American Illness and Suffering during the Civil War and Reconstruction. From left: Iota chapter Treasurer **Sean Maddock**, Class of 2015; Iota chapter President **Michael Amato**, Class of 2015; **William H. Frishman, M.D.**, the Barbara and William Rosenthal Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine, professor of pharmacology and counselor of the Iota chapter; and **Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A.**, chancellor and chief executive office, joined Dr. Downs before the presentation.

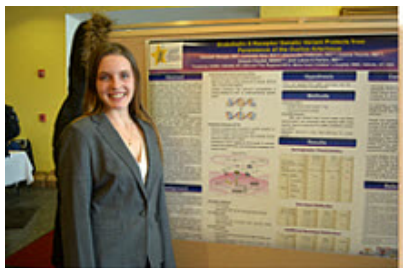
Historical Faculty Portraits Adorn the Walls of MEC Lobby



Six large scale late 19th century oil paintings of NYMC's early faculty have been installed in the lobby of the Medical Education Center (MEC). These portraits depict some of the key figures who played leading roles in the formative years of the College (then known as the

New York Homeopathic Medical College). Reflecting the College's second home at New York Ophthalmic Hospital (1872-1889), several of these portraits depict members of the ophthalmology faculty. All of these figures were highly regarded in their day and most were well published with many of their important texts still published in re-print form today. [Read more...](#)

Nineteenth Annual Medical Student Research Forum Shows Breadth and Depth of Research



Twenty-eight poster presentations, four oral presentations and a keynote address by a microbiome expert marked the successful 19th Annual Medical Student Research Forum on February 12. Emma Allen-Vercoe, Ph.D., associate professor of

molecular and cell biology at the University of Guelph, Canada, presented "Microbial Ecosystem Therapeutics - Microbiota Management for the Promotion of Health?" Organized by the Medical Student Research Committee, the event aims to educate and support medical students and physicians in the discipline of scientific research, recognizing that a fundamental understanding of the relationship between medical research and the practice of medicine enables physician-scientists to more thoroughly serve patients and the community. View the 19th Annual Medical Student Research Forum photo gallery [here](#). [Read more...](#)

GSRF Showcases a Broad Spectrum of Student Research



The 27th Annual Graduate Student Research Forum (GSRF) held on March 24 was a full day of scientific presentations with 9 oral presentations and 30 poster presentations by students and a keynote address by **Ellen**

A. Lumpkin, Ph.D., fifth from left, associate professor of dermatology and physiology and cellular biophysics at Columbia University, who presented "The Neurobiology of Skin: Illuminating Mechanisms of Touch." Dr. Lumpkin's research focuses on Merkel cell-neurite complexes, light touch receptors that mediate fine tactile discrimination required for manual dexterity in humans and other mammals. View the 27th Annual Graduate Student Research Forum (GSRF) photo gallery [here](#). [Read more...](#)

NYMC is Named a Top Producer of Fulbright U.S. Scholars



The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs recently announced NYMC as one of U.S. colleges and universities that produced the most 2014-2015 Fulbright U.S. Scholars. The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program. Last year NYMC hosted **Igor Kizub, Ph.D.**, from Kiev, Ukraine, as a Fulbright

Visiting Scholar to conduct research under the mentorship of Sachin Gupte, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology. Top-producing institutions are highlighted annually in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. NYMC was ranked in the specialized institution category. [Read more...](#)

Accolades



In addition to teaching and conducting research, New York Medical College faculty, residents, students and employees lecture, receive prestigious awards, serve as board members and chair noteworthy committees. To view recent accomplishments, [click here](#).

NYMC Grant News



NYMC research covers a wide range of biomedical topics with more than \$36 million of sponsored research and other programs under management. [Read more](#) about NYMC's latest grant news.

Call for Alumni Milestones



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In The News



As leaders in a variety of specialties and fields, New York Medical College's faculty have been called upon by media outlets to serve as experts on cutting edge topics, events and news stories. [Click here](#) to see the latest offerings of NYMC in the news.

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