NEWSWORTHY:

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...

NYMC Chapter of the American Medical Students Association Receives the 2015 Paul R. Wright Chapter Success Award

The NYMC Chapter of the American Medical Students Association (AMSA) will receive the 2015 Paul R. Wright Chapter Success Award at AMSA’s national convention in Washington, D.C., February 26 - March 1. Named after AMSA Executive Director Emeritus Paul R. Wright, the annual honor is awarded to chapters that have promoted AMSA’s mission of inspiring future physicians through local events, innovative programming, leadership development or calls to action and demonstrating a commitment to improving member solidarity by increasing awareness, recruitment and involvement in the chapter. Read more...

Third Annual Saul A. Schwartz, M.D. ’30, AOA History of Medicine Visiting Professor Lecture Features U.S. Historian James T. Downs, Ph.D.

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, HIGHLIGHTS

Rosh Chodesh Shiur

Tuesday, February 17
5:30 p.m.
Alumni Center

An evening of traditional study presented by Rabbi Moshe D. Krupka. RSVP by February 16 to Pat_Travis@nymc.edu.

Meet the Doctor Lecture Series

“Baby Boomers and The Family Caregiving Gap”

Tuesday, February 17
7:00 pm
Mount Pleasant Public Library
350 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570
driving directions

Kenneth A. Knapp, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Health Policy and Management
Research Scholar and Research
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 councilor of the Iota chapter; and Edward C. Halperin, M.D., M.A., chancellor and chief executive office, joined Dr. Downs before the presentation.

Alumni Association Hosts Valentine Open House

The Alumni Association hosted a Valentine Open House for students on February 11. Members of the Alumni Association Board of Governors were on hand to welcome students for some casual conversation and sweet treats.

LCME Info of the Week

Following the initial efforts to prepare for the February-March 2016 LCME re-accreditation site visit, including our Institutional Self-Study (ISS) and Independent Student Assessment (ISA), and after detailed discussions with the School of Medicine senior leadership, D. Douglas Miller, M.D., C.M., M.B.A., dean of the School of Medicine, is pleased to announce a significant commitment to continuous quality improvement (CQI) in the NYMC M.D. program.

Ms. Jennifer Whikehart, director of education and evaluation, has been asked to assume the dual role of the director of accreditation, a position deemed a re-accreditation “best practice” by the LCME. Over the coming 12 months, Ms. Whikehart will carry out the detailed process of documenting the ongoing efforts in the M.D. program, interfacing with both ISS and ISA task forces, in order for our entire organization to understand and respond effectively to opportunities for quality improvement. In the process, she will use her expertise and experience in M.D. program evaluation and related data capture and management to establish objective performance metrics that align with the current LCME standards and elements.
ACCOLADES:

Mitchell S. Cairo, M.D., professor of pediatrics, medicine, pathology, microbiology and immunology, and cell biology and anatomy, and his team presented at the combined annual meetings of the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT) and the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR) held February 11 – 15 in San Diego.

Mona Elmacken, M.D., a fellow in the Department of Pediatrics, presented “Neuroblastoma and Ewing’s Sarcoma Associated with ROR1 Expression Can Be Effectively Targeted with NK Cells Modified to Express an Anti ROR1 Chimeric Antigen Receptor” and “A Pilot Trial of Unrelated Cord Blood Transplantation (UCBT) and Unmatched Human Placental Derived Stem Cells (HPDSC) in Children and Young Adults with Malignant and Non-malignant Disease."

Hae In Park, Ph.D., research assistant professor of pediatrics, presented “IGF1R- and ROR1-specific Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T Cell Immunotherapy for Poor Risk Sarcomas.”

Jessica Hochberg, M.D., assistant professor of pediatrics, presented “Reduced Intensity Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation Followed by Adoptive Cellular Immunotherapy with Donor Derived LMP Specific-CTLs in Patients with EBV Positive Refractory or Recurrent Hodgkin Lymphoma: A Lymphoma Cell Therapy Consortium (LCTC) Multicenter Clinical Trial.”

Yaya Chu, Ph.D., assistant professor of pediatrics, presented “Effectively Targeting Burkitt Lymphoma by Anti-CD20 Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) Modified Expanded Natural Killer Cells Combined with a Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor, Romidepsin in Vitro and in Humanized NSG Mice.”

Olga Militano, Pharm.D., clinical pharmacist in the Department of Pediatrics, presented “Low Incidence of Grade II-IV Acute GVHD Following Tacrolimus and q8h Mycophenolate Mofetil (MMF) Prophylaxis in Pediatric and Young Adult Recipients of Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation (AlloSCT).”

Ahmed Rashad, B.S., a member of the basic research team in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Stem Cell Transplantation, presented “Rescue of the Mucocutaneous Manifestations in a Mouse Model of Recessive Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa (RDEB) by Human Cord Blood Derived Unrestricted Somatic Stem Cells (USSCs).”

Pedro Laureano, Ph.D., assistant professor of health policy and management, was a panelist at the Ethics in Medicine, “A Public Health Crisis: Mass Incarceration and the Drug War,” held on February 11 at New York Medical College.

NYMC IN THE NEWS:

YI White Plains to Host NYMC Students
Five Towns Jewish Times -- 2/13/2015
Top Producers of U.S. Fulbright Scholars and Students
The Chronicle of Higher Education -- 2/12/2015

Business Council of Westchester Announces Hall of Fame Winners
Daily Voice (All Editions) -- 2/12/2015
Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A., dean of the School of Health Sciences and Practice, vice president for government affairs

Andrew Wakefield, Father of the Anti-Vaccine Movement, Responds to the Current Measles Outbreak for the First Time
Newsweek -- 2/10/2015
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State Takes Aim at Anti-Vaccine Parents Amid Measles Outbreak
Bloomberg Business -- 2/8/15
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Measles Outbreak: Vaccination rates meager in some schools
LoHud.com -- 2/8/15
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True Freedom in Honor of Black History Month
Huffington Post -- 2/6/2015
Alan Kadish, M.D., president

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Please check the online calendar for the most up to date information, as times and locations of events may change.

This Week

Monday, February 16, 2015  Read more...

Holiday - College closed

Tuesday, February 17, 2015  Read more...

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds 11:00 a.m.
Rosh Chodesh Shiur 5:30 p.m.
"Meet the Doctor" Lecture - Mount Pleasant Public Library 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18, 2015  Read more...

Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds 8:00 a.m.
Department of Medicine - Division of Gastroenterology Grand Rounds 8:00 a.m.
Department of Medicine Grand Rounds 12:00 p.m.
Department of Pathology Seminar 1:00 p.m.
Department of Neurology Grand Rounds 4:00 p.m.

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