On Wednesday, December 3, 2014, the Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) Department hosted its 11th Stanley Schiowitz, D.O., FAAO Case Competition.

This annual competition encourages all NYITCOM students to present clinical cases they have been a part of which illustrate the integration of osteopathic principles and practice into the clinical care of their patients.

The cases presented highlight the synergy between the basic sciences and osteopathic manipulative medicine. This year, 18 students participated in a preliminary round of presentations, judged by faculty of the OMM Department.

Congratulations to first place winner, Theresa Apoznanski, OMS III and Academic Medicine Scholar, pictured above center, for her case titled, “A Breath of Fresh Air.” Also receiving honors were, Academic Medicine Scholars: Karan Lal, OMS III, above left, receiving second place honors, and Sarah Van Dine, OMS III, above right, who earned third place honors.

Read more about the 2014 Annual Case Competition HERE.
NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine & CUNY
Brooklyn College Sign Articulation Agreement

William A. Tromontano, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs of the City University of New York (CUNY) Brooklyn College, and Wolfgang Gilliar, D.O., Dean, NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine, signed an Osteopathic Medicine Admissions Early Assurance Program articulation agreement on Friday, February 13, 2015, at the NYIT de Seversky Mansion. This program assures admission to NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine, to exceptional Brooklyn College candidates with outstanding college records and correspondingly high MCAT scores.

Pictured Above: 1st Row – Mary Ann Achtziger, Associate Dean, Student Administration, Wolfgang Gilliar, D.O., Dean, NYITCOM, William A. Tromontano, Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, CUNY Brooklyn College, Steven Silbering, Ph.D., Director, Pre-Health Professions Advisement/BA-MD, CUNY Brooklyn College. 2nd Row – NYITCOM Admissions Staff: Ed Dettling, Assistant Director, Ramon Villongco, Associate Director, Rodika Zaika, Director, and David Oroza, Assistant Director.

Striving to Enhance Long Island’s Need for Geriatrically Trained Family Physicians

Through a five year NYITCOM Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) grant titled, “Faculty Development in Primary Care,” NYITCOM trains Family Physicians in educational methodologies to better meet both local and national needs for providing effective care of the geriatric population. This grant has allowed NYITCOM Family Medicine faculty to also incorporate geriatric components into student education.

As part of the grant program, on Sunday, January 18, 2015, NYITCOM sponsored a NYS American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Chapter meeting which provided training for issues specific to geriatric patients. Also, on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, NYITCOM collaborated with the NYIT School of Health Professions, for the “Wounded Warrior: Teamwork in Action Program” which highlighted the need for collaboration between all health professions to promote optimal geriatric care.
Faculty and Staff Celebrate During Appreciation Luncheon Hosted by Dean Wolfgang Gilliar, D.O.

To welcome NYITCOM community members into the new year, an Appreciation Luncheon for Faculty and Staff was hosted by Dean Wolfgang Gilliar, D.O., on Thursday, February 5, 2015, at the Swan Club in Roslyn, NY. Pictured below, left to right: Linda Darroch-Short, Director, Student Life, Tom Reilly, Associate Director, Financial Aid, Clair Jacobi, Director, Financial Aid, Tanya Patterson-Stanley, Assistant Director, Financial Aid, Student Life Staff: Erica Bomani, Assistant Director, and Joanna Cavallo, Administrative Assistant, and Amanda Sands, Administrative Assistant, Financial Aid.

NYITCOM’s ‘Through the Lens’ Initiative Unveils Outstanding New Award Winning Photographs

NYITCOM’s ‘Through the Lens’ photographic initiative unveiled three new award winning photos on Friday, January 23, 2015, at the Rockefeller Auditorium.

The winners were met with strong support from attendees including students, faculty, and staff. During the event, Dean Wolfgang Gilliar, D.O., offered praise and congratulations to both past and current winners.

Congratulations to the new winners!

1st Place - Syed Karim, OMS II, photo titled, “Going Forward by Looking Back.”

2nd Place – Sheldon Yao, D.O., photo titled, “Who’s Looking at Who?”

3rd Place – Hau Chieng, OMS IV, photo titled, “Charla at El Volcán”

The winning photos are now on display throughout the campus buildings. View winning ‘Through the Lens’ photos and program requirements HERE. Read a recent article on ‘Through the Lens’ from NYIT’s new blog, ‘The Box’ HERE.
For the second consecutive year, NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine and the School of Health Professions showcased their generosity by collecting over $4,000.00 in contributions from faculty and staff during the 2014 “We Care Initiative.” Through this holiday giving campaign, donations were collected for both The Wounded Warrior Project and Island Harvest.

Pictured right, Susan Klein, Assistant Director, Student Administration, presented Stacy Parsell, Vice President of Development from Island Harvest, with a donation check from the giving campaign.

Focus on Faculty and Staff


David H. Tegay, D.O., Associate Professor/Chair, Medicine, was a contributing author on a recent peer-reviewed research publication in the journal, Human Genetics, titled “De novo mutations in beta-catenin (CTNNB1) appear to be a frequent cause of intellectual disability: expanding the mutational and clinical spectrum.” As a member of an international collaborative team, Dr. Tegay, and his colleagues added significantly to the number of reported cases of an increasingly commonly identified genetic cause of intellectual disability, beta-catenin (CTNNB1) gene mutation. Read the abstract HERE.

Congratulations to Sheldon Yao, D.O., Assistant Professor, and Acting Chair, OMM. He has been honored by the National Board of Osteopathic Medicinal Examiners (NBOME), as one of the winners of the title “2014 Item Writer of the Year for COMLEX-USA Osteopathic Principles and Practices.” Read more HERE.

Biomedical Science Department faculty members: Martin Gerdes, Ph.D., Professor and Chair, and Associate Professor, Qiangrong Liang, Ph.D., were both recently interviewed for the new NYIT blog, ‘The Box.’

Read Dr. Gerdes’ interview HERE. Read Dr. Liang’s interview HERE.
More Exciting Faculty News

NYITCOM has recently announced some exciting faculty modifications. Congratulations to the following individuals on their new appointments:

William Blazey, D.O., has been appointed Assistant Dean for Preclinical Education. Dr. Blazey will work within the Office of Academic Affairs to provide oversight to the preclinical curriculum. This includes oversight of the Lecture Discussion Based Curriculum, Doctor Patient Continuum Curriculum, Émigré Physician Program, Family Medicine Accelerated Program, and the Institute for Clinical Competence (ICC).

Claire Bryant, Ph.D., has accepted the position of Assistant Dean for Educational Operations. She will provide operational oversight for Years 1 – 4 of the College’s curriculum. This new position is critical for ensuring continuity, especially as NYITCOM moves forward.

Abraham Jeger, Ph.D., has accepted the position of Assistant Dean for Academic Outreach and Site Development. In this role, he will help to enhance NYITCOM’s relationship with current partner hospitals and preceptors, and help to develop new relationships.

Sports Medicine Center: NYITCOM will be enhancing its Sports Medicine Center activities with exciting projects. Hallie Zwibel, D.O., Assistant Professor, Family Medicine, has been named the Acting Director.

As of Wednesday, April 1, 2015, NYITCOM is creating two new clinic leadership positions which have been named, Physician in Charge (PIC) positions.

The clinical activities of the physicians at each site, the Old Westbury Academic Health Care Center, and the Family Medicine Health Center in Central Islip, NY will be spearheaded by one Physician in Charge (PIC). The PIC for Old Westbury will be Patricia Happel, D.O., Assistant Professor, Family Medicine. The PIC for Central Islip will be Sonia Rivera-Martinez, D.O., Assistant Professor, Family Medicine. The clinical staff will be reporting to the PIC’s to enhance and maximize clinical services. The PIC’s will be reporting, for clinical matters, to the NYITCOM Medical Director, Brian Harper, M.D.

Dr. Harper will also join the Department of Clinical Specialties, Division of Internal Medicine, to spearhead the Public Health and Prevention Initiative and assist in the integration of Public and Population Health in the Teaching and Research Activities of NYITCOM.

Dateline

View Upcoming Events HERE.

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