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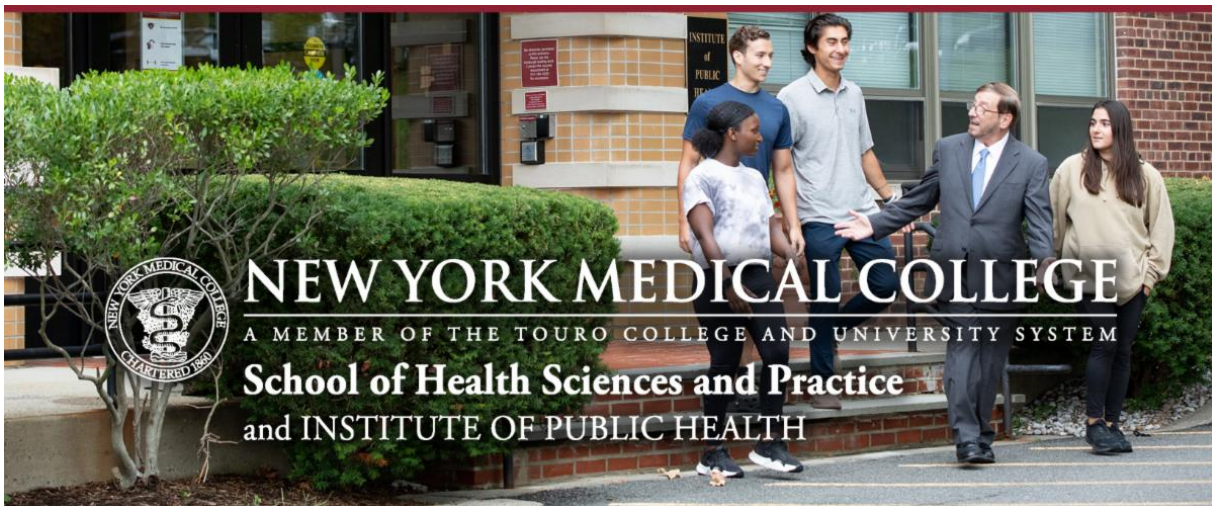
SHSP Dean's Newsletter, Spring 2023

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Dear students, faculty, alumni and friends:

This spring semester marks a notable turning point as we pivot from measures we were obliged to take during the COVID-19 pandemic. Students and faculty are back on campus for longer stretches of time, the campus masking requirements have been eased in many locations and we find it more natural to interact face to face. We can look back at the changes we all made to keep our community and families safe, maintain educational quality and advance three class years of new health professionals through commencement and into productive employment in their new careers.

We are looking ahead to the next academic year of 2023-2024 with implementation of new curricula in speech-language pathology, physical therapy, bioethics and public health. The M.P.H. Generalist program, in particular, offers a streamlined pathway to a public health degree. It involves less time and cost, while offering an opportunity for an advanced certificate in a concentration area of the student's choice. In addition, the cost may be covered by financial aid, sparing or reducing out-of-pocket expenses.

The faculty and I are excited to welcome a growing number of students from the New York Medical College (NYMC) School of Medicine (SOM) and Touro College of Pharmacy who are taking advantage of this program to earn an M.P.H. degree to enhance their careers. Meanwhile, the Dr.P.H. program continues to grow in popularity as more experienced health professionals recognize the career-building benefits of a doctoral-level education and scholarship in the field.

We look forward to future cohorts of learners joining our educational programs and sharing an advanced learning experience with their classmates and the faculty.
Best of luck with your education and careers.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Amler, M.D., M.B.A.

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Public Health Program Receives Seven-Year CEPH Accreditation

The public health program in the SHSP recently earned the maximum term of accreditation—seven years—by the Council for Education on Public Health (CEPH). The accreditation extends through December 31, 2029, with an interim report due in October 2023. CEPH is an independent agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit schools of public health and public health programs outside schools of public health. [Read the full story on the CEPH accreditation.](#)

SHSP Rolls Out M.P.H. Generalist Program

The SHSP opened the Spring 2023 semester with a new Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) Generalist Program. The generalist program, which involves less time and cost, enables students to customize their education according to their interests and needs, while gaining a broad grounding in public health and expert knowledge in the core competency areas. In addition, the cost may be covered by financial aid, sparing or reducing out-of-pocket expenses.

[Read the full story on the new M.P.H. Generalist program.](#)



Study Finds that Caregivers Are Less Likely to Receive Flu Vaccine Compared to Non-caregivers

Kenneth Knapp, Ph.D., assistant professor and interim vice chair of the Department of Public Health, recently completed a study for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) analyzing and comparing



flu vaccine uptake between caregivers and non-caregivers. The study found that caregivers are less likely to receive a flu vaccine compared to non-caregivers. [Read the full story on Dr. Knapp's study for the CDC.](#)

SHSP Participates in United Nations Day

SHSP was on hand to celebrate United Nations Day and the 77th anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations (UN) Charter. Serving as liaisons to Sustainable Development Goal 3 Hub (Good Health and Wellbeing) for the UN Academic Impact, Padmini Murthy, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., M.Phil., CHES, professor of public health and global health director; and Amy Ansehl, D.N.P., R.N., M.S.N., FNP-BC, SHSP associate dean for student experience, director of applied practice experience and associate professor of public health; were invited, along with an NYMC M.P.H. student, **Maryam Albarakati**, to participate in the special event at the UN headquarters in New York City. [Read the full story on SHSP's participation in United Nations Day.](#)



SLP Program Brings Adapted Book Project to St. Mary's Hospital for Children

The SLP program prides itself on its ability to prepare graduates for a career in a health care setting. Providing community activities for students to interact with populations they could potentially treat in the future is an impactful strategy implemented by the SLP department. One of those activities includes the SLP adapted book project in collaboration with St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Bayside, New York. [Read full story on SLP's adapted book project with St. Mary's.](#)

Institute of Public Health Remains on the Front Lines of Community Care

Exciting things are happening in the Institute of Public Health. For years, the four centers of excellence housed in the Institute have been focused on high-priority public health issues for communities and the nation at large. The Center on Disability and Health provides platforms for people with disabilities to share their experiences with the health care system. The Center for Disaster Medicine finds new ways to improve emergency preparedness for a local school district. A funding increase, along with assistance from students in the SOM, allows the Children's Environmental Health Center to continue its mission of addressing health concerns that arise from environmental exposures. [Read the full story on the Institute of Public Health.](#)



Faculty Spotlight



Get to Know the New Faculty Members in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

In November 2022, the Department of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) in the SHSP welcomed four new faculty members. Board-certified in their respective clinical specialties, assistant professors of physical therapy, from left, **Parmveer Kaushal, D.P.T., PT, CCS;** **Scott Rivera, D.P.T., PT;** **Victor Santamaria, M.Sc., Ph.D., PT;** and **Nicholas Sheehan, D.P.T. '16, PT;** all possess a plethora of knowledge and experience, as well as a passion for education. [Read](#)

[the full story on the new D.P.T. faculty members.](#)

Alumni Spotlights

Marissa Mann, M.S. '22, Praises NYMC SLP Curriculum for Preparing Her for Professional Success

When it came to choosing the right SLP program, **Marissa Mann, M.S.'22,** was interested in schools that emphasized a

medically oriented curriculum. She also longed for a diverse externship experience that offered opportunities to work in a variety of environments. Her search led her to graduate from NYMC at 20 years old, the youngest of SLP graduates. [Read the full story on Marissa Mann.](#)



Shannon Freeman, Dr.P.H. '22, M.P.A., Completes Degree While Working Full-time During a Global Health Crisis

While earning her Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.) in health policy and management in the SHSP amid the COVID-19 pandemic, **Shannon Freeman, Dr.P.H. '22, M.P.A.**, was inspired by her role as chair of diversity, equity and inclusion and community health coordinator at Hackensack Meridian Pascack Valley Medical Center to complete her dissertation on vaccine hesitancy. This experience

prepared her for her new role as chief affiliation officer of the Physician Affiliate Group of NY at NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health, which she started in February 2023. [Read the full story on Dr. Shannon Freeman.](#)

Jonathan Filipe, D.P.T. '16, Turned His Career Dreams Into Reality

According to the National Athletics Trainers' Association, there are approximately 50,000 practicing athletic trainers in the United States. Only 57 athletic trainers work for the National Basketball Association. Of those 57 is SHSP alum, **Jonathan Filipe, D.P.T. '16**, [Read the full story on Jonathan Filipe.](#)



Faculty Appointments (June 1 through March 8)

Christine Estes, M.M., M.A., CCC-SLP, assistant professor, Institute of Public Health, Center on Disability and Health

Parmveer Kaushal, D.P.T., PT, CCS, assistant professor of physical therapy

Victor Santamaria Gonzalez, M.S., Ph.D., PT, PCS, assistant professor of physical therapy

Nicholas Sheehan D.P.T., PT, NCS, assistant professor of physical therapy

Nisha N. Beharie, Dr.P.H., assistant professor of public health, division of health behavior and community health

Stefanie M. Blanco, M.S., CCC-SLP, TSSLD, assistant professor of speech-language pathology

Lindsay A. Murray-Keane, M.S., CCC-SLP, TSSLD, assistant professor of speech-language pathology

Upcoming Events

March 2023

March 28-29: Days of Giving

March 30-31: Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Events

April 2023

April 18: D.P.T. White Coat Ceremony Class of 2024

April 20: D.P.T. Doctoral Project Presentation

May 2023

May 18: GSBMS and SHSP Graduation Rehearsal

May 24: D.P.T. Class of 2023 Recognition Ceremony

May 24: Public Health Class of 2023 Recognition Ceremony

May 24: SLP Class of 2023 Recognition Ceremony

May 24: SHSP Commencement and Hooding



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