

Annual Student Convocations

Keynote speaker

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The Objective of the Student Convocations

March of Dimes New York State Chapter Student Convocations seek to increase student awareness and interest in the life sciences and encourage students to pursue studies in related fields. These convocations give New York's most promising high school students the opportunity to hear and meet outstanding speakers of national prominence in the fields of science and medicine.

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10th Annual Franklin Delano Roosevelt Convocation
Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum
4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538

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Tuesday, March 25, 2014 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

43rd Annual Nelson Rosenthal Convocation
New York University—Eisner and Lubin Auditorium
60 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10002

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Wednesday, April 2, 2014 9:30 am – 1:15 pm

6th Annual Central New York Division Convocation
Weiskotten Hall, SUNY Upstate Medical University
766 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210

◆ Staten Island Division page 8

Thursday, April 24, 2014 9:00am – 12:30 pm

37th Annual Tina Russo Convocation
NYS Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities
1050 Forest Hill Road, Staten Island, NY 10314-6330

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the registration
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March of Dimes New York State Student Convocations



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Gene Therapy: A Forever Fix

Ricki Lewis is a science writer with a PhD in genetics. She is author of the true story "The Forever Fix: Gene Therapy and the Boy Who Saved It" (St. Martin's Press), the college textbook "Human Genetics: Concepts and Applications" (McGraw-Hill Education), co-author of two human anatomy and physiology textbooks, and has also published a short genetics book, an essay collection, a novel about stem cells, and more than 3,000 articles. She writes the "DNA Science" blog at Public Library of Science (<http://blogs.plos.org/dnascience/>) and contributes regularly to Medscape Medical News. She also writes for print Scientific American, the MS Discovery Forum, and writes news releases for Genetics Society of America and the Rett Syndrome Research Foundation. She is a genetic counselor at CareNet Medical Group in Schenectady, NY, and teaches "Genethics" online for the PhD program at the Alden March Bioethics Institute of Albany Medical College. Ricki is a frequent public speaker. She lives near Schenectady, New York.

High School Students are encouraged to enter the
March of Dimes **"Student Essay Contest"**, for the following divisions:

Central New York Division, New York Division and the Staten Island Division

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March of Dimes New York State—Annual Essay Competition for Student

Guidelines and Directions

The March of Dimes New York State Chapter is pleased to announce the Annual Essay Competition for Students attending convocations in the **Staten Island, Central New York and New York Divisions**. The competition is offered in conjunction with the Annual Student Convocations which promotes interest in the biomedical sciences among students. All public and private high school students (9-12 grades) are invited to enter. There are two levels: 1st level for 11th & 12th grades and the 2nd level for 9th & 10th grades.

All entries must be received no later than their submission date. No late submission will be accepted. The student essay winners will be notified prior to the convocation and will be expected to attend the event. All materials submitted will not be returned and are the property of the March of Dimes.

- ◆ **NEW YORK DIVISION** Public or Private High schools in Brooklyn, Bronx, Long Island, Manhattan and Queens area. Each level will have two (2) winners: First place award of \$400 and a banner recognizing them as a winning school and the second place winners will receive an honorary award. **Submission Date: Friday, February 28, 2014 by 3:00 pm**
- ◆ **CENTRAL NEW YORK DIVISION** Public or Private High schools in the Syracuse City School District. There will be three (3) winners. Winner will receive an award of \$150, \$100 and \$50. **Submission Date: Friday, March 14, 2014 by 3:00 pm**
- ◆ **STATEN ISLAND DIVISION** Public or Private High schools in Staten Island area. Each level will have one (1) winner. Winners will receive an award of \$250 and their school will be presented with a banner recognizing them as a winning school. **Submission Date: Friday, March 7, 2014 by 3:00 pm**

ESSAY QUESTION

It is possible to determine the complete DNA sequence of your genome and identify genes that may cause diseases or indicate your ancestry. Doctors are just now learning how to use the information in a person's genome. Many genetic diseases do not have treatments. Would you want to know your genome sequence? Which genes would you like to know about, and which not?

The prize for the best essay will be awarded to an essay which:

- ◆ Provides a clearly presented, well-developed response to the question
- ◆ Answers the question in appropriate essay format, following the directions given in the 'Essay Format' section
- ◆ Provides an accurate and properly listed bibliography, if an outside source of information is used.

ESSAY FORMAT REQUIRED. Any essay missing any of the following information will not be reviewed:

- ◆ All portions of the essay must be typed
- ◆ Each essay must include, on school letter head, a sponsoring letter from the teacher and the school principal acknowledging their awareness of the student entrant and all rules and stipulations of the competition.
- ◆ Provide a Cover Page with the title of the essay, author's name, full home address, name of school, grade, name of teacher sponsoring the student and the date submitted
- ◆ The essay must be five to six-typed page (exclusive of the cover page and bibliography), double-spaced with one inch margins and a 12 pitch font and page numbering
- ◆ Provide a bibliography referencing all work. List at least 2-3 references in addition to the textbook. Format references according to the Little Brown Handbook or comparable format, available in school or local libraries
- ◆ Faxed or emailed submissions **WILL NOT** be accepted.

Registration for Northern Metro Division

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

School Name _____

School Address _____

City / County _____

State / Zip _____

School Phone _____

School Fax _____

Faculty Name _____

Faculty Name _____

School Department _____

Email _____

Faculty Phone* _____

*(list the phone number where you can be reached outside of school hours in case of inclement weather and cancellation)

Number of Faculty Attending : _____

Number of Students Attending : _____

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 3, 2014

Susan B. Rose

March of Dimes

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Email: srose@marchofdimes.com

General Information

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

9:30 – Program

11:30 – Lunch (provided)

12:00 – Library and Museum Tour

Library and Museum Tour

Tours will be available to students and faculty (at no charge), after the Convocation program. Please indicate your interest by selecting one of the following:

- 30 minute guided tour
- Self-guided tour

Registration for New York Division

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

School Name _____
School Address _____
City / County _____
State / Zip _____
School Phone _____
School Fax _____
Faculty Name _____
Faculty Name _____
School Department _____
Email _____
Faculty Phone* _____

*(list the phone number where you can be reached outside of school hours in case of inclement weather and cancellation)

Number of Faculty Attending : _____

Number of Students Attending : _____

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 17, 2014

Madeline Britt
March of Dimes
515 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10022
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General Information

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
11:30 am – 2:00 pm
11:30 – Lunch (provided)
12:00 – Program

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For more information, contact Madeline Britt at mbritt@marchofdimes.com.

Submission deadline: Friday, February 28, 2014 by 3:00 pm

Registration for Central New York Division

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

School Name _____
School Address _____
City / County _____
State / Zip _____
School Phone _____
School Fax _____
Faculty Name _____
Faculty Name _____
School Department _____
Email _____

*(list the phone number where you can be reached outside of school hours in case of inclement weather and cancellation)

Number of Faculty Attending : _____

Number of Students Attending : _____

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 14, 2014

Darcy Dreyer
March of Dimes
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General Information

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

9:30 am – 1:15 pm

9:30—Program

12:00—Lunch (provided)

12:30—Career Fair

Life Science Career Fair: SUNY Upstate Medical University will host a career fair, which will be part of the morning's activities. Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from various organizations.

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Submission deadline: Friday, March 14, 2014 by 3:00 pm

Registration for Staten Island Division

Thursday, April 24, 2014

School Name _____
School Address _____
City / County _____
State / Zip _____
School Phone _____
School Fax _____
Faculty Name _____
Faculty Name _____
School Department _____
Email _____
Faculty Phone* _____

*(list the phone number where you can be reached outside of school hours in case of inclement weather and cancellation)

Number of Faculty Attending : _____

Number of Students Attending : _____

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 18, 2014

Dionne A. Durant, LMSW
March of Dimes
515 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10022
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General Information

Thursday, April 24, 2014

9:00 am – 12:30pm

8:30 – Continental Breakfast

9:00 – Program

12:30 – School and Career Exhibit Tables

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For more information, contact Dionne Durant at ddurant@marchofdimes.com.

Submission deadline: Friday, March 7, 2014
by 3:00pm

Annual Student Convocations Past Speakers

Nelson Rosenthal Convocation

1971 Jonas Salk, MD
 1972 Margaret Mead, PhD
 1973 Robert Good, MD
 1974 Jane Goodall, PhD
 1975 Michael Debakey, MD
 1976 Rollo May, PhD
 1977 George Wald, MD
 1978 John Knowles, MD
 1979 Irving J. Selikoff, MD
 1980 Myron Winick, MD
 1981 Barry Commoner, PhD
 1982 Lawrence K. Altman, MD
 1983 Joshua Lederburg, PhD
 1984 Rosalyn S. Yallow, PhD
 1985 Lee Salk, PhD
 1986 Robert J. Desnick, PhD, MD
 1987 Jane Brody, MS
 1988 Harold, J. Raveche, PhD
 1989 Robert E. Pollack, PhD
 1990 James D. Watson, PhD

1991 Mathilde Krim, PhD
 1992 Doris L. Wethers, MD
 1995 Stephen R. Kandall, MD
 1996 Beatrice Mintz, PhD
 1998 Alan D. Rosenthal, MD, FACS
 1999 Savio L. C. Woo, PhD
 2000 Charles J. Lockwood, MD
 2001 Michael J. Paidas, MD
 2002 Dr. Samuel Waxman
 2003 Susan J. Gross, MD, FRCS9C, FACOG, FACMG
 2004 LeRoy Walters, PhD and Alan R. Fleischman, MD
 2005 Harris Goldstein, MD
 2006 Rebecca Landa, PhD, CCC-SLP
 2007 Fernando A. Guerra, MD, MPH
 2008 John R. Adler Jr., MD Jr, MD
 2009 Joe Leigh Simpson, MD
 2010 Robert W. Amler, MD, FAAP, FACPM
 2011 Siobhan Dolan, MD, MPH
 2012 Anthony Atala, MD
 2013 Robert DeSalle, PhD

Tina Russo Convocation

1977 Jonas Salk, MD
 1978 Myron Winick, MD
 1979 Peter A.M. Auld, MD
 1980 Laird G. Jackson, MD
 1981 Louis Z. Cooper, MD
 1982 Edward J. Schutta, MD
 1983 Arthur D. Bloom, MD
 1984 Audrey K. Brown, MD
 1985 Jessica C. Davis, MD
 1986 Arleen Auerbach, MD
 1987 Marshall S. Horwitz, MD
 1988 Marie L. Vartola, MD
 1989 April C. Lee, MD
 1990 Franklin Costantini, MD
 1991 Carl S. Dobkin PhD; Edmund C. Jenkins, PhD and Vicki Sudhalter, PhD
 1992 Patricia O. Loftman, CNM
 1993 Susan Sklower Brooks, MD
 1994 Jennifer L. Howse, PhD
 1995 Carol A. Olsen, RN; Jose Luis Rementeria, MD and Marie L. Vartolo, MD

1996 Karla Damus, PhD
 1997 Judith M. Gardner, PhD
 1998 Michale J. Paidas, MD
 1999 Randy Eisensmith, PhD
 2000 Margaret Comerford Freda, EdD, RN; Philip Roth, MD, PhD and Vicki Sudhalter, PhD
 2001 Savio L. C. Woo, PhD
 2002 Julian N. Robinson, MD
 2003 Sobhan M. Dolan, MD
 2004 Kurt Hirschhorn, MD
 2005 Helen Tager-Flusberg, PhD
 2006 Shetal Shah, MD
 2007 David Bolton, PhD
 2009 Harry Ostrer, MD
 2010 Paul A. Offit, MD
 2011 Siobhan Dolan, MD, MPH
 2012 W. Ted Brown MD, PhD
 2013 Robert DeSalle, PhD

Annual Student Convocations Past Speakers

Central New York Convocation

2009	Dr. David R. Smith, MD
2010	Sandra Lane, Ph.D., MPH
2011	Siobhan Dolan, MD, MPH
2012	Luba Djurdjinovic, MS
2013	Robert DeSalle, PhD

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Convocation

2005	Stanley A. Plotkin, MD
2006	W. Ted Brown, MD, PhD
2007	Robert W. Amler, MD, FAAP, FACPM
2008	Edmund F. La Gamma, MD, FAAP
2009	Siobhan Dolan, MD, MPH
2010	Shetal I. Shah MD, FAAP
2011	Luba Djurdjinovic, MS
2012	Beth A. Prieve, PhD
2013	Robert DeSalle, PhD