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**TOURO COLLEGE'S DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO TEACH  
GLOBAL HR PREPARATORY COURSES IN LATIN AMERICA THIS FALL AND  
MEET WITH CHINESE DELEGATION**

New York, N.Y., October 14, 2010 – Roberta Jackson, SPHR, GPHR, director of human resources at Touro College, will teach global human resources certification preparatory courses in Latin America this fall, and also meet with managers from China to discuss key components of human resources in the United States, specifically in the New York metropolitan area.

Ms. Jackson will teach preparatory courses in Buenos Aires from October 18-20 and in Mexico City from November 8-10. The courses will prepare human resource professionals from throughout the Latin America for the Global Professional in Human Resources (GPHR) certification exam.

“The GPHR certification is a very prestigious designation in the field of human resources,” Ms. Jackson said. “It illustrates to one’s peers, employees, and employers that the individual has mastered the key global strategic human resources principles and is committed to staying current in the profession.”

She added that to take the prep courses, individuals must meet specific educational and experience qualifications and then apply for acceptance to take the exams. The courses are very labor intensive and demanding, with exam pass rates of about 50 percent, she added.

Ms. Jackson is one of approximately 700 people in the world who have earned both the GPHR certification as well as the Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification, the senior U.S. human resources certification. Of those certified, few are able to teach the prep courses, which are recommended by the SHRM.

Ms. Jackson is also part of a group human resources professionals who plan to meet with a delegation of managers from China on November 1 to discuss key components of human resources in the U.S., specifically in the New York metropolitan area.

“The chance to exchange information with peers from China is a welcome and exciting opportunity,” Ms. Jackson said, adding that she is extremely grateful to Touro for allowing her to participate in these opportunities.

Alan Schoor, senior vice president of administration and operations at Touro, noted that the College strives to embrace opportunities for employees at all levels of the organization in order for them to stay current with the latest developments in their fields of expertise.

“Touro recognizes that these endeavors are positive for all involved, and that having sound human resources principles and processes in place are crucial for the effective management of a business and its employees,” said Mr. Schoor. “Ms. Jackson brings exceptional expertise to the table.”

Prior to joining Touro College this past January, Ms. Jackson served as president of Navigations for Leadership, LTD, a human resources consulting company she founded. She also served as vice president of human resources for TransCare Corp., the largest emergency medical service provider on the East Coast, and is frequently called upon to teach the human resources segment of various EMS certification programs. This past July, she participated as a lead speaker in the 2010 Pinnacle Conference for EMS Leadership in San Diego.

She has completed Harvard Business School’s Human Resources Executive Program; holds Certification in Psychological Type; and is authorized to administer the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® Assessment (MBTI®), the Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation-Behavior (FIRO-B®), and the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument (TKI).

A board member of Human Resources Association of New York (HR/NY), Ms. Jackson also chairs HR/NY’s newsletter committee and serves as editor of the organization’s monthly newsletter, *Inside HR/NY*. She is also a founding member of Baruch College of the City University of New York’s Human Resources Advisory Board and is an adjunct professor at the College.

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