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**90 DOCTOR OF PHARMACY STUDENTS RECEIVE “WHITE COATS”
AT THIRD ANNUAL CEREMONY AT TOURO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**

New York, N.Y., September 27, 2010 – Ninety Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.) students, the Class of 2014, at Touro College of Pharmacy received their traditional white lab coats at the third annual white coat ceremony recently held at Aaron Davis Hall in Harlem, N.Y. Pictured from left are: Hoa Vo; Grace Pham; Dr. Stuart Feldman, founding dean of Touro College of Pharmacy; George Bekhit; Dhara Shah; and Lisa Rathod. More than 300 people attended the ceremony, a tradition in pharmacy schools that marks the entry of students into a Doctor of Pharmacy program. Dr. Feldman welcomed the students into this fall's graduate pharmacy program. Guest speaker Marty Rubenstein, R. Ph., director of corporate pharmacy operations at Duane Reade, stressed that the need for dedicated pharmacists is greater than ever and that the role of the neighborhood pharmacist has expanded from merely dispensing medication to improving public health through education, counseling and services such as the administration of vaccines. The Touro College of Pharmacy won this year's Immunization Champion Award from the American Pharmacist Association. When Touro College of Pharmacy opened in 2008, it was the first new pharmacy school to launch in New York City in 68 years, and the first one to open in Harlem. Today it remains the only pharmacy school in Manhattan.

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