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Touro College of Pharmacy Addresses “History of Pharmacy in Harlem” for Black History Month

New York, N.Y., March 1, 2010 - Dr. Rabia Tahir, center, assistant professor, department of pharmacy and health outcomes at the Touro College of Pharmacy, recently discussed “*The History of Pharmacy in Harlem,*” in honor of Black History Month, at the Touro College of Pharmacy in Harlem. With her, from left, are Ed Davila, director of development at the College, and Dr. Stuart Feldman, dean of the College.

Dr. Tahir gave a slide presentation as she examined the role of pharmacists and pharmacies in Harlem from the early 1800s to the present. She discussed some of the obstacles and challenges faced by African-American pharmacists in the early part of the 20th century and addressed issues facing the Harlem community today, such as high incidences of HIV, obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and asthma, and how pharmacists are helping their clients manage these diseases.

Dr. Tahir also discussed how the role of the pharmacist in Harlem continues to evolve to better serve the community. Pharmacists in New York, for example, are now allowed to administer flu vaccines for the first time. The College recently earned an American Pharmacist Association award for its partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and New York Academy of Medicine, where faculty, staff and students provided more than 2,000 influenza immunizations in the Harlem community. In addition, pharmacists from the College immunized more than 604 people during Harlem Immunization Week, from October 17th to 23rd.

The Touro College of Pharmacy, which recently received candidate status from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), opened its doors in Harlem in 2008. The College is the first pharmacy school in New York City in 70 years and currently the only pharmacy program in Manhattan.

Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was established in 1971 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. Approximately 17,500 students are currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Touro College has branch campuses, locations and instructional sites in the New York area, as well as branch campuses and programs in Berlin, Paris, Jerusalem, Moscow, and Florida. Touro University California and its Nevada branch campus, as well as Touro College Los Angeles, are separately accredited institutions governed in common by the same Board of Trustees as Touro College. For further information on Touro College, please go to:

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