



Milestones in the History of Touro College

1970

- Touro College is formally chartered by the State of New York.

1971

- Touro College opens in September with a freshman class of 35 men.

1972

- Division of Health Sciences is established, offering studies leading to a B.S. in health sciences and qualifying graduates as physician assistants.

1974

- Women's division is established as part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- School of General Studies is established to serve the city's diverse ethnic communities.

1975

- First annual commencement exercises host 59 degree candidates. Total College enrollment reaches 1,000.

1976

- Touro College receives accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.
- Physician assistant program is accredited by the American Medical Association.

1977

- Men's division of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is established to serve the educational needs and career aspirations of full-time yeshiva students.

1978

- Touro Israel Option organized to enable undergraduates to complete a year of intensive Judaic studies.

1979

- Women's division opens at College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in Brooklyn.

1980

- Touro College School of Law – Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center – admits first class.

1981

- The Graduate School of Jewish Studies admits its first class.

1982

- New center opens in Midwood section of Brooklyn to accommodate growth of Flatbush division.
- Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center relocates to Huntington, N.Y.

1983

- Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center graduates its first class.
- The Graduate School of Jewish Studies awards its first master's degrees.

- The Center for Biomedical Education opens, initiating a bi-national cooperative effort between Touro College and the Technion medical school in Israel, leading to M.S.-M.D. degrees.

1984

- Yeshivas Ohr HaChaim, a full-time yeshiva affiliate, opens in Kew Gardens Hills, N.Y.
- Graduate program in physical therapy is established.

1986

- The Graduate School of Jewish Studies establishes branch campus in Jerusalem, which in 2004 becomes Machon Lander (Lander Institute), an independent Israeli academic institution.

1988

- First class of Touro College biomedical students receives their M.D. degrees from the Technion in Israel.
- School for Lifelong Education opens for Chassidic and other nontraditional students, offering a combination of contract-based learning, mentorials and classroom instruction in liberal arts and other areas.

1989

- The Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center receives full accreditation from the American Bar Association.

1991

- Touro College School of International Business Management opens a Moscow campus, the first American-sponsored business college in Russia. Touro School of Jewish studies opens in Moscow, enrolling some 300 students.

1992

- New Manhattan women's division campus opens on Lexington Avenue.

1993

- The Graduate School of Education and Psychology is organized.

1994

- Mesivta Yesodei Yeshurun High School, an affiliate of Touro, opens in Forest Hills, N.Y.

1995

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences opens modern Flatbush campus in the Midwood section of Brooklyn.
- Touro opens a school of business, offering baccalaureate degrees, in the Talpiot section of Jerusalem.

1996

- The School of Health Sciences establishes a center for M.A. studies in occupational and physical therapy in Manhattan.
- Yeshivas Ohr HaChaim moves to new facilities in Kew Gardens Hills, N.Y.

1997

- The College of Osteopathic Medicine (TUCOM) opens in San Francisco as the first division of Touro University California.

1998

- The New York State Education Department authorizes Touro College to offer a M.S. in international business finance.

1999

- Touro University International, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in business on the Internet, opens in Los Alamitos, California.
- Touro establishes Machon L'Parnassa, or Institute for Professional Studies, offering undergraduate career-oriented degree programs for Chassidic men and women in traditional classroom settings.

2000

- New Lander College for Men in Kew Gardens Hills, N.Y. admits its charter class.
- Graduate program leading to a master's degree in speech language pathology is inaugurated in Flatbush.

2001

- TUCOM holds its first commencement exercises for 63 Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree candidates at its new campus in Vallejo, California.

2002

- The master's program in speech language pathology graduates its first degree candidates.
- New York School of Career and Applied Studies (NYSCAS) formed from merger of School of General Studies with School of Career and Applied Studies.

2003

- Touro College Berlin branch campus opens with a charter class of 19 students.

2004

- Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Henderson, Nevada, opens as a branch of TUCOM California.

2005

- Touro College Los Angeles accepts its first class of students.
- Touro University Nevada's College of Health and Human Services launches three new schools, each with graduate-level offerings: a School of Nursing, the first private nursing program in Nevada; a School of Occupational Therapy (OT), the first and only OT program in Nevada; and a School of Education.
- Touro offers MBA and welcomes first class of MBA students.

2006

- Touro College prepares to celebrate its 36th anniversary with special events and ceremonies, as the school continues to undergo significant growth.
- Touro College South opens in Miami Beach, Florida.
- The Graduate School of Social Work is established to train clinical social practitioners.
- Touro College establishes a new Graduate School of Technology, offering a new M.S. degree in Information Systems to prepare students for careers in IT leadership and management of information systems.
- Lander College for Women moves into a new ultra-modern facility in Manhattan, near Lincoln Center.

- Touro’s Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center relocates to a new campus in Central Islip, N.Y., adjacent to federal and state courthouses, becoming the first law school in the country to be located on a judicial “campus.”

2007

- Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM), the first new medical school in New York State in 30 years, opens its doors in Harlem with a mission to improve medical care in the community and increase the number of minorities practicing medicine. TouroCOM is Touro’s third college of osteopathic medicine.
- Touro College celebrates 36th anniversary and receives \$10 million gift from Chairman of the Board Dr. Mark Hasten and his wife, Anna Ruth Hasten, of Indianapolis. Lander College for Women renamed “Lander College for Women - The Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten School.”
- Touro College South begins a full time men’s program at its campus in Miami Beach, Florida.
- TouroCOM and Graduate School of Education launch “Project Aspire” in Harlem, a community outreach effort to interest youngsters in pursuing health science careers.

2008

- Touro College adds new joint B.S./M.S. degree in Physician Assistant Studies.
- First commencement for Touro Graduate School of Social Work.
- Touro College restructures its Graduate Division to encompass seven schools: business, technology, Jewish studies, education, psychology, social work, and health sciences, as well as The Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust and the Lander Center for Educational Research.
- Touro College of Pharmacy opens in Harlem in fall, marking the opening of the first pharmacy school in New York City in 68 years.
- Touro University Nevada adds a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at its Henderson campus, and the College of Osteopathic Medicine graduates its first class.
- Touro College opens in Paris.
- Touro’s New York School of Career and Applied Studies (NYSCAS) and the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM) launch seven-year “Fast Track Path” for science honors students. The B.S.-D.O. students will receive their bachelor’s degrees at NYSCAS and their D.O. degrees at TouroCOM.

2009

- Touro Law Center announces partnership with Jerusalem’s Feurstein Center.
- Graduate School of Business launches residential real estate Center of Excellence and announces new M.S. degree in accounting.
- Graduate School of Education launches new ‘online/blended/ teacher education program.
- Alan Kadish, M.D. appointed senior provost and chief operating officer.
- School of Health Sciences offers new Master of Public Health degree.
- Touro College and New York Medical College announce affiliation agreement.

2010

- Touro mourns the passing of its founder and President, Rabbi Dr. Bernard Lander.
- Rabbi Doniel Lander appointed chancellor of Touro College and Touro University.
- Alan Kadish, M.D. appointed president and chief executive officer of Touro College and Touro University.
- Graduate School of Social Work launches innovative program in older adult care.
- Graduate School of Education offers new M.S. in mathematics education.
- Touro announces The Bernard Lander Institute for Cognitive and Social Psychological Research

2011

- Graduate School of Social Work receives national accreditation.
- School of Health Sciences offers new Integrated Honors Program in partnership with Lander College for Men and Lander College for Women – The Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten School.
- Graduate School of Business and Graduate School of Psychology offer M.S. in Organizational and Industrial Psychology.
- New York Medical College joins Touro College and University System.