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**TOURO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY PRESENTS PANEL DISCUSSION,
“A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON HIV/AIDS”**

New York, NY, May 12, 2010—Residents of Harlem attended a panel discussion titled, “*A Community Conversation on HIV/AIDS*,” at the Touro College of Pharmacy on May 6, 2010. The panel addressed a continued need for education about HIV/AIDS prevention, especially among teenagers and young adults. The discussion also stressed the importance of neighborhood pharmacies in providing a confidential environment for people to ask questions about prevention, as well as treatment and care options available. Pictured are Dr. Stuart Feldman, far right, dean of the Touro College of Pharmacy. With Dean Feldman are, from left, Ed Davila, director of development, Touro College of Pharmacy, who moderated the program; Dr. Joyce Addo-Atuah, assistant professor of pharmacy and health outcomes, Touro College of Pharmacy, who spoke on “*The HIV/AIDS Pandemic & the Crisis Within the United States*”; Dr. Alwyn Cohall, director, Harlem Health Promotion Center & Project STAY, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, who addressed, “*Adolescents, Young Adults and HIV: Prevention, Intervention and Linkage to Care*”; Tracie Gardner, director, New York State Policy, and coordinator, Women’s Initiative to Stop HIV (WISH-NY), who discussed, “*Public Policy, HIV and Gender: Impact on NYC Women and Girls of Color*”; and Gloria Searson, administrative director, HIV/AIDS Department of Special Services, North General Hospital, who addressed, “*HIV/AIDS: The Role of Pharmacies & Pharmaceutical Companies*.”

Touro College of Pharmacy opened its doors in Harlem in 2008 and is the first pharmacy school in New York City in 70 years and currently the only pharmacy program in Manhattan.