



Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine

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Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine Dean Robert Goldberg, DO Honored by National Hispanic Health Foundation

New York, N.Y. – December 8, 2011 – Robert Goldberg, DO, dean of the [Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine](#) (TouroCOM), has received the Hispanic Health Leadership Award from the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) at New York University for his leadership and vision in steering the Harlem medical school since becoming dean in 2008.

The NHHF honors outstanding role models who have transformed their government agencies, medical schools, research, community agencies and media to advance health care to underserved communities. The award was presented at a Gala held this month at the New York Marriott Marquis.

“The Hispanic Health Leadership Award is presented to outstanding individuals who have served in significant leadership roles and have improved the health of Hispanics and other underserved populations,” said Elena Rios, M.D., M.S.P.H., president and CEO of the NHHF. She said of Dr. Goldberg, “We are proud to acknowledge your leadership and vision.”

Dr. Rios said the NHHF’s goal is to improve the health of Hispanics and the underserved, to eliminate health disparities, to support Hispanic researchers and Hispanic health services research and to advance culturally competent quality health care and diversity in the workforce.

As dean, Dr. Goldberg has led efforts to create an educational environment that confronts the lack of diversity within medical school classes. This is accomplished by selecting students from widely diverse backgrounds, and by recruiting faculty from underserved populations.

“Having a diverse faculty demonstrates our commitment to our mission,” said Dr. Goldberg, who noted that over 15 percent of the school’s full time faculty is from the Hispanic community. “Our Hispanic student enrollment numbers are twice the national average for all medical schools,” the dean said.

Since its founding in 2007, TouroCOM has dedicated itself to encouraging minorities to enter medicine and to increasing the number of primary care physicians. The school graduated its first class of DOs in June, a class that consisted of 53 percent minorities, 13 percent of whom were Latino.

The degree offered at TouroCOM is doctor of osteopathic medicine, DO. The DO degree, like the M.D. degree, is the only degree that grants full licensure in the United States. Osteopathic medicine provides

all of the benefits of modern medicine including prescription drugs, surgery, and the use of technology to diagnose disease and evaluate injury. DOs practice in all types of environments, including the military, and in all specialties, from family medicine to obstetrics, surgery, and aerospace medicine.

TouroCOM is the nation's 24th college of osteopathic medicine and Touro's third. In 1997, Touro opened a college in Vallejo, California and in 2004, its second, in Henderson, Nevada.

TouroCOM advances the osteopathic profession and serves its students and society by providing a firm educational foundation that encourages research and scholarly activity and participation in community service. The College functions as an integral part of the New York City/Harlem community, working with local schools and other colleges and universities to promote the study of medicine, encourage continuing development, increase educational opportunities and deliver medical services in a variety of community settings. In addition to its focus on primary care, the College emphasizes the promotion of wellness from prenatal through geriatric care. For further information visit: <http://www.touro.edu/med/>



“Joseph Perez, Director of Admissions at the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (left), congratulating Dr. Robert Goldberg (right), on receiving the Hispanic Health Leadership Award from the National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) for his leadership and vision as dean of the Harlem medical school.

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. More than 18,000 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, Jerusalem, Moscow, Paris, 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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