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High School Students in Harlem Educational Activities Fund (HEAF) Program Complete After-School Project on Health Education at Touro College of Pharmacy

New York, N.Y. – December 13, 2010 – A group of high school students involved in a Touro College of Pharmacy after-school program with a Harlem educational not-for-profit group recently completed their six-week course designed to educate inner city youth about childhood obesity, diabetes and careers in pharmacy.

Touro College of Pharmacy, in collaboration with The Harlem Educational Activities Fund (HEAF) program, invited students to attend lectures and participate in hands-on classroom projects. The events were designed to increase student knowledge and understanding of disease prevention and the role pharmacists play in helping patients better manage their health conditions.

Applying the knowledge they have gained in the classroom, HEAF students used an interactive educational computer program that simulates caring for a diabetic dog, as demonstrated in the photograph. In addition, students were assigned a mock patient for whom they were instructed to devise a medication plan and propose potential lifestyle changes, such as diet modifications. On Nov. 22, the students presented their consultations and answered questions from Touro College of Pharmacy faculty.

The HEAF/Touro program aims to help students make better nutritional choices in their own lives and encourages them to maintain healthy lifestyles into adulthood. In keeping with the College of Pharmacy's mission of increasing educational opportunities in Harlem and surrounding communities, the partnership with HEAF, a non-profit, supplemental education and youth development organization, familiarizes students about careers in pharmacy and teaches them the importance of making health-conscious choices in their everyday lives.

When it opened in 2008, Touro College of Pharmacy was the first new pharmacy school to launch in New York City in 68 years. It remains the only pharmacy program in Manhattan, and the first to open in Harlem. Reflecting the values of Touro College, the goal of the College of Pharmacy is to contribute to the building of a better society by improving the health status of individuals and the community. The College seeks to accomplish this goal by offering increased educational opportunities—specifically to the Harlem community—via programs in pharmacy education, research and scholarship, and through service to the community and the profession.

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: <http://www.touro.edu/media/>.

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