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## **Touro Pharmacy Student Wins Walgreens Diversity Scholarship**

**New York, N.Y., September 23, 2011** - Touro College of Pharmacy announced that Ludovick Youmbi, who will be a member of the school's first graduating class in 2012, has been chosen to receive the 2011 Walgreens Diversity Scholarship.

The Walgreens Diversity Scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate a commitment to raise awareness of diversity and community outreach. The award is part of a \$10,000 donation granted the College of Pharmacy, the remainder of which can be used to develop, implement and support programs that inspire more diversity among the student body.

To compete for the scholarship, students must submit an essay about how they have raised awareness or helped others with cultural competency and diversity as they relate to the pharmacy profession. Mr. Youmbi wrote about his innovative ideas to educate pharmacists on the significance of cultural competency, such as conducting role playing scenarios between pharmacists and patients of diverse cultures.

"Ludovick's essay emphasized the importance of raising awareness and educating community pharmacists about cultural competency and diversity," said Dr. Stuart Feldman, dean of the Touro College of Pharmacy. "This is a crucial topic in our communities today, as pharmacists are now an integral part of the front line of the health care system."

Dean Feldman noted that that Mr. Youmbi's essay is also aligned with the College's mission, which is to support diversity and educate students to handle health disparities in diverse populations.

"This award highlights just one of the many exceptional students we have in the program who, upon graduation, will be a tremendous asset to the community," the dean said.

Mr. Youmbi is not a stranger to medical environments. His mother owned a pharmacy in Cameroon, where he grew up, and his father is a pediatrician. Although originally an economics major in college, he later switched to chemistry and says that one day he would like to own a patient-care and wellness center pharmacy to help diverse populations.

Mr. Youmbi expressed his gratitude for the scholarship: "I am proud to be Touro College of Pharmacy's recipient of the Walgreens Scholarship and appreciate that, as a company, Walgreens cares about the wellness of all their customers no matter their cultural background."

Touro College of Pharmacy, which opened its doors in Harlem in September of 2008, is the first school of pharmacy to open in New York in 70 years and is dedicated to increasing educational opportunities in Harlem and serving the Harlem community.

In addition to the College of Pharmacy, the Touro system also includes three colleges of osteopathic medicine; [Touro University College of Pharmacy](#) in Vallejo, Calif.; [New York Medical College](#) in Valhalla, N.Y.; as well as numerous other medical and health sciences programs at multiple sites throughout New York and the nation.

*About the Touro College and University System*

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