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Touro College Installs Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology

New York, N.Y., November 17, 2011 – Touro College today announced the inauguration of the Touro College Psi Chi Chapter. The International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi was founded on September 4, 1929 during the Ninth International Congress of Psychology held at Yale University in New Haven, CT.

“This is a tremendous achievement for Touro College,” said Dr. Barbara Romain, associate professor and faculty advisor to the new Touro chapter. “Psi Chi’s purpose is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship, and to advance the science of psychology. Its chapters not only recognize academic achievement by granting membership in the Society, but also sponsor programs and activities that augment and enhance the regular curriculum.”

Charter members inducted into the Touro chapter during a recent ceremony were: students and recent graduates Joseph Bechhofer, Karen Czeisler, Ari Daniels, Miriam Dean, Leah Lebel, Eliezer Mandelbaum, Shoshana Mayer, Jonathan Rothstein, Miriam Sprecher, Israel Steinberg.

Dr. Romain said Psi Chi has grown over the past 82 years into one of the largest and most successful honor societies in the world, with over 1,100 chapters on college campuses in the United States as well as in Canada, Ireland, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. Members have gone on to distinguished careers in psychology, she noted, citing several presidents of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Society (APS), numerous national and international award winners, and other renowned research psychologists, authors, professors, and practitioners.

Dr. Melech Press, associate professor and chairman of Touro’s Psychology Department, said inductees will now have a new outlet for preferred placements in internships, public service, practical experience, fellowship, as well as research awards and opportunities to present lectures and workshops at regional and national psychological association conventions.

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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