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**Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine Student Stephen Rivoli Receives
“2011 Leadership Award” From the American Medical Association
Foundation**

New York, N.Y. – February 14, 2011 – Robert B. Goldberg, D.O., dean of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM) in Harlem, announced today that second-year student Stephen Rivoli, MPH, MA, CPHQ, was selected as a recipient of the “2011 Leadership Award” by the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation at a ceremony on February 8th in Washington, D.C. The award provides medical students, residents, fellows, and early career physicians from around the country with special training to develop their skills as future leaders in organized medicine and community affairs.

Mr. Rivoli is one of only 24 medical students in the nation to receive the AMA Foundation leadership award. The Foundation honored 30 individuals with the award at its annual “Excellence in Medicine Awards.” Presented in association with Pfizer Inc, recipients of the award are recognized for demonstrating outstanding non-clinical leadership skills in advocacy, community service, and education.

Mr. Rivoli’s interests lie in translation of evidence-based quality practices to complex real world health care delivery. Since 2006, Mr. Rivoli has worked in quality and patient safety at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, which is a member of the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System. There he has focused extensively in the areas of patient satisfaction, health care metrics and clinical operation improvement. In 2009, he founded The Harvey Milk Men, a community group that has raised over \$100,000 for various LGBT causes, mainly through AIDS Walk New York.

“The entire TouroCOM community is thrilled for Stephen for his recognition as a leader by the AMA Foundation,” said Dr. Goldberg. “He has certainly been a leader at our school, serving as student body vice president, and demonstrating his ability to motivate and encourage his peers.

His enthusiasm for medicine and genuine interest in the wellness of others set a shining example for all aspiring physicians.”

“As our nation continues to struggle with issues of access, disease prevention and disparities in care, encouraging the next generation of leaders is critical,” said Barney R. Maynard, M.D., AMA Foundation President. “We need individuals like these award recipients who are taking the initiative to tackle health care’s most difficult challenges.”

“I am so grateful, honored, and humbled by this recognition by the AMA Foundation,” said Mr. Rivoli. “I will continue to learn all that I can about successful leadership through my experiences and from my mentors, and remain committed to community-based work while always acting as a physician champion for quality, patient-centered care and treatment.”

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/>

The AMA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation, is the philanthropic arm of the AMA and is committed to improving the health of Americans through support of quality programs in public health and medical education. Their programs include grants for free clinics and healthy lifestyles projects, medical student scholarships and health literacy initiatives. Visit www.amafoundation.org to learn more.

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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PHOTO CAPTION: Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM) second-year student Stephen Rivoli, MPH, MA, CPHQ, received a “2011 Leadership Award” from the American Medical Foundation. Mr. Rivoli was selected for demonstrating outstanding non-clinical leadership skills in advocacy, community service, and education. Mr. Rivoli was honored along with other medical students at a ceremony on February 8th in Washington, D.C. Pictured L-R: Stephen Rivoli and Cecil Wilson, MD, president of the American Medical Association. Photo credit: AMA Foundation.