



Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine

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Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine Student Noman Khan Selected as a “Local Hero” by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation

Khan Selected for Making Significant Contributions to Health in Harlem

New York, N.Y. – November 19, 2010 – Robert B. Goldberg, D.O., dean of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM) in Harlem announced today that fourth -year student Noman “Nomi” Khan was selected as a “Local Hero” by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation through its *Neighborhood Excellence Initiative*. Mr. Khan was selected for mentoring high school students in the East Harlem Tutorial Program (EHTP) while getting them interested in practicing medicine. Mr. Khan was honored along with other New York City winners at a reception on November 16th at the New York Public Library.

According to the Bank of America’s *Neighborhood Excellence Initiative*, “Local Heroes” are individuals who contribute significantly to the health of their neighborhood through volunteer service and civic engagement. With this recognition, Mr. Khan had the opportunity to direct a \$5,000 donation from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation to the EHTP.

For three years, Mr. Khan has volunteered at EHTP and created life-changing opportunities for high school students in the community. As a full-time medical student at TouroCOM and an EHTP tutor, he recognized local schools lack adequate educational resources, particularly in science, and thus pioneered a unique program that pairs TouroCOM with EHTP to provide advanced level science education and support students' efforts to address crippling community health issues such as diabetes, obesity, and heart disease. The East Harlem youth also visit TouroCOM and realize that working in the medical field can be a reality.

“We are so proud of Nomi for his hard work and dedication to mentoring future physicians, and for this incredible recognition by the Bank of America’s *Neighborhood Excellence Initiative*,” said Dr. Goldberg. “When we host the students in the East Harlem Tutorial Program at TouroCOM, we provide them the same access that our medical students have. They go from the lecture hall to the patient simulation lab, and to our microscopy and cadaver labs, to study anatomy. They are always fascinated by medicine when they are here, and we are very encouraged that we can mentor Harlem’s future health care providers.”

“Through our *Neighborhood Excellence Initiative*, we are helping to generate meaningful and cumulative economic and social impact at the local level where it’s needed most,” said Jeff Barker, New York City president, Bank of America. “In New York City and across the country, we are leveraging the combined

strength of our philanthropy and lending and investing initiatives to help set opportunity in motion for organizations, families, individuals and entire neighborhoods.”

“I am incredibly humbled and honored by this recognition by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation,” said Mr. Khan. “Together with TouroCOM, EHTP, and the entire Harlem community, we can make a difference in the lives of students who might lack adequate science resources in their schools. The students are very intelligent, and we will continue to be there to mentor them and offer them access to excellent medical and scientific education.”

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.



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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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