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Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine's First Class Lands Top Residency Programs at Prestigious Hospitals Nationwide

New York, N.Y. – March 25, 2011 – Alan Kadish, M.D., president and CEO of Touro College, today announced that many of the more than 100 students in the first graduating class of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM) landed top residencies in the recent “Match Day,” the day when medical students across the country learn where they will spend the next three to seven years training to practice medicine. Opened in Harlem in fall 2007, this marks the first year that the school has participated in Match Day.

Touro took the bold move to open the medical school in Harlem with the mission of addressing head on the disproportionately low numbers of minorities in medicine, and to confront the lack of interest in primary care. Its first class will graduate in June. The school is well on its way to meeting its mission, with 52 percent of graduating students choosing primary care residencies, and in the 2011 class, 53 percent of the students are minorities, of which 14 percent are underrepresented minorities.

Students secured spots in top residency programs in prestigious hospitals across the country, including the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN; the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH; New York University Medical Center, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, and Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City; Case Western University Hospital in Richmond Heights, OH; Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC; Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Fort Gordon, GA; St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, NY; St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston, MA; and the University of California at San Diego Medical Center in San Diego, CA.

“TouroCOM places a special emphasis on teaching and learning in the areas of primary care and the holistic approach to the patient,” said Dr. Kadish. “Match Day is one that no physician forgets, and it is exhilarating that so many of the members of our first graduating class will go on to residency programs at such reputable medical institutions.”

Robert B. Goldberg, D.O., dean of TouroCOM, said, “I am so proud of our students, faculty, and staff. We have a fresh group of students at a very new medical school, and we are delighted with the results from Match Day. Everyone worked incredibly hard to make our students’ next critical steps so successful.”

TouroCOM is dedicated to mentoring students as soon as they begin their medical education. The dean and faculty work closely with the students to ensure that they receive a rigorous, hands-on medical education, as well as offering many programs that allow students to interact directly with the community. This exposure ultimately guides students through the process of successfully landing residencies at top institutions.

In addition to TouroCOM’s class of 2011 match results showing that 52 percent of the students will be pursuing careers in primary care, 48 percent will pursue a specialty. The most popular choices are internal medicine (30 percent), family practice (17 percent), rotating (16 percent), emergency medicine (13 percent), surgery (8 percent), and pediatrics (7 percent.)

TouroCOM’s first commencement ceremony will take place on June 2, 2011 at the legendary Apollo Theater.

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/>

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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