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***U.S. News & World Report Ranks Touro University in Top Ten in Producing Primary Care Providers
Touro's College of Osteopathic Medicine Outranked Numerous Prestigious Universities***

(Vallejo, CA – May 6, 2010) The U.S. News and World Report national ranking of medical schools placed Touro University's College of Osteopathic Medicine tenth in the nation for percentage of medical students who are going into primary care residencies.

The prestigious national rankings determined that, after averaging graduating classes of 2007, 2008 and 2009, 56 percent of Touro University's College of Osteopathic Medicine graduates were accepted into primary care residencies.

The high percentage produced by Touro University counters the national trend, which indicates that the majority of medical students are choosing specialty care residencies. The decline in medical students choosing a primary care career is posing a serious crisis for the health care system. The need for primary health care providers will be further exacerbated as the nation transitions into a more inclusive health care system coupled with the dramatic rise in aging "baby boomers."

A survey of medical students conducted in 2008 by a professor at the University of California at San Francisco showed that only 2 percent of medical students planned to go into primary care. In a similar survey conducted in 1990 showed that 9 percent were going into primary care.

Dean of Touro's College of Osteopathic Medicine Michael Clearfield, DO, said he was proud that from its inception Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine has consistently outperformed the national average in producing high quality primary care providers.

"The Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine will continue to assiduously address this looming crisis by maintaining its focus on producing primary care providers to help meet the health care needs for this new millennium," said Dr. Clearfield.

Provost and Chief Operating Officer Marilyn Hopkins added that Touro University's emphasis on primary care providers was a reflection of the university's commitment to public service.

“Touro’s mission is anchored in service to humanity,” said Dr. Hopkins. “Our focus on producing substantial numbers of graduates who choose to dedicate themselves to family practice and other primary care specialties is a service to the nation.”

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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. Approximately 17,500 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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