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## **TOURO COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DEAN MARTIN LEVINE, DO, INSTALLED AS 115<sup>th</sup> PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION**

New York, N.Y., July 18, 2011 - Dr. Martin Levine, DO, associate dean for educational development at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM), <http://www.touro.edu/med/>, was installed as president of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) at the organization's annual meeting recently, in Chicago.

Like M.D.s, DOs complete four years of basic medical education and are fully-licensed physicians. DO's receive additional training in osteopathic manipulative medicine, which gives them a diagnostic and therapeutic advantage in providing the most comprehensive care. Osteopathic medical schools encourage their graduates to become "primary care" physicians and practice a "whole body" approach.

"On behalf of all of Touro, we congratulate Dr. Levine on this prestigious appointment," said Dr. Alan Kadish, president and CEO of Touro College. "With his distinguished background, training, and dedication, the profession will be well-served with his appointment as its 115<sup>th</sup> president. We are fortunate to have such a prominent leader among our ranks."

A resident of Short Hills, N.J., Dr. Levine has been the recipient of numerous awards including being named to the Best Doctors listing by *New York* magazine every year since 1999, and being honored repeatedly as a Best Doctor in *New Jersey Monthly* magazine. He was named Physician of the Year by New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (NJAOPS) in 2000. Dr. Levine has been a member of the AOA's board of trustees since 2000 and maintains a family practice in Bayonne, N.J. and Jersey City, N.J.

As president of the AOA, Dr. Levine will lead an organization of professionals dedicated to working to improve healthcare for families. The AOA is a member association for the 78,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) in the United States and for all osteopathic medical students. It serves as the primary certifying body for DOs and the primary accrediting agency for all osteopathic medical schools.

"I am honored and proud to have the opportunity to guide our professional family of physicians, which works diligently to promote public health and encourage scientific research," said Dr. Levine. "I view the coming year as a continuation of my work as a dean at TouroCOM, where we created a unique medical school in the Harlem community - one known for its healthcare disparities - and where we have made significant progress in closing critical gaps in health care education and delivery."

TouroCOM was founded in Harlem in 2007 with a special mission to train physicians who have a special interest in working in underserved communities. The College recently graduated its first class of 105 medical students, many of whom were offered residencies at some of the best medical and surgical programs in the country, including New York University Medical Center (Tisch and Bellevue hospitals); Walter Reed National Army Hospital; Mt. Sinai Hospital, Baltimore; and the Mayo Clinic.

"We are proud of our commitment to our community and to the profession," said Dean Robert Goldberg, DO. "Dr. Levine is a part of an exceptional team of student mentors who are leaders in the field of osteopathic medicine and family practice. I am certain he will successfully foster the same support and commitment to care among the members of the osteopathic profession as he has here at Touro."

The Touro College and University System is a rapidly-growing health care institution and one of the larger educators of physicians in the nation. In addition to TouroCOM in Harlem, the Touro College and University System educates DOs at campuses in Henderson, Nev.

<http://tun.touro.edu/programs/college-of-osteopathic-medicine/> and Vallejo, Calif.  
<http://www.tu.edu/departments.php?id=43>. Nearly one out of ten osteopathic students in the country is enrolled at Touro.

Besides its three colleges of osteopathic medicine, the Touro system also includes New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y., <http://www.nymc.edu/>; Touro College of Pharmacy, in Harlem <http://www1.touro.edu/pharmacy/>; Touro University College of Pharmacy in Vallejo, Calif., <http://www.tu.edu/departments.php?id=39&page=3>; as well as numerous other medical and health sciences programs at multiple sites throughout New York and the nation.

The Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine has received accreditation from the American Osteopathic Association, and in May it received Initial Award of Accreditation from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). The College's program is registered by the New York State Education Department.



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*Touro is a system of Jewish-sponsored non-profit institutions of higher and professional education. Touro College was chartered in 1970 primarily to enrich the Jewish heritage, and to serve the larger American community. Approximately 19,000 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 and Touro University Worldwide, are separately accredited institutions within the Touro College and University System. For further information on Touro College, please go to: <http://www.touro.edu/media/>.*