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MORE THAN 300 TOURO COLLEGE STUDENTS IN SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES CELEBRATE COMMENCEMENT AT TILLES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

**Dr. Neil A. Halpern, Physician at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center,
Delivers Commencement Address**

New York, N.Y. – September 29, 2010 - Touro College students in the School of Health Sciences received bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at a commencement ceremony on Tuesday, September 21st at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, C.W. Post Campus, in Brookville, New York. Dr. Louis H. Primavera, dean of the School of Health Sciences, presided over the conferring of degrees upon 334 students.

The commencement address was delivered by Neil A. Halpern, M.D., chief of critical care medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan. Dr. Halpern is the author of more than 80 peer reviewed publications, received the national intensive care unit (ICU) design citation last year from the Society of Critical Care Medicine, and has been listed as one of the New York metro area's top doctors by Castle Connolly for 10 consecutive years.

“Be an active contributor. Continue to educate yourselves, further develop your skills, and keep up with the changes that are happening in your fields,” Dr. Halpern told the graduates. “Go out and help your patients get better. Remember that Touro has provided you with the tools to practice in your chosen fields; it is now your own individual responsibility to excel, to continue learning, and to participate selflessly within a team framework for the betterment of your patients and yourselves.”

Dr. Primavera said: “Graduates, as you enter the workforce as health care professionals, always remember the extraordinary vision of Touro's founding President, Dr. Bernard Lander, who advocated for health care and always believed in helping others. This is a profound legacy that Touro's new President, Dr. Alan Kadish, continues as he leads Touro into the next century. Embrace this vision when you care for your patients and you will succeed.”

Degrees were conferred upon students in the following disciplines: nursing; occupational therapy; occupational therapy assistant; doctor of physical therapy; physical therapist assistant; post-professional doctor of physical therapy; physician assistant; and speech and language pathology..



The School of Health Sciences was organized as a division of Touro College in Long Island, New York in 1986 with its hallmark Physician Assistant Program having commenced in 1972 as an independent program. Other programs in the health care field have been added gradually. Today the School's offerings encompass a wide range of disciplines ranging from undergraduate preparation for health sciences careers to graduate programs in multiple fields of allied healthcare. The School's programs serve more than 650 students at campuses in Bay Shore, Long Island and New York City, and current programs are growing in size while new programs continue to be added.

Performance of the educational programs in the School of Health Sciences can be measured by the successes of its graduates: more than 93 percent of all graduates pass certifying/licensure exams and virtually 100 percent are employed within three months after graduation.

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,

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