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Touro Pharmacy Update
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Welcome to the first issue of the “**Touro Pharmacy Update.**” This e-newsletter, published on no particular schedule, keeps you apprised of developments at the planned Touro College of Pharmacy.

Since the closing of Columbia’s pharmacy program in 1976 Manhattan has not had a pharmacy school located in the borough. Touro is returning a home to pharmacy education in Manhattan. The College of Pharmacy will occupy space in a renovated building on 125th Street in a location across from the Apollo Theatre and west of President Bill Clinton’s office. The facility will be shared with the planned Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine. The first entering osteopathic medicine class is expected in fall 2007. The opportunity to develop inter-professional, collaborative programs with medicine is exciting and will come with great benefits to the students and faculty from both colleges. The College of Pharmacy anticipates a diverse student body will enter the program by fall 2008.

A little bit about the institution. Touro College is a Jewish-sponsored independent institution of higher and professional education. The College, established to enrich the Jewish heritage and to serve the larger American community, was chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York in June 1970. A review of the mission statement (found on our website at www.touro.edu) provides the governing principles of the institution and gives some insight on how this mission will guide the pharmacy program. Under the leadership of its founding president, Dr. Bernard Lander, Touro College has grown to approximately twenty-two thousand students currently enrolled in its various schools and divisions. Health profession programs are established in the Bay area of northern California at Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine (with a branch in Henderson, Nevada) and Touro University College of Pharmacy. Besides the College of Pharmacy, Touro’s strategic plan for health profession education and research in the New York area includes plans for a College of Osteopathic Medicine in Manhattan and a College of Medicine in New Jersey.

Details of the curriculum will be outlined as it takes shape in future newsletters but the outcome expected from a Touro pharmacy graduate is a practitioner well-versed in the foundations of pharmacy with the communication and critical thinking skills to practice and succeed in any setting. Integral to curriculum planning is addressing the need of graduates to practice in a culturally-varied environment, a working knowledge of the issues surrounding health disparities and solutions, and an understanding of how pharmacy can and does fit into the public health of the nation. Well developed, focused course work and diverse practical experience opportunities will be essential in preparing our students to take their place in the health care system and in their communities.

I am enthused to be able to work with long standing colleagues at the other pharmacy programs in New York. We all share the responsibility to provide exceptional educational opportunities to men and women who wish to enter the pharmacy profession. Additionally, I look forward to involving and working with pharmacy, healthcare and community stakeholders as the Touro program moves forward.

Finally, a little bit about me in one long sentence. I grew up in the Bronx, graduated from Columbia University College of Pharmacy, practiced in the Bronx, went back for a Master's at Columbia, a Ph.D. at the State University of New York at Buffalo, taught pharmacy at Temple University, the University of Houston, and spent time as dean at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. My contact information is:

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With best wishes,

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