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Editorial

"No talent should go undiscovered, no potential unrealized." These are the words of the College's founding president, Dr. Bernard Lander.

Discovering the talents is the task of education. Once discovered, we have to nurture them by giving our students opportunities to get involved in something bigger than themselves or their familiar environment, to volunteer, to do internships, to share their talents, participate and celebrate with the community. It is in the life of the community where we test refine, perhaps even unlearn our theories, knowledge, and the skills we have acquired. Even while in college, students must be challenged to voice out their opinions, to partake in decisions affecting them, and to use their gifts to increase the quality and quantity of life around them. This explains the Flushing Site's involvement with the Queens community.



As in nature, so in life, must we have a time to shed off what has become stale so that new leaves of life can sprout back to refresh our vision, energies, and hope.

— M. Orden

United Nations Readies for the International Year of Volunteers 2001 Celebrations; Touro is Active Participant

New York City stands out among the larger metropolitan centers in the country in terms of the size and diversity of volunteers who serve various communities through community based organizations, corporations, or religious institutions.

Unhampered by large bureaucracies, volunteers are able to reach out to under-served populations, often with meager resources, and in obscurity.

The United Nations has declared the year 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers (IYV). Recognition ceremonies for volunteers are planned in different places across the globe. In New York City, kick-off ceremonies will

Uniting and Walking for a Cause

Close to a hundred members of the Touro Community sponsored and/or walked for the annual nationwide Diabetes Walk to raise funds for the research and cure of diabetes. Touro College's participation was coordinated by Grace Yang for the Flushing Site and Caroline Chamorro for Midtown Campus. Sponsors and/or walkers were led by Dean Doreen Fox-Herron, acting Dean of the School of General Studies (SGS), Timothy Taylor, Director of Learning Resource and Testing Center, Manny

be celebrated in conjunction with its sister city, Amsterdam. Different boroughs will have their respective ceremonies. In Queens, activities are being planned by the IYV Committee of Queens which is convened by the Queens Director of Volunteers in Agencies

Volunteers in Agencies (QDOVIA) organization.

Organizations who have volunteer programs who may want to recognize their volunteers may join meetings conducted by the QDOVIA. Contact person is Audrey Nurse, with telephone 718.468.8025, fax 718.464.8811. Touro College is represented by Grace Yang, Manny Orden, and Esther Yun.

Orden, Flushing Site Director, and included the following: Soo Yoen Park, Terri Pak, Juan Collazo, Lureene Murray, Vyacheslav Khaitov, Simon Musheyev, Grace Yang, Esther Yun, Dennette Rose, Arkadiy Inoyatov, Joyce Yeung, Dorothy Yang, Grace Zhang, Xiao Yan Cai, Yolanda Franco, Cindy Kim, Anna Sy Pak, Kum Sook Lim, Jim Hee Chung, Ju Hyung Kim, Jae Oak Kwack, Victoria Brown, Mohammad Afzal, Sky Yang, Korina Orden, YF, Johnny, Maria Rozhkova, Gloria Orden, Vina Orden, Doris Estevez, Lydia Gonzalez, Ranee Roberts, Marina Rivera, Tyrone Williams, Malcolm Jenkins, Luis Ruiz, Virginia Seda, Barbara Rivera, Johan Hernandez, Carolyn Chamorro, Tiferet Levy, Peter Edwards, Anthony Ortiz, Lizette Santiago, Millie Colon, Lizette Holdan, Gary Sheinfeld, Myra Adames, Avrohom Feld,

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Department of Commerce Thanks Touro

The Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, awarded plaques of recognition and appreciation to various agencies and institutions that contributed to the success of the Census 2000 initiative. More than 300 participants gathered at the Terrace in the Park on September 14, 2000 in a ceremony that lasted two hours.

Touro College was represented by Manny Orden of the Flushing

Nancy Rosario, Melvin Stewart,
Mirela Burca-Sandu, Monica Encina,
Eustace Tingling, Ilectra Scott, Wanda
Ubiera, Charles Brown, Duane Joseph,
Argyro Bentenitis, Lenin Ortega,
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Late Fall Classes start October 10

Registration for Spring 2001:

Regular Fall Returning Students - Dec. 4- Jan. 26

Late Fall Returning Students - Jan. 29 - Feb. 8

New Students - Jan. 2 - Feb. 8

Classes Start - Feb. 4

Are you doing well with your time, talent, energy, and do you want to do better? If so, VOLUNTEER! Call QDOVIA (Queens Directors of Volunteers in Agencies) Audrey Nurse, 718-468-8025

Visit us at www.touro.edu

Staff Movement

Cindy Caceres – has been appointed as academic adviser/counselor for Flushing.

Tanya Caldwell – has been promoted from part-time to full-time Financial Aid Assistant at Midtown.

Vickram Singh – has been promoted from part-time tester to full-time academic adviser/counselor for Midtown.

Arkadiy Inoyatov – has been promoted from lab technician to LAN Administrator for Flushing.

Wendy Huang – has been promoted from part-time tutor to full time librarian at Flushing.

Touro Attends White House Initiatives on Asian-Americans and Pacific-Islanders Forum

About 300 participants, representatives from the federal and state agencies, and media attended the town meeting of the US Advisory Commission on Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders at the New York University Law School's Tisch Auditorium. The videoconference was likewise hooked up to major eastern cities.

The Commission is tasked with finding ways by which the Asian-American and Pacific-Islander (AAPI) communities can access information, assistance, and opportunities from the federal and state agencies.

The observation was made by the Commission that there is a

dearth of research and publications about the AAPI communities in the country. The urgency of the need for a national voice is made more acute by the rise of bias reports against AAPI communities, recently highlighted by the Wen Ho Lee case.

It is hoped that the Commission be institutionalized in the next administration.

It is now estimated that there are about twelve million persons of AAPI origins in the country to-day.

Touro College was represented by Manny Orden.

Our diversity is not the problem, but a resource for us and this country. — M. Orden

