



**TOURO COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

Where Knowledge and Values Meet

Commencement Exercises

VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

3:00 PM



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to the graduates of Touro's School of Health Sciences, Class of 2020! Today, we honor and celebrate the culmination of your hard work and your commitment to fulfilling your dreams. I am confident that you will continue to transform your aspirations into realities.

As a leader in health science education, Touro provides an innovative educational environment that goes beyond classroom instruction. We believe our unique approach has more than prepared you for what lies ahead. Your graduation occurs during a challenging time – a time where your skills and education are uniquely valued. The coronavirus pandemic has brought all of civilization face to face with a crisis that few, if any, could have imagined. The only answer is to persevere with confidence and empathy. Your experiences here have been enriched by Touro's mission to model the values of compassion, service and social justice, and I am confident that we have instilled in you a commitment to serve humankind. You are ambassadors of our institution, and your service to your communities will attest to the values of our mission. Now is the time to apply all the knowledge and skills you have learned at Touro and live with passion and purpose.

As alumni, you remain members of the Touro family. I invite you to join us in alumni activities, stay connected and share your stories of success with your deans and instructors so that we may continue to take pride in your achievements. You will always remain a part of Touro's legacy and future.

Dr. Alan Kadish
President
Touro College and University System

Dr. Bernard Lander of Blessed Memory
Founding President of Touro College and Touro University



Dr. Bernard Lander was an inspirational leader and visionary who revolutionized the field of education. As an educator and preeminent scholar, Dr. Lander devoted his life to Jewish and general higher education. Dr. Lander founded Touro College in 1970 and served as its first president until his passing in February 2010. Under his stewardship, Touro underwent significant growth, becoming an institution with multiple campuses and international reach. Today, Touro educates approximately 18,000 students across the United States and around the world.

Dr. Lander's creative genius and original thinking continues to be reflected in Touro's innovative approach to the field of higher education. He believed that it was his mission in life to strengthen Jewish continuity through the myriad of Torah and educational institutions that he established, and to provide opportunities for advancement for individuals from all walks of life.

Before founding Touro College, Dr. Lander was recognized as one of the foremost influences on American Jewry. After receiving semicha (rabbinical ordination) from his beloved teacher, Rabbi Moshe Soloveitchik, he assumed the prestigious pulpit position at Beth Jacob Congregation in Baltimore, Maryland. Soon thereafter, in recognition of his work at Columbia University while earning his doctorate in sociology and his communal leadership, he was named associate director of former New York City Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia's Committee on Unity, a precursor to the city's Commission on Human Rights.

In 1958, Dr. Lander was appointed dean of the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University, where he played a major role in the establishment of a network of graduate schools. He also served for over 30 years as vice president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, where he emerged as a spokesman for the American Jewish community and was deeply involved in the creation of its acclaimed youth movement, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth. Simultaneously, he was a professor of sociology at The City University of New York and was selected to serve on several presidential commissions that dealt with social policy issues. Touro College and Touro University are Dr. Bernard Lander's legacies, institutions that will continue to provide quality education for many generations to come.

PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
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Associate Professor

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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RABBI MOSHE D. KRUPKA
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REMARKS
NADJA GRAFF, PH.D.
Vice President, Division of Graduate Studies, Touro College

WELCOME
LOUIS H. PRIMAVERA, PH.D.
Dean, School of Health Sciences

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS
PATRICIA E. SALKIN, JD
Provost, Graduate and Professional Divisions

ALAN KADISH, M.D.
President, Touro College and University System

STUDENT SPEAKER
LIANNA D'AMBROSIO
Occupational Therapy Program

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
ALAN KADISH, M.D.
President, Touro College and University System

ADMINISTRATION OF CODE OF MAIMONIDES

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR
MARISSA F. ESPOSITO, M.A.
Director of Alumni Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF NURSING Associate in Applied Sciences

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Manhattan

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Anand Joshi
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Shruti Mehta
Siddhi Morabia
Surbhi Munshi
Eunjung Nam
Neama Neamat Allah
Priya Neema
Pratyusha Nistala
Atmaja Oak
Donghwan Park
Songee Park

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Bhumiben Patel
Himanshu Patel
Hitaxi Patel
Mamta Patel
Sayali Patil
Suma Pondicherry
Bhavikaben Prajapati
Ravindra Putta
Hardik Ramani
Krishna Rita
Priyam Sanghvi
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SPEECH - LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAM

Master of Science

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM Bachelor of Science in Biology

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UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

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Kimberly Caridi

Breanna Economous

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The gowns used in American academic ceremonies vary according to the highest degree awarded to the wearer. The gown for the baccalaureate degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of the oblong shape is square cut, and the front has an arc cut away. Master's gowns may be worn open or closed. The doctoral gown is a more elaborate costume faced down the front with black velvet and across the sleeves with three bars of the same. These facings and cross bars may be of the color distinctive to the field of study to which the degree pertains. The doctoral gown has bell-shaped sleeves and may be worn open or closed.

THE CODE OF MAIMONIDES

*May the love for my art actuate me at all times; may neither avarice,
nor miserliness, nor the thirst for glory or a great reputation engage my mind;
for the enemies of Truth and Philanthropy could easily deceive me and make me
forgetful of my lofty aim in doing good for my brothers and sisters.*

May I never forget that the patient is a fellow creature in pain.

May I never consider the patient merely a vessel of disease.

*When wiser people teach me, let me be humble to learn; for the mind of a man
is limited, and the art of healing is vast. May I have the strength, time and
opportunity always to verify and correct what I have learned and to increase
my understanding. May I always be able to discover today the errors of yesterday,
and to obtain a new light tomorrow on what I think I am sure of today.*

I have been sanctioned to care for the life and health of mankind.

I am about to fulfill my duties; I am ready for my vocation.

(Adapted from the writings of Maimonides, Twelfth Century Philosopher and Physician)

*The Administration, Faculty and Staff of the
School of Health Sciences*

Wish You

Class of 2020

Much Success in Your Endeavors

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Register on our Alumni Directory

www.touro.edu/shs

Learn about job opportunities and upcoming events.

Touro College School of Health Sciences

wishes to give special acknowledgement of thanks
to the

2020 Commencement Committee

Dr. Joseph Hayes, Associate Professor, Co-Chair
Susan V. Powers, Office of the Dean, Co-Chair
Marissa F. Esposito, Director, Office of Alumni

for their selfless dedication and hard work.