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“A candle is a small thing.
But one candle
can light another.
...And see how its own light
increases, As a candle gives
its flame to the other.
YOU
are such a light.”

~ Moshe Davis and Victor Ratner

At this time of year, we hope that your life is brightened by the kindness of another – and by the chance to extend a kindness of your own.

Touro’s commitment to teaching, leadership, and service is brought to light even more during the holidays. This is your moment, and through your generosity, you will make a profound difference.

Your gift can **provide scholarships** to the healthcare providers and educators of tomorrow; **give care** to the neediest segments of our population; strengthen our community by **educating** future doctors, nurses, physician assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and teachers; and **provide support** for friends, neighbors, and strangers in times of both crisis and calm.

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Welcome

As we close out 2018, I want to thank everyone for continuing to make this institution one of the finest in the country.

In October, we hosted our very first alumni reception to celebrate our students from the first graduating classes. These remarkable people helped pave the way for this university, and it was such a pleasure seeing everyone from Touro's inception come together for one unforgettable weekend.

While we work on building our alumni connections, we are excited for our new partnerships, an expanded campus, and a brand-new website to enhance the Touro experience.

We have many exciting things to look forward to as we continue to build for our future. Thanks to an incredibly generous gift from the Engelstad Foundation, we will debut our first Touro endowment for student scholarships in 2019. The grant will also help us expand our outreach initiatives as we provide primary care services to Southern Nevada's most underserved populations. This incredible partnership will help us recruit some of the best and brightest students across the country, and we could not be more thrilled.

The growth we've shown since we first opened our doors in 2004 has been absolutely incredible. While we continue this success into the new year and beyond, I am proud of the tight-knit, family-oriented culture we've cultivated here since the very beginning.

Shelley Berkley
CEO and Senior Provost
Touro University Western Division

TOURO BY THE NUMBERS

2004

30

Employees who worked at Touro when the university opened

78

Students enrolled

20,000

square footage of campus space



2018



288

Employees currently working at Touro

1,485

Students enrolled

180,000

square footage of campus space

4,160

Touro alumni



A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

Engelstad Foundation's Newest Gift Provides Touro University Nevada with First Endowment



Kris Engelstad McGarry

Most recently, the Engelstad Foundation provided Touro with a \$4 million gift, which includes the university's first endowment. The Engelstad investment demonstrates a dramatic shift in how donors are giving to the university.

Of the \$4 million gift, \$3 million will be endowed to provide for student scholarships, with the remaining \$1 million funding additional outreach initiatives for the university's three mobile healthcare clinics.

"With this gift, the Engelstad Foundation is truly providing for the future of our students," said Schyler Richards, Touro University Nevada's Vice President of Advancement. "This

With generous donations totaling nearly \$6 million, the Engelstad Foundation continues to invest in Touro University Nevada's long-term success.

Since 2014, the Foundation has provided the university with the resources needed to help expand its mobile outreach initiatives, starting with a \$1.5 million gift to fund the university's second mobile healthcare clinic.

gift will allow us to create the Engelstad Scholars Program as the Foundation continues to invest in the long-term success of our students."

The donation also allows Touro to continue recruiting the best and brightest students from across the country, in addition to students from underrepresented groups who may not have the financial means to attend Touro.

"If prospective students are being offered great scholarships from other schools but they want to stay in Nevada, these scholarships will allow us to incentivize them to stay here," Richards said. "This is the first time we've ever had a donor step up and give us this sort of commitment."

In addition to the Engelstad scholars, the \$1 million gift for mobile outreach will extend far beyond the mobile clinics themselves.

"When you look at the populations who have a difficult time getting access to healthcare, this increase to our mobile outreach initiative will allow us to take healthcare to the populations who need it most," Richards said. "The Engelstad Foundation is helping us transform our future, and the Southern Nevada community as a whole will greatly benefit from their generosity." 

**"Touro University Nevada has done a remarkable job training the next generation of physicians and healthcare professionals, and we are honored to provide the university with its first endowment. Touro's mission: to serve, to lead, and to teach, strongly reflects our own values. We know that this gift will help improve the lives of Touro's students as well as the Southern Nevada community." – Kris Engelstad McGarry
Engelstad Foundation**



WORKING TOGETHER

NEW PARTNERSHIPS ALLOW TOURO TO EXPAND OUTREACH INITIATIVES



The partnerships that Touro has built have helped the university expand its footprint in the community, and that footprint continues to grow.

In early November, the university unveiled a new free student-led multi-disciplinary clinic at Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada (VMSN). VMSN, which was established in 2008, provides healthcare access to Southern Nevada's working families who aren't eligible for Medicaid/Medicare or cannot obtain affordable health insurance coverage.

As Touro continues to help the Valley's most vulnerable populations, students are getting the tools they need to become the next successful generation of healthcare providers. Working with myriad of partners throughout Southern Nevada benefits Touro's outreach initiatives and Las Vegas Valley residents as the university continues to expand and add partnerships.

"The relationships we've established with our incredible donors and community partners are making a difference in Southern Nevada as we work together to bring healthcare to our citizens who need it most," said Shelley Berkley, CEO & Senior Provost of Touro University Western Division. "At Touro, our outreach initiatives give our students the proper training they need while giving our most vulnerable populations the care they deserve." 

Touro University Nevada is committed to providing healthcare services to Southern Nevada's most underserved populations.

With three mobile healthcare clinics, including its newest one unveiled in July, Touro is able to provide care to homeless, elderly, underserved, and veterans who are unable to access the assistance they desperately need.

Thanks to generous donations from City National Bank, the Vegas Golden Knights, Zappos, and Findlay RV, as well as new partnerships with Nevada HAND and the City of Henderson, Touro's third mobile clinic will help address the healthcare shortage in Southern Nevada by providing primary care services to low-income seniors.

"City National is extremely proud of its relationship with Touro University Nevada and the strong partnership we have developed with the university over the past several years," said Paul Stowell, senior vice president and chief market strategist for City National Bank. "Providing the majority of the funds for Touro's third mobile clinic is a real honor and a privilege, especially since it's going to be providing much-needed healthcare services to low-income seniors in our valley through Nevada HAND and the City of Henderson."



Blazing the Trail

INAUGURAL ALUMNI REUNION CELEBRATES SUCCESS OF TOURO'S GRADUATES



2008 Graduates from the College of Osteopathic Medicine

Although Touro University Nevada is no longer “the best kept secret” in town, those who first came to Touro in 2004 remember when it was nothing more than a warehouse. In the beginning, wearing hard hats to class was a must, and the thought that this sparsely populated university could turn into what it became almost seemed far-fetched.

Those who were here from the beginning came together for an unforgettable weekend during the university’s inaugural alumni reunion. The students who once roamed the hallways at Touro more than 10 years ago are no longer students; now, they are physicians and healthcare practitioners making a difference across the country.

Brooke Balchan, a 2008 graduate of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, traveled from New York City to attend the reunion. Balchan specializes in pediatrics and is a medical administrator for a large school district in Westchester County, N.Y.

“I wanted to be a trailblazer, and I feel like I’ve continued on that trajectory since I graduated from Touro,” she said. “Being a part of the inaugural class, to me, meant that we were going to be leaders no matter where we went after medical school. We helped forge the future for Touro University Nevada.”

Like Balchan, Guitar Hanna took a chance on Touro University Nevada when she was accepted into the College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2004. She remembered having her first classes in what is now an expanded and redesigned study room. Hanna, who works as a pediatrician in Bend, Ore., was amazed at how far the university has come since she was a student more than a decade ago.

“It was very nostalgic and a bit emotional for me coming back to Touro,” she said. “I made so many great friends here, and I ended up marrying my husband who was my anatomy lab partner in school. I hadn’t seen some of my classmates in 10 years, so getting to reconnect was nice. This is such a beautiful campus and I’m so proud to see how far the university has come.”

The festivities kicked off on Oct. 12 with campus tours followed by a talk on the lessons learned from the Oct. 1 shooting, and then hands-on CME/CEU sessions inside the Michael Tang Regional Center for Clinical Simulation.

Alumni were also offered the opportunity to participate in additional CME/CEU sessions offered by the Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association (NOMA) with a series of lectures on physical wellness, mental wellness, pain management, and ethics.

“Speaking with these former students and discovering how well they are doing was very good to see,” said Dr. Michael Harter, the founding CEO & Senior Provost of Touro University Nevada. “Our goal was to educate caring, bright, and service-oriented healthcare professionals and educators, and it seems to have worked. When you see what these alumni have accomplished in the 10 years since they graduated, it’s remarkable.”

The weekend’s festivities closed with a brunch and awards reception to recognize distinguished alumni as voted on by their peers.

ALUMNI AWARDS

GENEROSITY AWARD

Travis Snyder, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2009

The Generosity Award recognizes an alumnus who has gone above and beyond during their professional career to give back to Touro University Nevada.



"I was very honored to win this award and I greatly appreciate it. The education I received at Touro was outstanding. When we came here, there wasn't any medical education in the city, so we were able to work one-on-one with physicians directly. It was incredible"

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Amie Duford, School of Physician Assistant Studies, Class of 2008

The Alumnus of the Year Award spotlights one individual who has exemplified Touro's tenants. "To provide quality educational programs in the fields of healthcare and education in concert with the Judaic commitment to social justice, intellectual pursuit, and service to humanity" in their professional careers since leaving Touro University Nevada.



"Winning Alumnus of the Year is an incredible honor, and I am so proud to have been the first winner of this award. As part of the second graduating PA class here at Touro University Nevada, we helped set the foundation for what the university has become."

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

Nicole Suzuki-Uyeno, School of Occupational Therapy, Class of 2009

The Community Impact Award focuses on specific community contributions of the alumnus. Special attention was given to healthcare development within his/her community.



"I'm very honored to win the Community Impact Award. I've shared my personal story with families I've worked with in the NICU, and it's nice to help assure them that somebody else understands what they are going through during this experience."

HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

Dr. Michael Harter, founding CEO & Senior Provost

The Honorary Alumnus Award is specifically given to recognize the efforts of one individual who, while not a graduate of the university, has made significant contributions and has formed invaluable partnerships with Touro University Nevada.



"Being the dean, the vice president, and the CEO of an organization like Touro University Nevada gave me the opportunity to be on the ground floor. I was able to help lead a group of people to establish six schools, the Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities and Health Center. It was an experience I will never forget." 

BLUE AND GOLD AWARD

Sartaj Kadiwala Siddiqui, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2008

The Blue and Gold Award focuses on the alumnus' dedication to serving, leading, and teaching within his/her community. This award seeks to highlight that, with just 10 years of professional experience beyond graduation, amazing things can be accomplished.



"I was pleasantly surprised to have won this award. It's an amazing honor and I'm so grateful for the opportunity. As an original graduate from Touro University Nevada, my classmates and I have remained close throughout these last 10 years."

WE BUILDING A WELCOME MAT

NEW WEBSITE HELPS TELL THE STORY OF TOURO UNIVERSITY NEVADA

In this digital era, a website is the first exposure most people have to a university. Before they walk in the doors for a visit, their first stop is at the website, a virtual welcome mat. As Touro University Nevada enters its 15th year, building a new “welcome mat” is an integral component to the university’s continued success.

The Touro website was in need of a redesign to enhance the Touro online experience for prospective students, current students, potential donors, alumni, community members, and others interested in learning more about the university. It had been more than nine years since the university had completed a major update to the website.

“This new website will provide a more user-friendly experience,” said Melody J. Crickman, Director of Marketing & Public Relations at Touro University Nevada. “As a healthcare and education graduate institution, we must have a website that meets the needs of prospective students quickly and tells the story of Touro. This two-year project included input from the campus and community, including donors and alumni. We are thrilled to see it finally come to life.”

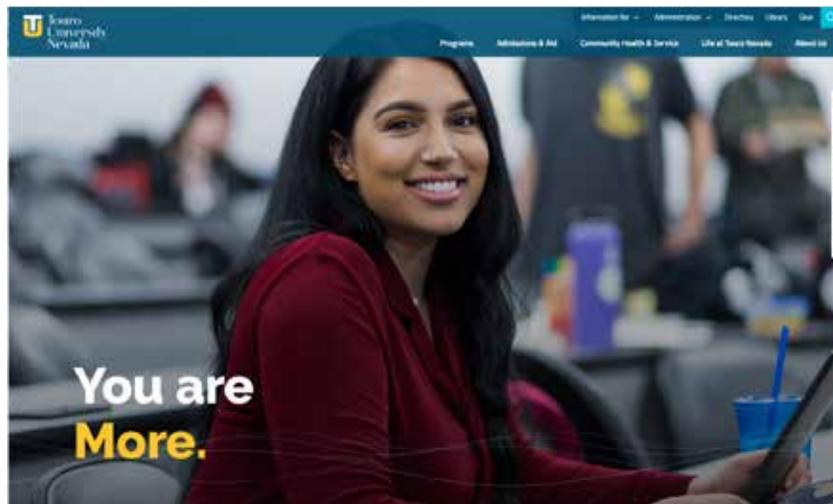
During concept and design, students, faculty, and staff echoed the same sentiment in focus groups – that students feel they matter to the university as individuals, not just as

students, or the degree they are seeking. The new website’s tagline, “You Are More,” is a representation that Touro students are more than just students.

The close-knit relationships built between fellow students, as well as the knowledge they acquire in the classroom, are reflected in the website’s welcoming interface. Together, they help to tell the story of life at Touro University Nevada.

“At Touro, we pride ourselves on the success of our students and the relationships built among the Touro family,” said

Shelley Berkley, CEO & Senior Provost of Touro University Western Division. “From prospective students, to our generous donors and incredible alumni, we want anybody who is looking for more information about us to be able to find it quickly and easily. Having this new and improved website will help us continue to attract the best and brightest students in the country.”



Online visitors can stay up-to-date with everything Touro, including with an easy-to-follow event calendar, student and faculty stories, community outreach initiatives, life at Touro, financial aid information, the admissions process, and more.

You can see the new website, when it debuts in January by visiting www.tun.touro.edu. 



SAM KAUFMAN

CEO OF HENDERSON HOSPITAL

Sam Kaufman is the CEO of Henderson Hospital and has been a member of Touro University Nevada's Advisory Board since 2014. Originally from the Washington D.C. area, Kaufman is a proud graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He came to Southern Nevada nearly 30 years ago when he started as the evening medical records supervisor at Desert Springs Hospital in 1991.

In 2005, Kaufman became the CEO of Desert Springs Hospital. In 2013, he was tasked with leading both Desert Springs Hospital and Valley Hospital. Shortly after, Kaufman helped design and build Henderson Hospital where he was named CEO in 2015.

How did you get your start in healthcare?

Healthcare has always been a passion of mine. I used to volunteer in hospitals, and I worked as a phlebotomist while going through college. I considered taking the medical route, but organic chemistry was a very difficult class and I thought, 'Wow. If all of the classes are this hard, I'll just take the administration route.'

What have you come to learn about the university during your time on the Advisory Board?

I first developed my relationship with Touro when I was at Valley Hospital. Because of the relationship we had at Valley with the residency program, serving on Touro's Advisory Board was a perfect fit for me. Also, I share the Jewish values that Touro brings.

It's an amazing place. At first, I didn't fully realize the depth of everything that Touro provided. The growth that Touro has seen over the last few years has been unbelievable. The university has a really great reputation, and I think what Touro has done with the community has really opened my eyes to several different things. It's not just about the education the students are getting here, but the university is a true community partner, which is extremely nice to see.

Why are you so personally invested in Touro?

I stay on the board because what we are putting together with the Valley Health System's GME program, combined with my location and its proximity to Touro, all lends itself well to being a part of the Advisory Board. In July, we're going to start our residency program at Henderson Hospital, and I'm going to be accepting Touro graduates into that program. I see how great of a fit it will be for them. I live in the community; I belong to the temple in the community; and in addition to the professional aspect, the cultural aspect is there for me as well. I feel very strongly about the cause at

Touro. I've known Shelley Berkley for a long time, and I know that the university is in great hands.

What are some of the things that Touro is doing to make Southern Nevada a better place to live?

I think the community involvement is huge. There's the Health Center at Touro, and the mobile clinics that help provide care to the underserved populations. Not only are we training the doctors and healthcare providers of tomorrow, we are actually going out and making a difference in the community. Of course, the quality of the education is excellent as well. Whether it be doctors, nurses, physical therapists, or what have you, we are out in the community improving the outcomes and lifestyles of those who need it most.

As the university enters its 15th year, which steps do you think Touro can take to build on its continued growth and success?

I think the competitive nature is getting tougher. The pool of donors is getting smaller because there are more causes out there. Going out to find those donors and showing them the differentiator between us and other universities is key. In my world, I'm competing with various hospitals for doctors and patients. Touro is competing for donors, as well as the best of the best in applications for various programs.

There's serious competition out there, and I think we need to continue to up our game by getting out in the community and showing them what a donation to Touro will do. We need to show them why they should donate to Touro and not another worthy cause. Most causes are worthy, so we need to continue that effort and figure out how to keep setting ourselves apart from the rest. We need to remind them that while we are a 15-year-old medical school, we have a proven track record, and a donation to Touro is money well spent.

What do you think the future has in store for Touro University Nevada?

I still think we have room to grow. We just completed the first phase of our expansion, but there is still room in the building to do more. We also need to make sure we continue to get the best possible faculty to train our students. We have to find ways to reach out to our graduates and have them come back and be affiliated professors with us.

We will continue to grow. The fundraising we do and the events we put on are extremely well done. I love the fact that we keep the Jewish culture involved here. We are strong with culture, and we have our morals and ethics that can only help us in the future. **T**

EXPANDING ON OUR SUCCESS

CAMPUS EXPANSION AND FUTURE PROJECTS ENHANCE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AT TOURO

As Touro University Nevada proudly enters its 15th year, the university is at a pivotal point in its development. Touro is poised to meet the demands that come with being a regional leader in health sciences and education as it expands its programs, grows enrollment, and increases physical space needs.

Thanks to many successful working relationships, the university's executive administration has created a vision for growth that addresses both the immediate and long-term needs.

Touro University Nevada's programs have grown tremendously since the university opened its doors for the first time. The College of Osteopathic Medicine went from accepting 135 students last year to 181 this year; the School of Physician Assistant Studies will accept 80 students by 2020, a 25% increase from just two years ago; the Master's in Health Sciences Program recently doubled to more than 60 students; and the School of Occupational Therapy transitioned to a doctorate-level focus, which led to an additional year of OT students being on campus.

"As we continue to develop our programs and community outreach initiatives, the need for expansion and renovation has become increasingly necessary," said Renee Aschoff, Touro University Nevada's Senior Projects Manager.

After creating a master space and development plan for the campus, construction of the multi-phase expansion began in January 2018. The project kicked off with new administrative offices to help set the stage for future office relocations and renovations.

Between new teaching spaces and renovations, the expansion has added nearly 35,000 sq. ft. to the Touro campus. In six months, the university expanded both lecture halls in the College of Osteopathic Medicine as well as the osteopathic manipulative medicine lab to accommodate the first class of 181 students.

The area formerly known as the 'atrium' was rebranded as the 'student commons,' a student-centered community area with several tables, study spaces, microwaves, coffee machines, and more. Additional projects were also completed, and more are on the way.



"With the first part of this multi-phase expansion in the books, the campus community is seeing firsthand just how beneficial this project is," said Craig Seiden, Touro University Nevada's Vice President of Finance and Administration. "From the new and improved student commons to the expanded lecture halls and lab spaces, we've been able to create a more positive educational experience for everyone here at Touro."

Over the past several years, the university has received tremendous private support on a number of projects resulting in the naming of new spaces, including the Sharon Sigesmund Pierce and Stephen Pierce Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities; the Michael Tang Regional Center for Clinical Simulation; and the Stephen Cloobek Regional Center for Disaster Life Support.

Touro University Nevada also has major plans in the works for more advanced projects, including a wellness center, a student learning center, and a grand hall. Naming opportunities are available for donors who would like to help these projects come to fruition.

If you would like to make a donation to help fund these projects, please contact Schyler Richards, Touro University Nevada's Vice President of Advancement, at 702-777-4791. 

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

DID YOU RECEIVE A NEW PROMOTION? GET MARRIED? MOVE TO A NEW CITY? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU AND YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI!

Please send your class notes to Steven Slivka, Communications Coordinator at steven.slivka@tun.touro.edu.

BART ANDERSON, PA08

Bart Anderson works in a myriad of specialties, including family practice, emergency medicine, and rural care. He also works as a rural firefighter, first responder, and a special officer in Lincoln County, Nev. In addition, Bart works as an EMT course instructor and a PA student preceptor at Grover C. Dils Medical Center in Caliente, Nev. He is expecting his first grandchild in December.

CASSANDRA SOBKIW-KURTZ, PA08

Cassandra Sobkiw-Kurtz works in emergency medicine at AtlantiCare Health System. She moved to Egg Harbor Township, N.J. three years ago. She and her husband have two kids, 6-year-old Madison and 2-year-old Bradyn.

ADRIENNE MAR, PA15

Adrienne Mar works as a primary care physician assistant in Los Angeles. Since graduating from Touro, she's worked with the underserved community of Boyle Heights at the Los Angeles Christian Health Center. She also serves the Spanish-speaking and under-insured populations at Pico Alison Community Clinic and Gateways Percy Village in L.A.

NICK SIDWELL, OT08

Nick Sidwell runs his own pediatric occupational therapy clinic in Layton, Utah. Opening his own business was a dream of his ever since he studied at Touro, and he is extremely proud that his clinic has grown exponentially over the last few months. He is looking to add therapists to his clinic, specifically those who specialize in animal assisted therapy, play-based therapy, sensory focusing, martial arts therapy, and PUSH therapy.

ALESHA SCOTT, DO11

Alesha Scott is an Orthopedic Trauma Surgeon working at Bryan Health, the busiest of only two Trauma Centers in Nebraska, and the home of Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS). Before moving to Lincoln, she completed her orthopedic surgery residency through Michigan State University in Pontiac, Michigan, and her orthopedic trauma

fellowship at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Alesha serves as her institution's Orthopedic Liaison for the trauma performance improvement and patient safety (PIPS) program. She is board-eligible and on-track to certify with the AOBOS. She enjoys teaching PA/NP students and medical residents the fundamentals of orthopedics.

CHADWELL VAIL, DO11

Chadwell Vail recently became a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. He serves as the Director of Medical Education and Vice Chairman of Internal Medicine at Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla, Mo.

KAREN NELSON, DO14

Karen Nelson is a fifth-year orthopedic surgery resident at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Michigan.

KEITH REISINGER-KINDLE, DO16

Keith Reisinger-Kindle is in the third year of his OB/GYN residency at Baystate Medical Center at the University of Massachusetts. He is also the District 1 Junior Fellow Vice-Chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

WHITNEY WILLIAMS, DO18

Whitney Williams is entering her first year of residency at the University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program at Wesley Medical Center. 



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March 10

TOURO GALA
Four Seasons

March 18

PRE M.E.D.S. DAY
Touro University Nevada

APRIL

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

April 15

A.Y.M.E. ACADEMY
Touro University Nevada

April 17

A.Y.M.E. ACADEMY
Touro University Nevada

May 2

SPRING OPEN HOUSE
Touro University Nevada

May 13

SPRING COMMENCEMENT
Westgate Hotel

June 21

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Congregation Ner Tamid

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