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Thank you!

During these difficult times, Touro University Nevada wants to thank first responders, medical providers, and those necessary workers who are keeping our communities and country safe, healthy, and supplied.



Serving Our Community

Touro students are providing a variety of volunteer services for free to the local community. Services range from free K-12 online tutoring, free undergraduate and MCAT online tutoring, and general community assistance including grocery pick-up for seniors.

See how we can help at tun.touro.edu/medready



Helping Keep Healthcare Providers and First Responders Safe

Thanks to a remarkable donation from the Cyrus and Michael Tang Foundation, Touro has been able to distribute free medical-grade and surgical masks to local frontline healthcare providers and first responders. The list below is some of those organizations.

May they keep you safe and healthy.

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Advanced Healthcare of Summerlin
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Balle & Associates
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Children's Cancer Center
Ching's Pediatrics
City of Henderson Police & Fire
Clark County Medical Society
Comprehensive Cancer Centers of Nevada
Desert Orthopedics
Desert Perinatal Associates
Desert West Surgery

Elite Endoscopy
Encompass Rehabilitation Hospitals
Family Doctors of Boulder City
Flagstaff Medical Center
Green Valley Ob/Gyn
Henderson Hospital
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Horizon Specialty Hospital
Horizon View Medical Center
Kidney Specialist of Southern Nevada
Kingman Hospital
Kubal Family Medicine
Las Vegas Medical Group GI
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Las Vegas Post Acute Rehabilitation
Las Ventanas Senior Living
Legacy Urgent Care
Life Care Center of Las Vegas
McSwain Family Medical
Merrill Gardens - Green Valley Ranch

Mountain View Hospital
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North Las Vegas Police Department
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Premium Family Care
Prestige Manor
Priority Health Group
Pro Care Hospice
Renown Health Care
Richard Steel Foundation
Salvation Army

Shade Tree
Silver Hills Healthcare Center
Sky Dental
South Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Southern Nevada Health District
Spring Mountain Treatment Center
St. Joseph's Medical Center
St. Rose Pediatrics
St. Rose Sienna Hospital
Sunrise Hospital
The Heights Summerlin
Transitional Care of Las Vegas
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As you read this special issue of our Touro YOU magazine, our community and our world are still reeling with the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout these last few months, we have seen our lives transformed in a way we never could have imagined.

Living rooms and kitchen tables quickly became work spaces, our teachers have adapted to virtual classrooms, and our healthcare providers have shown just how important they are to our survival. The work being done is truly remarkable, and we are incredibly grateful for their selfless acts of courage.

At Touro University Nevada, we have endured our own set of unique challenges that have come with COVID-19. Our students, faculty, and staff quickly transitioned to work, study, and attend classes remotely; all in-person events were cancelled, and the College of Osteopathic Medicine held a virtual commencement ceremony.

Throughout these challenging times, I have been proud of how Touro has come together to help our community. In this special COVID-19 issue of Touro YOU, you'll read about a donation of medical-grade and surgical masks to local hospitals, physicians, medical centers, first responders, and more thanks to an incredibly generous gift from the Cyrus and Michael Tang Foundation.

You'll also read how our faculty and students collaborated to create desperately needed COVID-19 test kits for the Southern Nevada Health District; how our students, under faculty supervision, provided COVID-19 screenings to the Las Vegas Valley's homeless population; how our students took the initiative to create a website that provides critical volunteer services to help their fellow Southern Nevadans; and so much more.

They say that we are strongest when our backs are against the wall. I can tell you with conviction that the strength, resilience, and courage displayed by the Touro University Nevada community are helping Southern Nevada get through some of its darkest days during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We could not have made it through this without you, and we hope you'll continue to support us as we rebuild our community together.

All my best,

Shelley Berkley
CEO and Senior Provost
Touro University Western Division



HELPING THE HOMELESS

Medical and PA Students Use Education and Experience to Provide COVID-19 Screenings to Homeless Populations

Students from Touro University Nevada's College of Osteopathic Medicine and School of Physician Assistant Studies are using their classroom knowledge and clinical experiences to provide much-needed COVID-19 screenings to the Las Vegas Valley's homeless population.

"I jumped at the opportunity to get out and help," said Amanda Hertzler, a third-year osteopathic medical student.

As COVID-19 put some of the university's clinical rotations on hold, students capitalized on the opportunity to gain invaluable clinical experience while providing desperately needed services to the community.

"This volunteer opportunity allows us to safely continue helping those who need it most and better understand how this pandemic is affecting the high-risk homeless population in our community," said Justin Madiaga, a physician assistant student.

Madiaga and Hertzler were two of several Touro students working on the

frontlines to help flatten the curve in Southern Nevada.

At the end of March, students began providing COVID-19 screenings at Cashman Center and were quickly asked to help in a greater capacity after the Governor's Office initiated an emergency declaration two weeks later.



“ This experience has been very eye-opening. Medical students have been called to the frontlines to help manage the pandemic and it's amazing to see how thankful the entire community is for our help. ”

Amanda Hertzler
College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2021

Touro's students were then asked to help complete COVID-19 evaluations at the City of Las Vegas's Isolation/Quarantine complex (ISO-Q) and the Salvation Army for members of the homeless population who either tested positive for COVID-19 or showed COVID-19 symptoms.

Madiaga said the experience makes him even prouder to be a Touro University Nevada student.

"This opportunity allows us to safely continue helping those who need it most, and it helped me realize how this pandemic affects the high-risk homeless population in our community," he said. "By performing these screenings and evaluations during COVID-19, I'm hopeful we can implement similar or improved strategies in any healthcare setting."

Allison Boynton, a third-year student in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, said the experience allows her and her fellow students to make a difference to some of the Valley's most desperate populations.



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*Justin Madriaga
School of Physician Assistant Studies, Class of 2020*

Dr. Rebecca Edgeworth, Assistant Professor in the School of Physician Assistant Studies, said this opportunity allows for more collaboration between the DO and PA students, which will benefit them as future doctors and healthcare providers.

“This is a wonderful experience for our students because it allows those from different programs to come together to accomplish a common goal. Right now, we’re living in a very unique time and a lot of our students are anxious to help,” Edgeworth said. “This gives them an opportunity to do that.”

Dr. Edgeworth said there are many students who want to provide these screenings and evaluations. The more involved our students become with the community, the more likely they are to stay in Nevada after they graduate, she added.

“As soon as our Student Government President called and said that I could help make a difference on the frontlines, I immediately agreed to help,” she recalled. “I was so anxious to get out and do my part.”

“These students are volunteering out of a commitment to the community,” she said. “The key to keeping good practitioners here in Southern Nevada is to keep them connected to the populations they serve. This is a



“ At times I have really struggled mentally and emotionally with the state of the world right now, but being able to directly contribute in a way that helps to ease the burden has helped give me peace. ”

*Allison Boynton
College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2021*

perfect example of keeping our students engaged. They will also be better prepared as physicians and physician assistants because of this experience.”

Dr. Rebecca Edgeworth (middle) with two student volunteers after a night of providing COVID-19 screenings.



MASK DONATION

Cyrus and Michael Tang Foundation Donates 200,000 Masks to Help Touro University Nevada and the Southern Nevada Medical Community Fight COVID-19



Members of Touro University Nevada and Henderson Hospital after Touro delivered medical-grade and surgical masks to assist the Valley Health System.

Before the Clark County Medical Society received thousands of surgical and medical-grade masks from Touro University Nevada, they had to rely on volunteers to sew masks so local physicians and healthcare providers could keep their doors open.

“Our physicians could not continue to work in an unsafe environment,” said Denise Selleck, Executive Director of the Clark County Medical Society. “Our members were either telling us they couldn’t work safely, or they didn’t know how long they could continue to work because they didn’t want to put their staff, patients, and families at risk.”

That sentiment was felt throughout the Las Vegas Valley’s medical community as healthcare providers tried to find ways to protect themselves and their patients from COVID-19.

That was until Touro received the generous donation from the Cyrus and Michael Tang Foundation, a private foundation dedicated to supporting education, healthcare, and community service. Michael Tang, with roots in both Las Vegas and Chicago, serves on Touro University Nevada’s Advisory Board and is a generous supporter of the University.

The Tang Foundation originally donated 80,000 medical-grade and surgical masks to Touro, which then provided them to area hospitals, local physicians, medical centers, senior care facilities, and first responder agencies throughout the Las Vegas Valley. After the initial mask donation, the Tang Foundation donated an additional 120,000 masks to Touro.

Touro medical students assist Henderson Hospital CEO Sam Kaufman (right) as they unload medical-grade and surgical masks for members of the Valley Health System.



Touro CEO & Senior Provost Shelley Berkley (right) and medical student Cassandra McDiarmid hand out masks to Clark County Medical Society providers.



“The importance of providing medical-grade masks in our community’s fight against the coronavirus to help protect healthcare providers and those who are on the frontlines of the battle cannot be overstated,” said Shelley Berkley, CEO and Senior Provost of Touro University Nevada. “With this gift, Michael Tang is not only a friend of Touro University Nevada, but to our entire community. We are grateful for his generosity and are committed to ensuring those medical facilities and providers who are in need of masks will receive them.”

Masks have been distributed to Henderson Hospital for the six hospitals within the Valley Health System. The University Medical Center (UMC); U.S. Acute Care Solutions; Sunrise Hospital; Nathan Adelson Hospice also received masks; The Clark County Medical Society also received thousands of masks for distribution to member physicians in their respective practices.

Masks were also provided to a variety of local first responder agencies, including the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Henderson Police

and Fire Departments, and North Las Vegas Police Department.

Touro’s first mask delivery was to Henderson Hospital, where students and hospital workers helped unload boxes of masks from one of the university’s mobile healthcare clinics. Those masks were later dispersed throughout the entire Valley Health System.

Sam Kaufman, CEO of Henderson Hospital, said the donation from the Tang Foundation allows the Valley Health System to keep its personal protective equipment inventory well-stocked, which will help keep the community safer throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

“With a highly contagious disease like COVID-19, having enough personal protection equipment to keep employees, medical staff, and patients safe during their time at the hospital is a top priority,” he said. “We are very thankful for the generosity of Michael Tang and Touro’s donation of masks to The Valley Health System.”

Selleck said the donation from the Tang Foundation was a “godsend” for the Clark County Medical Society. Because of the Tang Foundation’s generosity, local healthcare providers are able to keep their practices open, which means they can treat more patients and help save more lives during COVID-19.

“The most important thing for us is that our physicians are able to stay healthy so their patients have access to the care they need,” she said. “For anyone who has a sick child or parent, not being able to take them to the doctor’s office because their provider was forced to close is an unimaginable feeling. Because of the donation from the Tang Foundation and other volunteers who assisted us, we have been able to give out 10,000 masks to our medical community. This means our physicians can continue to practice and patients can continue to be treated. It goes to show that people are at their best when things are at their worst.”

KIT CREATION

Touro Creates More Than 20,000
Desperately Needed COVID-19 Test Kits
to Help Southern Nevadans



Dr. Terry Else, Professor in the Department of Basic Sciences, helps create COVID-19 test kits in the Touro University Nevada research lab.

As the entire country grappled with the shortage of COVID-19 testing, Touro University Nevada's faculty and students were hard at work in the university's research lab creating thousands of test kits for the Southern Nevada community.

Led by Dr. Karen Duus, Dr. Amy Stone, and Dr. Terry Else from the Department of Basic Sciences, Chief Research Officer Dr. Cheryl Vanier, and several students and administrators, Touro produced much-needed COVID-19 test kits for the Southern Nevada Health District.

"This was a total collaboration from everyone at the university," said Dr. Duus.

Touro students, under the supervision of their faculty, worked in small groups to put the test kits together. Students filled the kits with viral transport medium tubes, added the informational labels to each tube, and inserted a sterile swab and label for each specimen before being packaged to deliver.

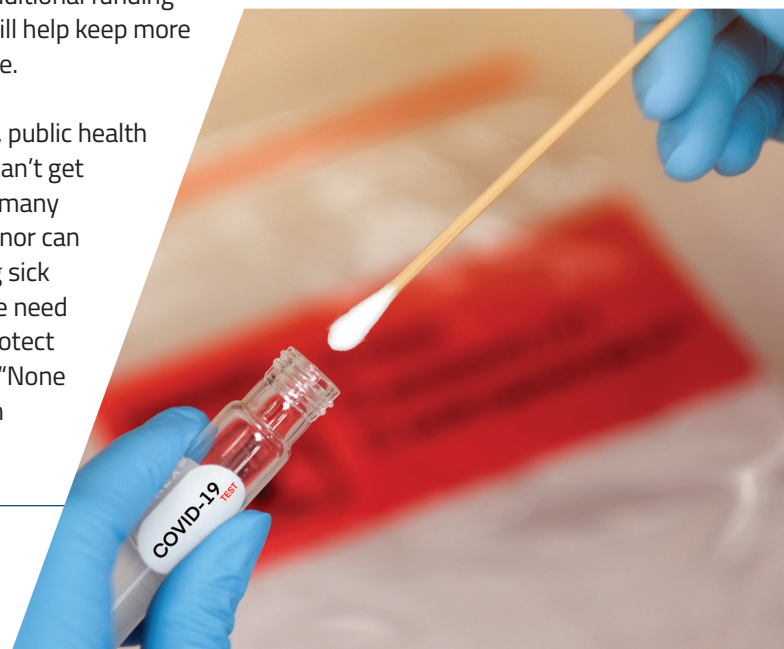
"I always knew that my professors and peers at Touro were amazing, but it's been incredible seeing everyone give of their time to make these test kits," said Linsey Bui, a first-year student in the College of Osteopathic Medicine who assisted in the kit-making process.

Dr. Duus said she was thrilled that Touro was able to help create these kits, which were desperately needed to help fight COVID-19. She said donors can help make the process easier and more efficient by providing additional funding and resources, which will help keep more Southern Nevadans safe.

"Without collecting kits, public health officials and modelers can't get solid estimates of how many people are susceptible, nor can someone who is feeling sick get a test to confirm the need to self-quarantine to protect others," said Dr. Vanier. "None of this would have been

possible without the support of the Touro University Nevada administration. Given the competitive environment for supplies, hesitation regarding budgets would have spelled failure."

"By putting these kits together, Touro University Nevada showed that it continues to live its mission by serving our community," said Dr. Stone. "Without hesitation, so many of us have stepped up when our community has needed it most."



#MEDREADY

Touro's Students Provide Critical Volunteer Services to Community by Launching #MedReady Website



Medical students Ashlie Bloom (left), Cassandra McDiarmid (center), and Parisun Shoga (right) helped create the #MedReady website that allows Touro's students to provide volunteer services to the Southern Nevada community.

Touro University Nevada's students put their community first by creating a website that provides much-needed services to Southern Nevadans affected by COVID-19.

The website, #MedReady, was developed by osteopathic medical student leaders Cassandra McDiarmid, Parisun Shoga, and Ashlie Bloom, and helps connect local organizations and community members with Touro students seeking volunteer opportunities in three primary areas: free K-12 online tutoring; free undergraduate and MCAT online tutoring; and general community assistance, including grocery pick-up for seniors, first responders, and healthcare workers, assistance with screenings, and other frontline opportunities for healthcare students.

Dr. Wolfgang Gilliar, Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, brought the student leaders together to brainstorm ideas on how students could help the Southern Nevada community in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Through the #MedReady initiative, I mentored a student from USC who was looking for more information about our Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program," said Darkhishan

Ali, a student in the School of Occupational Therapy. "I decided to volunteer my time to this initiative because I wanted to provide students with resources that I wish I had when I was an undergraduate student. I truly loved being a part of this initiative and helping students during these challenging times."

The student leaders said they've been encouraged by so many of their peers wanting to volunteer or share the website's message on social media; although alumni have the perfect opportunity to make an even greater impact.

"I think our alumni can really contribute by spreading the word about our website and encouraging others to utilize our services," Shoga said. "We have some amazing opportunities to help our community, and the best way to help is to spread the word so we can make a difference in more people's lives."

McDiarmid said there are opportunities for local and non-local alumni to utilize #MedReady's services so people across the country can access volunteer services provided by Touro's students.

"Our Nevada-based alumni can share more information about the local services we offer with their colleagues so we can assist more healthcare workers," she said. "Our out-of-state alumni can tell their patients, friends, and families about the tutoring and mentoring services we offer. If any of our alumni wanted to mentor Touro Nevada medical students, or potentially be matched with pre-med students in their area, we can set up a system for that as well."

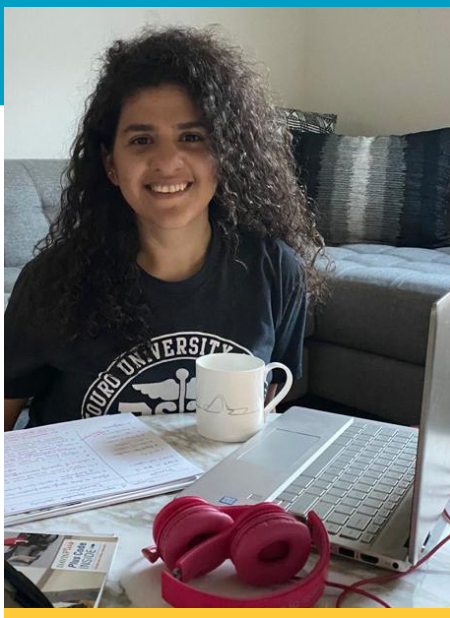
"I am overwhelmed with pride and gratitude for go-getter students like Cassi, Parisun, and Ashlie who have turned this crisis into an opportunity to make a positive difference for our community," said Shelley Berkley, CEO and Senior Provost of Touro University Nevada. "The opportunity to have students help our community's K-12 students with free online tutoring or assist other students preparing for the MCAT is simply amazing and unprecedented. We invite the community to check out the website to see if there is a volunteer service our students can provide. Our students are here for you."

If you know of someone in need of these free services, please visit tun.touro.edu/medready and complete the appropriate form.

LEARNING FROM HOME

Touro University Nevada Students Share Their In-Home Learning Experiences During COVID-19

As Touro University Nevada conducts its teaching and business operations remotely, we wanted to hear from our students about their experiences learning from home; how they utilize their online resources to successfully continue their education; and how they use this experience to discover new ways of finding happiness during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Natalia Beheshti
*School of Physical Therapy
Class of 2022*

When we were told classes would be moving online, my first thought was “how will physical therapy school be completed virtually?” However, the faculty made this transition much easier with their constant help and support. It has been a learning experience getting to work with different online platforms such as Zoom for meetings and Kaltura for lectures. I have been discovering new tricks every day with these resources. Staying in touch with my classmates via GroupMe and google docs has been extremely helpful in supporting each other during this transition.

Fortunately, all this time at home has gotten the creative juices flowing in my brain and has provided opportunities to experiment with different recipes from bread to other delicious baked goods. I have also been utilizing different online resources such as YouTube for workout sessions and meditation to maintain my physical and mental well-being while at home.



Marisol Busacay
*School of Occupational Therapy
Class of 2022*

Amidst this COVID-19 pandemic, I have grown to become a tranquil, tenacious, and thriving student carrying on with life. By being confined to my home and only venturing out to the grocery store or the occasional restaurant to pick up some food, I have been left with time—time to study, time to cook new recipes, time to work on my artistic skills, time to exercise, time to indulge in everything. Although the world is a bit scary at the moment, I have made the most to create a positive atmosphere within my home. I have been practicing the art of occupational balance. Occupational balance is a relative state of happiness brought on by creating harmony among all of life’s activities and demands. While the world continues to spur up questions and dive into the unknown, I have been nourishing myself with the little pleasures of my life.

Malcolm Douglas
School of Physician Assistant Studies
Class of 2021

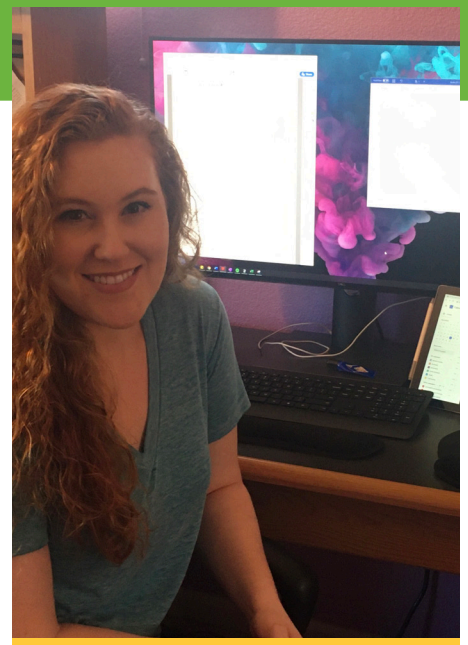
Learning during the COVID-19 crisis has been an interesting experience, to say the least. After realizing that I prefer on-campus lectures to strictly online lectures, I had to adjust in order to make it work. I've never been a "write a schedule" kind of person, but creating and sticking to schedules and "to-do" lists really helped me establish some normalcy during our stay-at-home learning. Moving forward, I hope to continue to organize myself in this manner when we resume in-class sessions. I want to thank all of the faculty and staff who have been working hard during these trying times to deliver the best learning experience they can for the PA students. All of the interactive online sessions and creative projects helped keep our family together. We are all appreciative.



Nicole Guzolek
Medical Health Sciences Program - Class of 2020
College of Osteopathic Medicine - Class of 2024

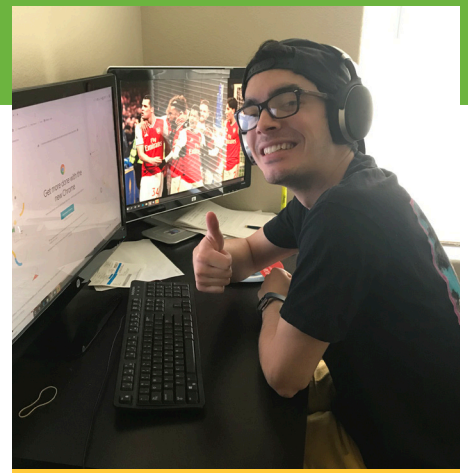
I've always been someone who studies best on campus because it easily separated my home and work mentalities. Merging the two during "Stay at Home" has been challenging, but is slowly becoming easier. I try to plan out my study schedule, set up Zoom group study sessions, and schedule quick check-ins with OASIS to help evaluate my productivity.

The extra time at home has meant I've been able to rediscover some hobbies. I've always enjoyed cooking and now I am trying a bunch of new recipes. It's been fun to experiment with different ingredients that I wouldn't normally buy, like artichoke hearts or beets. They've all been successful so far. I am also re-teaching myself to sew so I can make a T-shirt quilt from the stacks of sentimental old T-shirts in my closet. This situation is not how I imagined ending my year of MHS, but I am trying to remain positive and remind myself that I am building better study skills for the future and rediscovering things that I loved doing before school.



Troy Herrera Rice
College of Osteopathic Medicine
Class of 2022

My routine during quarantine has been pretty similar to my routine pre-quarantine. I'll wake up, eat, and do some practice questions for the COMLEX 1 exam. I then take a break before starting my normal day. I am lucky that Touro offers us the ability to stream our lectures because it allows me to be efficient and stick to a schedule. However, I am limited in the fact that I can't go to the gym or do other recreational activities. As we head into dedicated boards study time, I feel that exercise and recreation are important. It's going to be imperative to find an outlet so that I don't feel trapped in my room all day. Most importantly, I do my best to adhere to a sleep schedule. I make sure I don't sleep too late or sleep in too much. This helps me feel energized each day.



INNOVATIVE CLINICALS

As Technology and Medicine Evolve,
Faculty Create Virtual Rotations
to Help Students Advance
Their Clinical Education

Dr. Derek Meeks, Vice Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, created a virtual emergency room clinical rotation that allows medical students to successfully continue their education during COVID-19.

Thanks to the ingenuity of Dr. Derek Meeks, Vice Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Emergency Department Director at Boulder City Hospital, third and fourth-year medical students can complete their emergency room clinical rotations from the comfort of their own homes.

"When we found out we'd be teaching remotely I thought, 'how can we utilize our resources to give our students a more comprehensive experience?'" Dr. Meeks said. "I researched different websites that help emergency medicine faculty, and put together a virtual rotation that has worked out great for the students."

At the beginning of each month-long rotation, multiple groups, each consisting of four-to-five students, are presented with material that sets their foundation for the length of the clinical. Each day, students are required to complete an assignment where they spend hours studying a specific patient scenario as performed by Dr. Meeks via Zoom.

After each daily 'shift,' students discuss their experience in Zoom meetings and analyze the situation as if they

were practicing medicine inside the emergency room.

"The virtual ER clinical was a great way to get an idea of what skill sets and basis of knowledge is needed to be successful in the emergency room," said Jonathan Chakrian, a third-year student in the College of Osteopathic Medicine. "I think the most beneficial aspect of virtual emergency medicine was the Zoom discussion we had with Dr. Meeks at the end of the course. He provided a more organic approach to the material, and you just can't get that experience from reading a book."

Dr. Meeks said one of the greatest benefits to the virtual emergency medicine rotation is that preceptors can implement the experience to better prepare medical students in the future.

"If preceptors choose to utilize this education, then it becomes a much more uniform rotation that will benefit our students," he said. "Right now, a student can go to several locations and have a different rotation experience at each one. If students have a similar foundation, they will have a more consistent pool of knowledge to learn from wherever they go."

Dr. Meeks added that in addition to virtual emergency room clinicals, Touro students are still able to complete their Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE) from home, thanks to faculty members who serve as standardized patients.

"This generation of students is much more locked into information gathering than we ever were," he said. "There are several advantages to doing online rotations, and I think you'll see more of them in the future."



Medical student Jonathan Chakrian said the virtual ER clinical rotation has given him a unique experience that will make him a better physician.



VIRTUAL ADMISSIONS

Office of Admissions Uses Online Resources to Successfully Welcome Incoming Students During COVID-19

Touro's Office of Admissions utilized technology, flexibility, and kindness to welcome its newest class of students during COVID-19.

When Tava McGinty-Jimenez first learned that Touro University Nevada would be moving operations online, she rushed to make sure she and her staff were well-versed and knowledgeable about Zoom.

As Director of the Office of Admissions and Associate Dean of Students, she knew how critical it was for her staff to connect with prospective students and recently accepted students as they got ready to begin their Touro journeys in an environment where everything was being done remotely.

"We needed to make sure we could still give our candidates the complete Touro experience so they could see how close-knit and family-friendly our campus is without actually coming to campus," she said. "We've received positive feedback from our candidates, so it feels good to know that we were able to successfully translate that message remotely." Since having to conduct everything online, the Office of Admissions has developed a closer camaraderie between program managers and prospective students.

"This experience has allowed us to be more accessible than ever before," McGinty-Jimenez said. "Prospective students can schedule to meet with any of our program managers via Zoom, and we are creating a virtual tour that allows them to see the campus without having to come to campus. This is a huge benefit since most of our students are from out-of-state."

McGinty-Jimenez said the Office of Admissions has also implemented a "Touro Virtual Experience" every Friday where program managers provide more intimate, program-specific informational sessions for prospective students.

The culmination to this successful remote admissions process was "Virtual Acceptance Day," where nearly 250 new students and their guests attended an all-day, online, informational event that welcomed them to the Touro University Nevada family. Students heard from their new Deans, faculty members, current students, and each department from the Division of Student Affairs.

At the end of the day's presentations, students stayed in the online room to connect with each other and learn more about their new classmates.

"It was important for them to see their new classmates' faces," McGinty-Jimenez said. "Even though they weren't physically with each other, Virtual Acceptance Day allowed them to build new relationships that will greatly benefit them once we all return to campus."


McGinty-Jimenez said new students will have an easier time acclimating to Southern Nevada if the community knows more about the work being done at Touro. That's where alumni and donors can make an even greater impact.

"Our alumni and donors have the ability to share our message with their connections, which makes it easier for our incoming students to immerse themselves within their new community," she said. "We're all in this together."

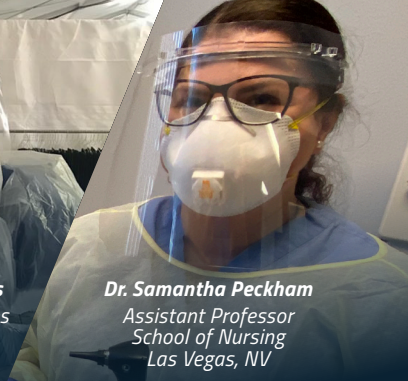
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FACES ON THE FRONT LINES

In Southern Nevada and across the country, Touro University Nevada's students, faculty, and alumni are on the front lines helping to keep us safe from COVID-19. We wanted to recognize members of the Touro University Nevada family who are working to help solve this global crisis.



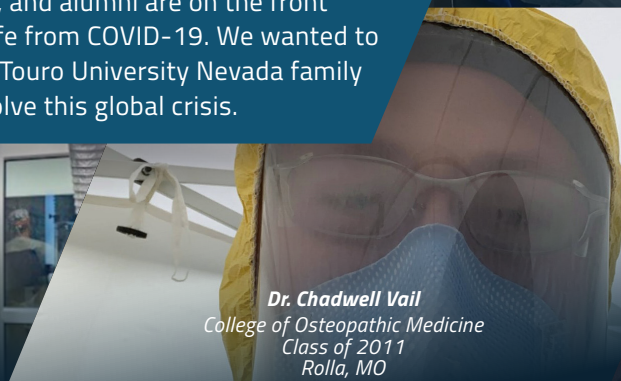
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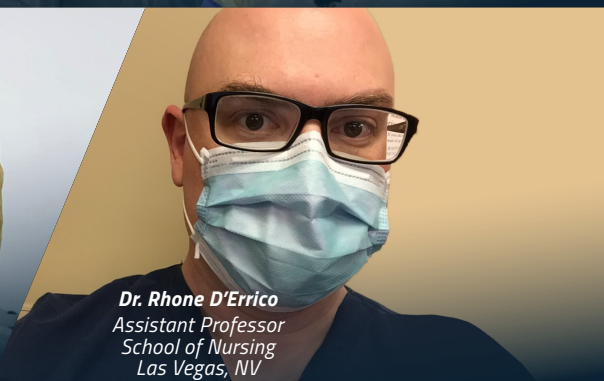
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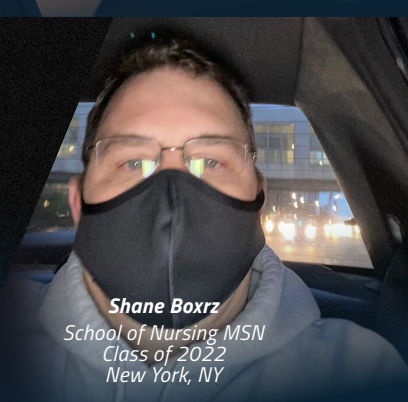
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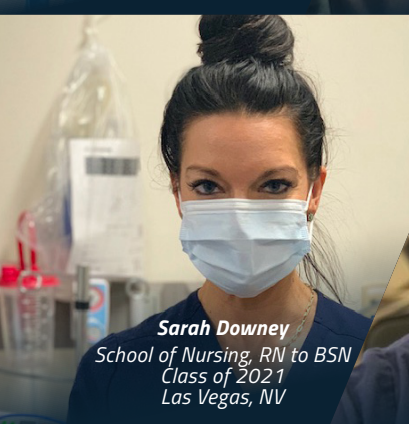
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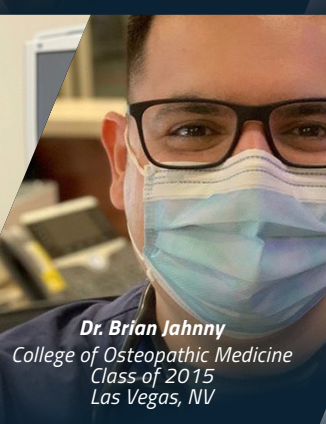
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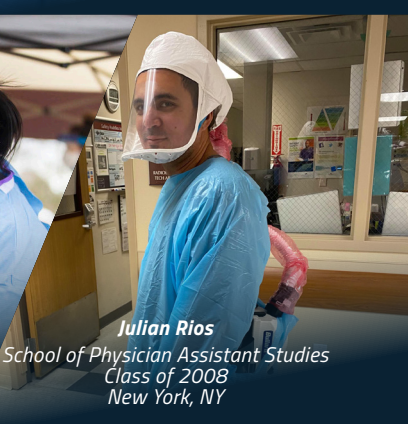
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ON CALL

Touro Health Center Providers Use Telemedicine and House Calls to Treat Patients During COVID-19

After COVID-19 forced business operations to be completed online, the Touro Health Center started using telemedicine and house calls to provide its patients with the care they needed.

"It is a comfort to our patients knowing that we are still here for them," said Lisa Kunz, Director of the Touro Health Center. "We had to make sure they could still get the care they deserve."

In order for Touro's patients to get referrals, lab work, prescription refills, and other healthcare needs, they first need to be seen by their provider. With the exception of those who

practice osteopathic manipulative medicine, all of Touro's Health Center providers use telemedicine to treat their patients.

With a predominantly older patient population, Kunz said the Health Center's providers help educate their patients on how to use the technology to make telemedicine appointments successful.

In addition to providing telemedicine services, Drs. Ariel Muyot and Julie Zacharias-Simpson, geriatricians from the Touro Health Center, make house calls to treat their patients. Before arriving at their patients' homes, they read their patients' charts to

get a better understanding of the healthcare they need to deliver.

"We provide our physicians with personal protective equipment so they can safely go inside their patients' homes and give them the services they need," Kunz said. "They also bring a portable blood pressure test, thermometer, and pulse oximeter to measure their oxygen. It's basically a home triage."

Kunz said providing telemedicine and house-call services are more examples of how the Touro Health Center has made life easier for its patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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CHHS and MHS

7/6

Didactic Classes Start
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7/28-8/3

Virtual Orientation
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8/4

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Due to the ongoing restrictions related to COVID-19, Touro University Nevada has cancelled its 2020 Touro Gala. Please mark your calendars for the 2021 Touro Gala on Sunday, April 11, 2021 to benefit student scholarships.

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