



## Touro College of Dental Medicine

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### Touro College of Dental Medicine Diversity Initiatives Report

June 12, 2018

Touro College of Dental Medicine (TCDM) was established in 2016 on the campus of New York Medical College (NYMC), Valhalla, New York. TCDM became the first dental school to open in the State of New York in over fifty years and the first dental school to be opened under Jewish auspices outside of Israel.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion was established at TCDM in September 2018 and given the charge of increasing diversity. A meeting was held with representatives of NYMC to establish initiatives to form a collaborative recruitment drive for all the health science programs to increase diversity.

In the academic years 2017 – 2018, 42 underrepresented minority students were accepted and 6 matriculated. In the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year, 44 have been offered acceptances and currently 13 students are matriculated.

The Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion is a member of the Admissions Committee to help support and encourage the enrollment of a diverse student body.

#### Future Plans

- A. The creation of a Summer Program inviting underrepresented minority college students to TCDM to participate in dental student activities. These undergraduate students will be exposed to the simulation laboratory and perform operative procedures on manikins.



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- B. TCDM is exploring the possibility of the establishment of a 7-year dental school track for incoming undergraduate students who meet a strenuous academic profile at selected academic institutions. The student must maintain an established academic record to take advantage of the 7-year program.
- C. Campus visits will be made to selected Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The establishment of collaborative programs for competitive students will be explored.
- D. The Director of Diversity and Inclusion will attend the American Dental Education Association Conference to expose perspective underrepresented minority applicants to TCDM.
- E. TCDM will be represented at selected colleges and local recruitment programs.

In the past two years, TCDM has established itself as a multicultural institution that is committed to the concept that strength is formed by diversity. We will remain vigilant in our efforts to increase diversity and provide continued support to our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Alexander A. Hall, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Alexander A. Hall, Jr.  
Director of Diversity & Inclusion