



NYC LAN ANNUAL MEETING

April 4, 2025

Hosted by Touro College of Pharmacy, Touro University

8:30 am - 9:15 am

Registration / Continental Breakfast & Networking

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9:15 am - 9:20 am

Introductions: NYC LAN Planning Committee

Melinda Perlo Cohen, *Sarah Lawrence College*
Amanda Lavery, *Farmingdale State College*
Bob Schwartz, *NARAP & Advisor Emeritus*
Ellen Watts, *Sacred Heart University*
Lolita Wood-Hill, *Advisor Emeritus*

9:25 am - 9:35 am

Welcome from Touro University

Rima Aranha, Ph.D.

Associate Provost for Strategic Initiatives, Graduate & Professional Divisions,
Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL),
Fulbright Scholar Liaison

SESSION I

9:35 am - 12:00pm

Exploring the Application Process Through Case Studies

Joined by Touro's Admissions Deans/Directors:

- James Demaio, New York Medical College
- Lisa Lee, Nigel James, NYC Podiatric Medicine
- Steve Toplan, Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Margarita Diaz, Touro College of Dental Medicine
- Jennifer Christie, SHS Physicians Assistant
- Laura Hagan, SHS Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
- Heidi Fuchs, Touro College of Pharmacy

10:30 am - 10:40 am

Break

LUNCH

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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SESSION II

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Deans & Directors Admissions Panel

Gia Raponi, *Senior Advisement Coordinator*, Hofstra University
Jackie Chudow, *Assistant Director of Admissions*, Icahn School of
Medicine at Mount Sinai
Dr. Mekbib Gameda, *Sr. Associate Dean*, Hackensack Meridian
School of Medicine

Reception

Immediately following

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