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Abheri Pinky's smile is all over the NYSCAS advertisements on subway cars and buses around the city. Find out how her six-year-old daughter reacts whenever she sees the ads.
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The New York School of Career and Applied Studies, commonly known as NYSCAS, is an undergraduate division of the Touro College & University System. At its multiple locations spread across all boroughs of New York City—NYSCAS offers more than 45 associate and bachelor's degree programs. All of our courses are career-oriented and focus on the professional knowledge students will need once they enter the workplace. For more information, please visit www.nycas.touro.edu.

Growing Together

Over the last two decades, the number of adult Americans who have a bachelor's degree has spiked from 30 million to over 48 million. Overall, our society has experienced tremendous progress in regards to the average level of education; according to the U.S. Census, today over 90 percent of adults have completed high school.



At Touro's New York School of Career and Applied Studies (NYSCAS) we participate in this exciting growth, as we offer more than 45 associate and bachelor's degree programs in many different fields of study. Each year, students of all walks of life—from recent high school graduates to transfers and adult learners—gather in our classrooms to build a future for themselves.

This past summer, NYSCAS awarded bachelor's degrees to nearly 1,000 students during two commencement ceremonies, one at the Ford Amphitheater in Coney Island and one at Lincoln Center in Manhattan. Thousands of family members and friends came to greet and celebrate the new graduates.

For our students, college is not just a destination; it's a pathway to a more solid tomorrow. At NYSCAS, we pride ourselves on offering excellent resources for our students to help them achieve their goals. As more Americans choose to pursue graduate degrees—double compared to 20 years ago—also many NYSCAS students choose graduate school as their next step after graduation.

This year, we've announced historic partnerships with three different graduate schools within the Touro College & University System—the Graduate School of Education, the College of Pharmacy, and the Graduate School of Technology. Thanks to these new agreements, our students can enroll in graduate programs in these high-demand fields through an accelerated pathway. NYSCAS students who qualify and succeed will be able to complete their bachelor's and start their master's in less time, and can save substantially in both time and tuition. You can read all the details about the new accelerated programs in this issue of the Tempo.

At Touro, we're constantly growing, and we're doing it together.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judah Weinberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Judah Weinberger
 Dean of NYSCAS, Associate VP of Undergraduate Education, VP of Collaborative Medical Education

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DEAN'S WELCOME MESSAGE

"College is not just a destination; it's a pathway to a more solid tomorrow," writes Dean Weinberger in his Welcome Message.



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A NEW PATHWAY TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

Three new programs offer an accelerated pathway for NYSCAS students who want to pursue a graduate degree in Education, Pharmacy, or Computer Science

Many careers require specific academic degrees that go beyond a standard bachelor's degree. Having a master's degree can also be an asset when applying for jobs that attract large pools of candidates. The prerequisites and the application process to enroll in graduate school, however, can be quite detailed and time-consuming. That's why NYSCAS students who choose early on to continue their studies have a tremendous

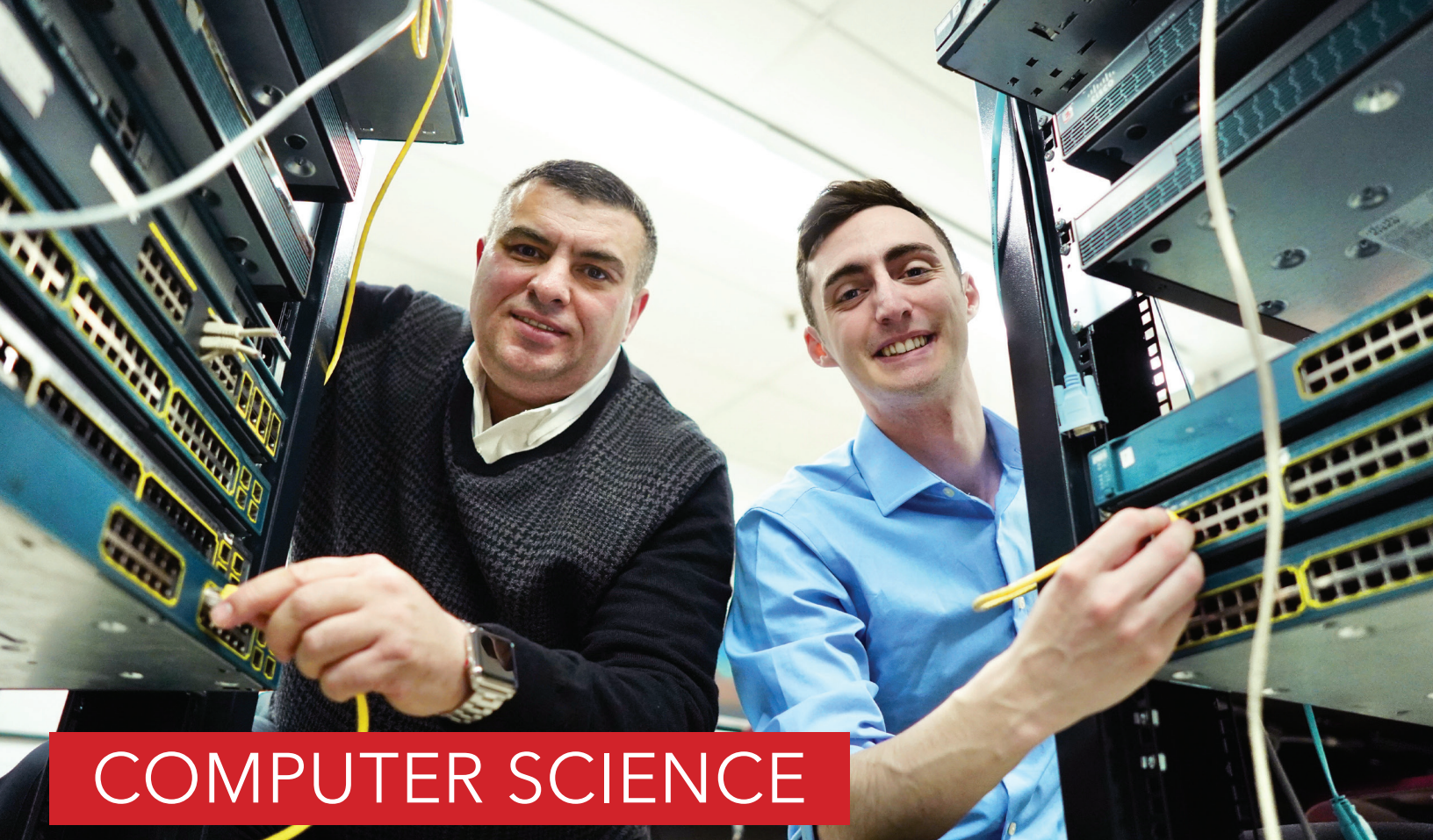
advantage as they pursue their careers.

Over the last year, NYSCAS has announced a series of new partnerships with three different graduate schools within the Touro College & University System. These partnerships were created to facilitate the transition for the students who wish to pursue a master's degree at Touro after they graduate. Students who qualify will now be able to enroll in select graduate courses while they're still

completing their bachelor's degree.

The three schools NYSCAS is partnering with are the Graduate School of Education (GSE), the Touro College of Pharmacy (TCOP), and the Graduate School of Technology (GST). The accelerated pathways will allow students to save both time and money as they build a solid future in one of these high-demand fields.





COMPUTER SCIENCE

Touro's Graduate School of Technology was the first to partner with NYSCAS in 2017, when it launched its "Integrated Technology Merit Fast Track." Students majoring in three different fields can apply for the fast track—Information Technology: Network Administration and Security; Business Management and Administration Information Systems: Programming; and Digital Multimedia Design.

Computer science is one of the fields with the most in-demand jobs in today's economy; but having a bachelor's degree may not be enough for those who want to build a solid foundation to a long-lasting career.

"While there are a lot of openings in the field, organizations are looking for credentials," explained Payam Bina, deputy chair of the department. "We try to give our students the knowledge, the experience, and the credentials for a lower cost."

"The credentials you get from us, you can use for the rest of your life," said Dr. Issac Herskowitz, founding dean of the Graduate School of Technology.

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In order to apply, NYSCAS students have to complete 30 undergraduate credits with a minimum major GPA of 3.5 and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Applicants also need to file an application including letters of reference from two faculty members.

"This is a win-win situation for students, who can get a bachelor's and a master's degree for less money and in less time. The credentials you get from us, you can use for the rest of your life." Dr. Issac Herskowitz, founding dean of the GST.

U.S. News & World Report has listed software development as the best job in the United States job market this year. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has also listed information security analysis as one of the ten fastest-growing occupations in the country.



PHARMACY

Touro's new pre-pharmacy program allows qualified NYSCAS students to start at Touro College of Pharmacy before they finish their undergraduate studies. This program allows them to complete both their B.S. and Pharm.D. degrees in a total of only seven years—as opposed to the regular eight years.

“We are proud to partner with NYSCAS, whose high-quality, professionally-oriented degree programs and hands-on training are a perfect match for TCOP’s mission to develop the next generation of pharmacists committed to patient care and promoting wellness, especially in underserved communities,” said Dr. Henry Cohen, Dean of the Touro College of Pharmacy.

This year, 88% of Touro’s first-time takers passed the North American Pharmacist Licensing Exam (NAPLEX).

Students can apply to TCOP during their junior year at NYSCAS. The requirements include a cumulative GPA of 3.0, the PCAT admission test, favorable recommendations, and the completion of 67 undergraduate credits of prerequisite coursework. TCOP also encourages students to enroll in additional courses in genetics, statistics, and computer science, for a better chance to be selected.





"For students, this is a unique opportunity to get started on a rewarding career in one of the most respected professions, in less time and for less money than if they had pursued both degrees separately," Dr. Cohen said.

TCOP students are known to perform well in New York State's pharmacy licensing exams. Earlier this year, 88% of Touro's first-time takers passed the North American Pharmacist Licensing Exam (NAPLEX).



EDUCATION

The accelerated Education program is called "4+1," and it allows undergraduate students to earn an M.S. degree in Education and prepare for the NYSED Certification in just one year. Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 who have already completed 60 credits of undergraduate coursework can apply.

"The program allows students to get a jumpstart while they're still pursuing their undergraduate degree," explained Dr. Jacob Easley II, the dean of Touro's Graduate School of Education (GSE). "It acts as a catalyst to help them plan and think about their graduate studies early on in their careers."

Dr. Easley also explained that in New York State all teachers are required to pursue a master's degree. "This track is beneficial



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to the undergraduate students both professionally and economically," he said.

Through the four-plus-one program, students can take four graduate courses during their junior and senior years at NYSCAS; then, once they've completed their bachelor's, they can officially apply and start their master's in one of the following fields: Early Education and Special Education, Childhood Education and Special Education, Special Education Generalist, and Mathematics Education.

Touro's GSE is the #1 educator of New York City public school teachers, as well as the largest provider of Special Education teachers to the NYC Department of Education. The school is also well-known for its remarkable diversity, as it ranks #9 in the list of the country's Top 100 producers for minority completers of master's degrees in education published by *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*.

IT'S ALL ABOUT STUDENT SUCCESS

Chris Schnupp has recently joined NYSCAS as the new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. He has previously held similar positions at different institutions in the New York area, including Education Affiliates, Mildred Elley, and the Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology.

"Teachers at NYSCAS are passionate about their students' success. They care about students as individuals."



Chris Schnupp,
Associate
Dean for
Academic
Affairs



"I am very passionate about student success," he says, adding that his motto is the famous saying, "Success is not final; failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

Dean Schnupp says that Touro College "has a phenomenal reputation for high-quality education. Teachers here are passionate about their students' success, and they care about students as individuals."

The focus of his role, he says, is to ensure curriculum compliance by faculty, ensure that courses are well-maintained, and preserve the overall quality of education of the school. His responsibilities include researching and developing new courses and academic programs. "My extensive background as an educator and administrator has provided me the opportunity to positively promote the academic well-being of not only the students I have worked with, but the faculty as well," he says.

Schnupp grew up in Long Island, N.Y., and he lives in Pennsylvania. He holds an EJD in Law from the Concord School of Law, a master's in Library Science from C.W. Post, and a bachelor's in History from St. Joseph's College. He is awaiting conferral of a second master's degree in American History from American Public University and has completed 48 credits with a 4.0 average towards an E.D.D. in Higher Education Administration. He is a member of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society for Social Sciences, and Golden Key International Honor Society.

"I want to continue to build on Touro's very strong foundation, to expand and grow existing programs, and to increase student satisfaction with the school," he says.



Gena Bardwell,
Speech
Department
Chair and
Director
of General
Education



The classroom? It's a two-way street

Meet students where they are and elevate them to new heights of curiosity and discovery." This is the motto of Gena Bardwell, who has worked at Touro College since 1998, and has recently been appointed as Chair of the Speech and Communications Department at NYSCAS.

The classroom, she believes, is a laboratory: "I go in there as a student, and I come out of it having learned from the students. It's a two-way street." She says she likes to work with students one-on-one and "guide them to where they want to go."

Bardwell comes from a family of educators. Her mother worked in

the Kansas City school system for over 40 years, and her 99-year-old aunt was recently honored by the Kansas City School District for her work as a reading instructor. Bardwell received her B.F.A. from Stephens College and her M.F.A. from Rutgers University; she has worked as an actor and as a playwright. She says that she has used her theater background as a resource to teach speech.

"I've been at Touro for a long time, and I've seen it go through so many stages," she says. "It's turned into a wonderful institution for students to learn, get support from the faculty, and become whatever they want to be."

Bardwell has been Director of General Education since 2016, which allows her to work with faculty and evaluators in a variety of disciplines at the school. Prior to that, she taught Public Speaking, Interpersonal Communication, Event Management, and Human Communication. She has also taught Strategic Management at Touro's Business School.

Communication skills are very important in all fields, she says. "It is useful to become a good speaker, a good explainer of information; to ask questions, to listen, to think creatively about how to solve a problem. These are skills you can use in any job."

"The goal is to meet students where they are and elevate them to new heights of curiosity and discovery."



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THE WORKPLACE OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

Dr. Sabra Brock's passion is to "connect education with the workplace—the workplace of today and tomorrow." Before starting her career in academia, Dr. Brock held leadership positions at several international corporations, such as Citicorp, Colgate-Palmolive, and DuPont. In 2014, she was listed as one of the "Top Women in Business" by the Queens Courier.

Dr. Brock has been teaching business at Touro College for over a decade. Now, after acting as the interim dean of Touro's Graduate School of Business for six years, she has been appointed chair of the Business and Accounting department at NYSCAS.

"What I hope to do is to bring the curriculum in line with the workplace," she says about her new role. "The reason why students get a business degree is to get a job, or to get a better job. When I hire professors, I look for people who can bring in real-world experience, problems, and contacts to the classroom."

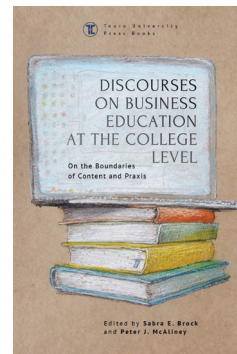
As the new department chair, Dr. Brock wants to emphasize the importance of internships and career development for students: "If you get a paid internship, 68% of the time you end up getting a full-time job offer. The organizations want to try you out and see if it's a good match; internships are a great way to do that."

Dr. Brock has a master's from Northwestern University;

she received her doctorate in business education from New York University. In 2013, Touro University Press published her book, *At the Intersection of Education, Marketing, and Transformation*. This fall, she released a new book, titled *Discourses of Business Education at the College Level*, which she edited with Peter J. McAliney.

"The new book is a collection of articles from about 15 of my colleagues from my Ph.D. program at New York University," she explains. The topics range from how to improve teamwork skills to how to build a marketing portfolio, to how to make it easier for international students to adapt to U.S. academic programs.

Last year, Dr. Brock was the keynote speaker at the NatDC Women in Leadership conference at the Harvard Faculty Club, where she spoke about her research on female CEOs. "Leadership is one of the key themes of my life," she says. "I'm particularly interested in helping women—and men—find their inner leader."



Sabra Brock,
Business and
Accounting
Chair





**Angela
Velez**

Graduating Magna Cum Laude While Working in Special Education

On the same day that Angela Velez graduated magna cum laude from Touro College's NYSCAS this past June, she was also inducted into Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology.

Angela, who pursued a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in childhood education, said that at NYSCAS she met "great professors," who inspired her to "reach for more." For the last few years, while studying at Touro, Angela has been working as a daycare teacher for children with special needs in an unprivileged area of the Bronx.

"A representative from Touro came to my workplace to talk about the school's specialized program for teachers working in daycare," she said of her decision to apply to NYSCAS. "I'm a single mother of two special-needs children myself. The program allowed me to take my classes during the weekend, and I really wanted to take this opportunity to pursue my education while working at the same time."

"My professors helped me desire a better future for myself," she said. She mentioned Chair of Psychology Carole Beckford, Prof. Poonam Dharni, and Prof. Carrie DiMatteo.

Born and raised in the Bronx, NY, into a Puerto Rican family, Angela is a single mother of two children. She became interested in pursuing a career in special education as her son, who was diagnosed with autism, received therapy sessions while growing up. Angela said her daughter, who is 9 years old, was "really proud" to see her in cap and gown on graduation day.

This fall, Angela will be attending Bank Street's Graduate School of Education, where she was accepted for a master's degree in Early Childhood Education.



**Dovid
Friedman**

From Dream to Reality: Dovid's Journey to Becoming a Doctor

Dovid Friedman knew he wanted to become a doctor since he was a child.

"It's the only thing I've ever wanted to do as a profession," he said. "I never considered anything else. Even as a high school student, I made an effort to do well in my science classes because of this dream."

Dovid, who is currently enrolled at St. George's University's medical school, graduated from NYSCAS in early 2016. At NYSCAS, he majored in biology.

"The biology track was really good," Dovid said. "I learned from some great professors. For example, I had Jean Wells for Anatomy and Physiology, who helped me develop my enthusiasm

even further. The classmates were also very helpful."

Dovid grew up in Brooklyn. After graduating from high school, he spent three years in Israel, where he studied in a yeshiva and volunteered in the Israeli army. Once he returned to New York, he chose to pursue his bachelor's at NYSCAS.

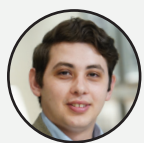
Dovid has recently completed his first two years of medical school in Grenada, in the Caribbean. This fall, he started his residency at the Brooklyn Hospital Center, where he will be rotating through the different departments before he chooses his specialty.

His advice for current NYSCAS students is to take advantage of all the great resources the school

offers. "The academic advisors are phenomenal; they're always available and helpful. You feel like everyone you talk to is truly interested in you and wants you to succeed. It's a very personal experience, and that's not always the case in larger universities," he explained. "It's important for students to utilize all of the resources available to them."

"My advice," he continued, "is to try to understand what you want to do after you graduate early on, so that you can gear towards your goal from the beginning of your degree. For instance, if you need to do volunteering or research, or anything that might help you achieve your goal, you'll be prepared and have no surprises."





Leo
Andriasyan



Family Tradition: A Future Lawyer's Special Relationship with Touro

Leo Andriasyan was not the first member of his family to attend Touro College. Before him, his grandfather and his mother attended the school. Leo's family immigrated to the United States from Saint Petersburg after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

"My grandfather still has his Touro ID card," said Leo. "It looks very different from the cards they use now. It's just a laminated piece of paper with his picture on it." In the 1990s, Leo's grandfather attended some English language classes at the college.

Leo was born in New York. He grew up in Brooklyn, and when the time came to choose a college to attend, he honored the family tradition.

"My mother, who attended a pre-speech pathology program at Touro, had a great experience at the school," he said. "That's one of the reasons why I decided to go to Touro, as well."

As a student of Touro's NYSCAS, he wasted no time; he even managed to graduate early, attaining his bachelor's degree in less than three years. "Each semester, I took as many classes as possible, so that I could graduate early."

At first, Leo thought he wanted to pursue a career in the health sector, but after interning at a law firm in Brooklyn, he decided he wanted to become a lawyer. That same firm offered him a job as Legal Researcher and Assistant after he completed his internship; he worked part-time while attending NYSCAS on a full-time schedule for most of the time he was a student at Touro.

"NYSCAS helped me tremendously," Leo said. "There were a few advisors and professors, like Vladimir Shapiro (the Director of Academic Support Services) who were helpful and knowledgeable; he connected me with some great professors, like Professor Tom Rozinski."

Leo graduated from NYSCAS in 2017. His sister is currently attending the school.

When he applied to law schools, Leo got offers from several of them; he ended up choosing Brooklyn Law School, because of the generous scholarship he received and because he plans to stay in New York City in the near future. "I'm very happy with my decision," he said. He is currently attending his third and final year at the school.

"My advice is to speak to your advisors. Touro provides excellent advisors, who can connect you with the professors and help you make your schedule work for you," he said. "My story would have been impossible had I attended a different college; there's no other school where I could have gotten such great advisors and could have worked part-time while pursuing my education. I'm very thankful to NYSCAS."



LIVING HER DREAMS, ONE CLASS AT A TIME

Turns out that the model of the school's subway advertisements is a role model, too



**Abheri
Pinky**

Q&A with Abheri Pinky, Sophomore

Abheri was born in Bangladesh and moved to New York a decade ago. She's a second-year student at NYSCAS, where she's studying Human Services. At Touro and in New York she is known for being the model of a NYSCAS advertisement that can be seen on subway cars and on buses around the city. At Touro, she also works in the admissions office at the Neptune Avenue location through the Work Study program. She is the mother of a 6-year-old girl named Arushi.

Why did you choose NYSCAS?

"In my family, education is very important. I wanted to educate myself and build a better future for my daughter and me. A good friend of mine brought me to Touro and encouraged me to study here. The same day that I visited, I applied. I live in Brooklyn, and I

chose the school also because it has a location close to where I live."

What inspired you to go back to school?

"My daughter influenced me to do it. I love reading books with her, it's a passion we share."

What are your favorite classes?

"I'm interested in Human Services because I love to talk to and help other people. My favorite courses, so far, have been Sociology with Dr. Martin Gallatin and Communications with Dr. Mark Merlis."

What's your advice for new students?

"My advice for new students is to listen to your teachers. Relax, don't worry about the exams, and don't be scared of school—just do your best. The most important thing is that you don't miss your classes."



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How does it feel to see your face all over the New York City subways on the NYSCAS ads?

"It's a dream! Every time I leave my house and go outside, there are people who recognize me and stop me to ask me if I'm the girl from the ads. People sometimes ask me for selfies. Especially my daughter feels proud of me, she says, 'This is my famous mom.' I feel like Touro is making my dreams come true."

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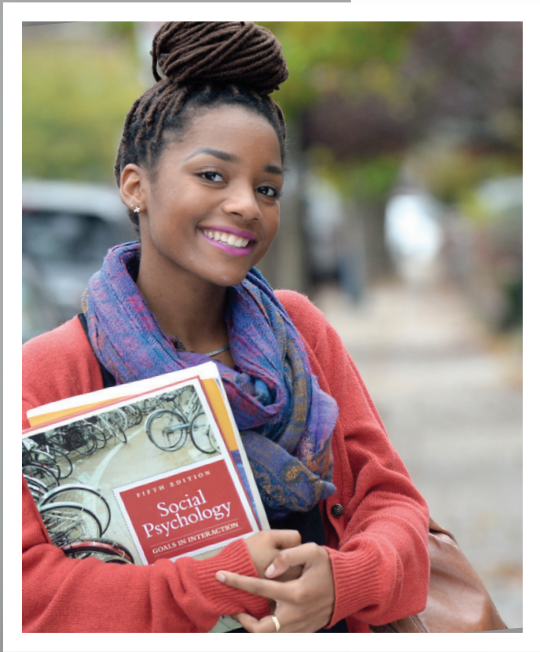
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