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EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

IN TEACHING



Dr. Tolani Ajagbe is an addiction psychiatrist and assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He is the October 2019 recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching recognition.**

COMMENTS FROM DR. AJAGBE'S STUDENTS:

“Dr. Ajagbe showed me what it means to be an excellent teacher, doctor and most of all person. The compassion he shows for each and every one of his patients makes me strive to be a better student and future physician.”

“Every moment spent with Dr. Ajagbe was educational; even in the moments he was not intending to teach, he taught. He is such an incredible example of respect and professionalism, and one could not help but to become equally zealous in the work at hand. Without asking, he elicited our best work ethic, our highest commitment to the field, and our most heartfelt connections with patients.”

“Dr. Ajagbe managed to maintain a jovial and genuinely fun workplace while never sacrificing professionalism, and le me with a smile on my face to start and finish every day in clinic. I can honestly say I’ve never had a more enjoyable, educational, constructive, and fulfilling clinical experience.”

The College of Medicine recognizes exceptional teachers with the monthly “Exceptional Moments in Teaching” program. Honorees are selected via student assessments from courses and clerkships. Recognized teachers — including medical faculty, residents, nurses and other educators — are those who challenge students and provide an exceptional learning experience.