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EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

IN TEACHING



Michaela Simmons, DO is a PGY2 Resident in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is the February 2020 Recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching** recognition.

COMMENTS FROM DR. SIMMONS' STUDENTS:

“Michaela embodies what it means to be a resident at an academic institution. She is incredibly kind and knowledgeable, most of all she knows how to treat people. She hasn't forgotten what it means to interact meaningfully with everyone on the healthcare team (including students) and including patients in decision making.”

“Michaela is a natural teacher who was always extremely encouraging and supportive, yet constantly challenged with questions and clinical pearls on any case we worked together. She has an absolute gift in being able to explain complex topics in a digestible manner, all while never making the learner feel 'small.' She was always eager to answer my questions in a thoughtful and thorough fashion, no matter how trivial, and never hesitated to take me under her wing in order to maximize my educational experience.”

“She challenged me in ways appropriate for my level of training, capitalized on every available opportunity to strengthen any of my observed weaknesses and consistently treated me with respect and a sense of educational 'nurturing' I have never before experienced.”

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.