

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

IN TEACHING



Ian Dargon, MD, is assistant professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at Upstate Medical University and the **January 2022** Recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching Recognition**.

COMMENTS FROM DR. DARGON'S STUDENTS:

"The most incredible teacher I have ever had and probably the smartest person I have met. Dr. Dargon was always exceptionally respectful to students presenting, even though he clearly knew all of the information. He made sure to teach with every single patient, and did not make you feel inadequate or dumb if you didn't know the answer or didn't understand. He took the time to show me how to change a diaper when I had said that I hadn't changed one. I was amazed an attending would spend their time helping me in that way. Really just an exceptional teacher and fantastic role model."

"During my clerkship, I had an unfortunate encounter with a patient's family member in which they said harmful things regarding my race. Dr. Dargon checked in on me before and after this occurred, and he also said that I didn't need to go back into that patient's room. He made it clear to all students that he would not tolerate abuse towards any of us. Dr. Dargon made me feel safe and alleviated my anxieties regarding the work environment many of us third-year medical students fear."

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.