

## EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

## IN TEACHING



**James Edinger, MD**, an assistant clinical professor of Family Medicine at Upstate Medical University, is the **January 2023** recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching** recognition.

### COMMENTS FROM DR. EDINGER'S STUDENTS:

*"Dr. Edinger helped create a positive environment for me to confidently interview patients and ask for help when I was unsure about a physical exam. Until now all the patients I had seen were not in distress but at the clinic I began to see patients in distress with conditions such as late stages of Alzheimer's, acute pain, etc. I was able to obtain correct histories of these patients because of Dr. Edinger's frequent advice and encouragement."*

*"Dr. Edinger radiates an enthusiasm and passion for medicine that is contagious. He and his wife Loretta Edinger, who is the nurse practitioner in the practice, are both brilliant and extraordinarily caring healthcare providers, as well as teachers. They are funny, energetic and overall exemplary individuals. It was an honor to be their pupil. The staff in the office were some of the most wonderful people I have had the honor of meeting. I felt as though I had stepped into a caring family that truly loves the community it provides for. Dr. Edinger took the time to really get to know me as a student and pass on his wealth of knowledge to me, in addition to some hilarious stories. This experience has helped me to grow and develop as a medical student in ways I never imagined."*

The Norton 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.