

RESIDENT EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS IN TEACHING



Naveed Rahman, MD, a chief resident in the Department of Surgery at Upstate Medical University, is the **June 2024** recipient of the **Resident Exceptional Moments in Teaching** recognition.

COMMENTS FROM DR. RAHMAN'S STUDENTS:

“Dr. Rahman is one of the best doctors that I have ever worked with. During his time on vascular surgery, he regularly took time out to provide education and field any questions I had. He has excellent bedside manner. He does not engage in negative banter about work or colleagues. When on call, he is clearly happy to help. When on consult he advised me to remember that, “people are calling you because they need help.” He advocates for his patients and colleagues alike. Dr Rahman encourages his students to try, fail and try again. He is never disrespectful or condescending to students or staff. He constantly gives positive feedback. His criticism is constructive and respectful. He is hands down one of the best physicians, residents, and human beings I have ever had the privilege to work with.”

“I had the privilege of working alongside Dr. Rahman during my rotation in general surgery, and he was hands down one of the best residents I have ever worked with. He was the epitome of professionalism, respectfulness, and genuine kindness, and this enriched my learning experience. His approachability and willingness to teach were also unparalleled, and he consistently went above and beyond to ensure that I not only understood the intricacies of surgical procedures but also grasped the underlying principles guiding patient care. He very much served as an inspiring role model, embodying the values of empathy and compassion in patient interactions. He reaffirmed my desire to pursue a career in surgery.”

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.