

## FACULTY EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS IN TEACHING



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.

**Sherrie LaFrance-Hale, PhD**, an assistant professor of Cell and Developmental Biology at the Norton College of Medicine at Upstate Medical University, is the **June 2024** recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching recognition**.

### COMMENTS FROM LAFRANCE-HALE’S STUDENTS:

*“Dr. LaFrance-Hale for the second time (first in Cardiovascular System, then in Respiratory System) went above and beyond organizing review sessions for students to learn gross anatomy. Recognizing teaching assistants are crucial to student success, but not available due to enjoying their pre-residency lives, Dr. LaFrance-Hale stepped up to help us when we needed it. Her explanations are always clear, kind, and repeated when asked. She empathizes with our struggle as medical students.”*

*“She is great. Cares about her students and makes sure we have the resources we need to Succeed. When the fourth-year wasn’t there for review, she sacrificed her own time to go over everything with us and recorded many informative videos that were relevant to the tested content. Does not feel like any of her material is a waste of time. Didn’t mind going back and explaining. Explanations are very good.”*

*“She is an amazing teacher; definitely one of the best professors here at Upstate. Dr. LaFrance-Hale is an amazing teacher and human being. She constantly makes me feel heard and is able to easily explain anything I am having trouble with. We love Dr. LaFrance-Hale!!”*