

FACULTY EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS IN TEACHING



Syed M. Ovais Hasan, MD, an assistant professor of Family Medicine at the Norton College of Medicine at Upstate Medical University, is the **May 2024** recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching recognition**.

COMMENTS FROM HASAN'S STUDENTS:

“Dr. Hasan is an amazing teacher and mentor for medical students. He truly cares about medical student success and genuinely wants us to be the best physicians we can be. From the first day of working with him, he challenged me by asking about my understanding of big concepts. If I did not know the answer or only knew parts of concepts, he would take the time out of his busy schedule to go over topics and ensure I had a good understanding, then come back to those topics throughout the clerkship. I always felt comfortable asking for help or going to Dr. Hasan with questions, and he created an environment that encouraged questions. He was also interested in my future and gave me advice based on what I mentioned my interests were. I felt like he really cared about what I wanted and whether I succeeded, which was a nice feeling.”

“Dr. Hasan was one of the best attendings to work with. He was enthusiastic when it came to teaching, provided a great learning environment, and was instrumental in my journey through medical school. I gained so much from this rotation. He helped me grow as a person and as a future physician. His care for his patients was phenomenal, and I can only hope to practice the way he does in the future. Overall, he is a fantastic physician and even better person. Any student who rotates with him is lucky to have the opportunity.”

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.