

RESIDENT 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.

Michael Kmeid, MD, a PGY-4 resident in the Department of Neurology at Upstate Medical University, is the **February 2025** recipient of the **Resident Exceptional Moments in Teaching** recognition.

COMMENTS FROM DR. KMEID’S STUDENTS:

“Dr. Kmeid is an exceptional teacher. He was built for academic medicine, despite any attempts of his to convince you otherwise. He is welcoming and accommodating, recognizing learners’ levels of experience and adjusting his teaching accordingly. He is communicative, setting expectations and establishing achievable learning objectives. He is always willing to teach a concept in a digestible and interactive manner. A teachable moment never passes him by. His passion for medicine and for achieving excellence is palpable. Dr. Kmeid has taught me more than I can say — both through his words, and through his admirable way of practicing medicine.”

“Michael was undoubtedly one of the best residents I’ve had the opportunity to work with. Despite the fast-paced, high-stress environment, he consistently took the time to teach us valuable concepts, including localization, management strategies, prioritization during stroke codes, and contraindications. He guided us through interpreting CTAs and MRIs, encouraging us to share our observations and explaining the proper approach to analyzing imaging results. He went above and beyond to ensure our success. Working with him was an incredible experience, and the knowledge I gained during that first week laid a strong foundation for the rest of my neurology clerkship.”