2020-2021 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Best Phase 2 Preceptor

Name of Nominee Dr. Maria Gaby Frank

It is my honor to nominate Dr. Frank for Best Phase II Preceptor. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with her these past two years. Her contributions have enhanced my medical education and she has ignited a desire in me to continue along my journey to becoming a valued, contributing member of the medical community.

Dr. Frank has found innovative ways to further my educational experience and demonstrates what it means to take the extra steps to ensure the best outcomes for all. When we started this year, I shared my goals with her for this preceptor experience: increasing my skills in writing comprehensive notes, effectively presenting patients, and applying my knowledge and research skills while forming differentials.

Dr. Frank has provided me with professional and constructive feedback to enhance my ability to write notes and present patients. She is quick to point out what I am doing well and always provides me with suggestions to strengthen my written and verbal skills. When the time does not allow for one-on-one conversations, Dr. Frank provides me written feedback promptly. All of the feedback I have been provided by her has had a direct impact on building my communication skills.

Dr. Frank has been instrumental in assisting me with developing a thorough differential. On more than one occasion, after providing me feedback on my notes and presentation, she has shared her thought process on how she approached the different areas of the case. Dr. Frank has always been enthusiastic about teaching me new information and quizzing me on the information I have previously learned. She approaches teaching in a way that builds connections between the new information and the concepts we were currently studying. She illustrates how interconnected many things are.

Dr. Frank continues to demonstrate what it means to go above and beyond as a preceptor. She has high expectations for me that push me to continue to develop my understandings and skills. Dr. Frank has been flexible and found ways for me to enhance the skills I have attained, thus far. For example, she took me to visit a patient with a mitral regurgitation murmur so I was able to hear how this murmur would present. The imaging was not uploaded when I asked how it would look on the echo. She took me back to the patient's room with ultrasound and talked me through anatomy and physiology.

I am truly grateful for the impact Dr. Frank continues to make on my skill set as a medical student and I know everything she teaches me will make me a more well-rounded professional. Due to all of these reasons, it is my privileged to nominate Dr. Maria Gaby Frank for Best Phase II Preceptor.

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