2020-2021 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Best Phase 1 Preceptor

Name of Nominee Dr. Bonnie Kaplan

I am compelled to share with you my perception and experience with my outstanding preceptor. I have been given a gift to be able, during this pandemic with minimal in-person experience, to be working with Dr. Bonnie Kaplan. It is with great pleasure that I provide this enthusiastic nomination in support of Dr. Bonnie Kaplan for Best Phase 1 Preceptor.

On my first day at preceptorship, I was overwhelmed by the immensity of knowledge that I felt I needed to acquire for this journey that I am on as I watched all the people around me. Over the next few months, I found myself gaining confidence in my history-taking skills, excited to get feedback and to keep practicing. At my most recent session, I felt invigorated. The content we were learning in our current block lined up with the patients I was seeing, and I could feel the difference a few months of school and having a supportive preceptor could make.

Dr. Kaplan's willingness to teach and share her clinical knowledge has made preceptorship an invaluable experience. The training environment that Dr. Kaplan has created has allowed me to learn without fear of failure. She has empowered me to collect pieces of patient information and work on generating my clinical reasoning skills, all while providing me with encouraging feedback that I can learn from. Before each session, we discuss the skills I want to work on; she allows me to be a part of the conversation on building my clinical skills with her guidance.

No matter the topic, Dr. Kaplan makes me eager to learn, and preceptorship has become one of my favorite opportunities medical school has provided me with. COVID-19 has brought immeasurable sacrifices, loss, and a plethora of challenges. I am beyond grateful that, along with Dr. Kaplan's many responsibilities, she has volunteered her time to be a part of my medical education. Thank you for considering this nomination.

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