2020-2021 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Commitment during a Pandemic

Name of Nominee Dr. Reem Hanna

Reflecting on this past year during the pandemic, I'm not the first one to say that there were numerous unexpected challenges as much of our lives drastically shifted. One source of incredible support, encouragement, and example of excellent leadership was my preceptor, Dr. Reem Hanna. In the beginning months of the pandemic, our Step 1 exam became even more anxiety evoking as test centers closed and scheduling dates were entirely uncertain. Dr. Hanna continued to check in on me, offering to help in any way she could, even while she was the one truly on the front lines battling COVID in the hospitals with two young kids at home. I believe her support through the first two years and especially during that challenging Step 1 period greatly contributed to my success on that exam, and more importantly, to my interactions with patients as we started to dip our toes back into the clinical realm as third year medical students.

As the pandemic continued through the year, Dr. Hanna continued to demonstrate not only her commitment to being an amazing doctor in the hospital, but also a dedicated mentor and teacher to me. Although our official preceptor time got canceled, she still made it a priority to set up zoom calls and phone calls to make sure I was doing well with school and guiding me to think about my future career goals and action plans to make those happen. The conversations also would touch on my overall wellness through an incredibly challenging time, and through these conversations, Dr. Hanna's kindness and true passion for taking care of people shown through.

With a little over a year of medical school ahead, I also enjoy reflecting back and remembering my first patients I saw with Dr. Hanna and how much growth personally and professionally has occurred since then. I am currently on my internal medicine rotation and recognizing the great foundation Dr. Hanna helped me build. There are endless examples of Dr. Hanna's commitment and compassion, and I would be overjoyed for her to receive this recognition, as she is one of the most deserving and kind hearted people I have had the pleasure of getting to know at CU School of Medicine.

Thank you Dr. Hanna for all you do.

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