2020-2021 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Best Role Model

Name of Nominee Dr. David Bosch

It is both a pleasure and an honor to nominate Dr. David Bosch to receive the Golden Stethoscope Award at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in the category of Best Role Model. Dr. Bosch has been my Foundations of Doctoring Preceptor ever since I was a first year medical student. In fact, the first time I wore my white coat in the clinical setting was in the Emergency Department with Dr. Bosch. As this was the first time I was working in the hospital as a medical student, it came with its own set of uncertainties and unknowns—What would be expected of me? What would I experience? Immediately after meeting Dr. Bosch, we sat down for a cup of coffee to talk about how the shift would go and what would be expected of me. His words were both encouraging and inspiring. When the shift began we had multiple stroke alerts, motor vehicle traumas, and we also performed a cardioversion all within a short amount of time. Watching Dr. Bosch manage all these complicated patients had me in awe as a first year medical student. I knew that I had multiple years of training ahead of me, but it was at that moment that I thought to myself—this is the type of physician I hope to become.

As a second year medical student, I recall the first time Dr. Bosch and I had to break bad news to a patient. Unfortunately, a patient had come into the Emergency Department with neurological symptoms, and it was discovered that his lung cancer had metastasized to his brain. The patient was an elderly man, and he was accompanied by his wife and daughter who were currently under the impression that he was recovering well from the lung cancer. When we entered the room, both Dr. Bosch and I sat down to inform the patient and his family of this unfortunate news. I'll never forget being in that room and watching the family realize the magnitude of what was being communicated to them. The amount of empathy that was shared by Dr. Bosch was insurmountable, and he spent as much time as was needed to be with the family during this devastating life changing moment. He spoke with an eloquence that I hope to someday achieve, as I too will one day have these conversations as a future physician.

Dr. Bosch's compassion and drive to help others was exemplified during countless more instances. When the COVID pandemic first began, I contacted Dr. Bosch to see if he and his family were alright, as being an Emergency Medicine Physician he was on the front lines of it all. In the face of a global pandemic with an enormous amount of uncertainty of how many more lives this virus would claim, he expressed to me that it was times like these when he's proud to be an Emergency Medicine Physician.

When I was a first year medical student working with Dr. Bosch, I knew that he personified the type of physician I wanted to become, now as a third year medical student who will be applying to Emergency Medicine, I know that he encompasses everything I want to attain as a future Emergency Medicine Physician. My love for Emergency Medicine was solidified because of my experiences with Dr. Bosch and the numerous lessons passed down by him. I would not be the same medical student I am today without his mentorship and guidance he has given me over the years. It is without a doubt that Dr. Bosch has been a role model for me ever since that first day I wore my white coat in the hospital all those years ago. He embodies everything that a Foundations of Doctoring Preceptor should represent, and it is my great pleasure and honor to nominate him for the Golden Stethoscope Award at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

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