2021-2022 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Outstanding Preceptor Award

Name of Nominee Dr. Laura Damioli

It is my pleasure and honor to nominate Dr. Laura Damioli for the Outstanding Preceptor Golden Stethoscope Award. My nerves were astronomical prior to the first shift with Dr. Damioli yet all my fears and concerns were immediately alleviated with a warm smile and friendly introduction. From there, each shift, patient encounter, and brief moments of downtime were filled with in-depth instruction and tips on how to succeed in this new world. Dr. Damioli's passion for teaching and educating the future generation of physicians was evident in every moment we spent together and the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus is fortunate to have individuals like her. One of Dr. Damioli's greatest strengths was her ability to make me feel like a valued member of the treatment team. From introducing me to every patient, incorporating me into conversations with colleagues, taking me to microbiology rounds, and inviting me to sit in on limb restoration meetings, these inclusions and offers eased my transition into the large and intimidating hospital environment. An outstanding preceptor is one who fosters student curiosity, creates an environment for hands-on learning, and cultivates a mentor-mentee relationship built on trust, honesty, and guidance. Dr. Laura Damioli greatly exceeds these criteria and is a shining example of what mentorship should be in today's medical environment.

The most valuable lesson a preceptor can give a preceptee is highlighting that versatility and adaptability are the most important aspects of providing outstanding patient care. During my time with Dr. Damioli, I witnessed her provide inpatient, outpatient, and telehealth care to various patients ranging in age, sex, gender identity, and cultural identity. Yet, no matter the time, location, or situation, the care every patient received was personable, appropriate, and respectful. Additionally, Dr. Damioli provided masterclass lessons on incorporating the patient's values in shared decision-making plans during every patient encounter I saw with her. My bedside manner and patient care philosophy have been greatly enhanced by the fantastic lessons given to me by Dr. Damioli.

I am forever grateful to have been paired with Dr. Damioli during my first year of medical school. I am thankful to have been able to learn and grow under her tutelage. With great pride and appreciation, I nominate her for the Golden Stethoscope Outstanding Preceptor award.

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