2021-2022 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Outstanding Preceptor

Name of Nominee Dr. Grace Fan

From day one of preceptorship, Grace's skills as a preceptor lived up to her name: she pushed me to practice my DOCS skills in a safe, growth-oriented manner; her feedback to me helped me constantly pivot what skills I used and how I used them over the course of our year together without fear; and she always made time for questions, inquiry, and points of curiosity. Fostering the student-preceptor relationship requires both commitment and skill, and Grace embodied both of these attributes in spades in spite of what challenges she encountered during the year. She modeled how to persevere throughout personal and professional challenge: though unexpected circumstances were thrown on her path over the course of this year, she modeled exceptional grace for herself, me as her learner, and her colleagues in the Emergency Department, and she held herself accountable to all of the people and patients who relied on her despite these circumstances. Grace modeled exceptional conduct and poise as a physician and individualized instruction as a teacher. She made me reflect on my learning and come into our sessions with my best growth mindset, leading each session with, "What do you want to practice today?" Her instruction provided me with ample opportunity to practice my skills both independently and under her instruction, and I feel more confident at this point in my medical education than I thought I would. Grace gave more than I expected from a preceptor, as her faith in my abilities as a learner, recognition of the need to practice skills on my own (and sometimes stumble on my own!), and confidence in my willingness to incorporate her feedback now serve as the foundation for my clinical skills. It was a privilege to learn from her this year, and I am grateful that her instruction and leadership are where I started as a learner and future physician.

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