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EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

IN TEACHING



Birx Nolan, MD, is a second-year Resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology at SUNY Upstate Medical University. She is the **April 2021** Recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching Recognition**.

COMMENTS FROM DR. NOLAN'S STUDENTS:

“Dr. Nolan is a great mentor. My surgical experience is very limited but Dr. Nolan was very patient and explained to me everything that needs to be done step by step — from scrubbing in, to proper OR etiquette.”

“Dr. Birx acts with decisiveness and confidence. She is considerate of all people in her presence, and she demonstrates a commitment to excellence in patient care and team interactions. It is inspiring and very telling to observe her in action. She exemplifies respectfulness, and she very obviously cares deeply for others. I truly hope to practice in a way similar to her in the future.”

“I was able to see a consult with Dr. Birx, and she helped explain to me what the management for the patient would be and why estrogen would not be a good option. On OB nights, I felt she truly cared for the medical students and wanted them to get a great experience. I overheard her asking the nurse to find a medical student to be involved in the delivery of a patient who had been rushed to a room. She also had a difficult case that night that I thought she handled very well considering how challenging the situation was.”

The College of Medicine recognizes exceptional teachers with the monthly “Exceptional Moments in Teaching” program. Honorees are selected via student assessments from courses and clerkships.

Recognized teachers—including medical faculty, residents, nurses and other educators—are those who challenge students and provide an exceptional learning experience.