

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

# EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

## IN TEACHING



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.

**Steven Pflanz, MD,** is an assistant clinical professor of Psychiatry at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He is the **January 2021** Recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching Recognition.**

### COMMENTS FROM DR. PFLANZ’S STUDENTS:

*“Dr. Pflanz was an exceptional teacher who took every opportunity to help the medical students grow into soon-to-be physicians. He led patient care treatment teams by example with professionalism and compassion. He challenged us to explore the patients’ minds and learn from each individual case on why and how they need psychiatric help. It was a privilege working with Dr. Pflanz and helping the military veterans at the Veteran Affairs.”*

*“Dr. Pflanz took plenty of time out of his day to teach the medical students in the context of the patient meeting. He was a calming figure and was very well spoken, fostering a very good learning environment. He made me look at psychiatry in a different light, which will be vital in caring for my patients in the future, regardless of my specialty.”*

*“Dr. Pflanz was a terrific preceptor for the VA psychiatry clerkship. He would discuss patients’ unique pathology at length, and I learned a lot about the field just from talking with him. He was very supportive of the students and always made sure we ate lunch and left on time at the end of the day. I couldn’t have asked for a better, more instructive experience!”*