

# UPSTATE

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

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## EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

## IN TEACHING



**Robert Roger Lebel, MD**, a professor of Pediatrics at Upstate Medical University, is the **October 2023** recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching** recognition.

### COMMENTS FROM DR. LABEL'S STUDENTS:

*"This professor has challenged me to not only practice my skills outside of the classroom, but to go above and beyond to shadow and critically evaluate providers and their skills so that I may integrate what may be deemed "best practice" into my own skillset. He has also inspired me to think ethically about clinical decisions and to put the patient first in everything that I do, from my classwork to my extracurricular research and organizational activities. He has been an exceptional role model and mentor that I am grateful to have and aspire to be like."*

*"Dr. Lebel's passion about this topic was infectious, and I found myself excited to learn about his work. The implementation of real-life examples that he has seen in his clinic was fascinating and also helped me to understand the foundations for most of his lectures. I really enjoyed his passion for the topic along with the great anecdotes provided."*

*"Dr. Lebel came to class with experience in the field he was teaching. He had stories for us about treating or encountering the diseases that we discussed, as well as gave us practical advice about what to do if we encounter a patient with a suspected chromosome abnormality. He invested a great deal of time and effort into making his lectures practical and engaging at the same time."*

The Norton 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.