

FACULTY EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS IN TEACHING



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.

James Megna, MD, PhD, a professor emeritus of Psychiatry and Behavior Sciences at Upstate Medical University, is the **February 2024** recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching recognition**.

COMMENTS FROM DR. MEGNA’S STUDENTS:

“Dr. Megna is a great teacher. He goes out of his way to sit with us and discuss after seeing patients or attending his group therapy session. This is much appreciated as he is very busy and it meant a lot that he would take the time to use each patient as a teaching point. He is very friendly and a great role model, in that his patients all love him and express this often. It was also nice to observe how he taught the residents in such a constructive manner, as they would discuss patients and come up with treatment plans together.”

“I am super thankful to have had the opportunity to learn alongside Dr. Megna. His ability to connect with his patients is second to none, and I could tell that his patients really felt comforted when in his presence. I learned a ton by watching him communicate with his patients and would consider him an excellent role model for anybody to have. He is very well-liked by his colleagues and goes above and beyond to make the work environment on 4B enjoyable — while still maintaining a strong sense of professionalism. As a medical student, he offered feedback that was clear and concise and actively invited me to participate in many situations when there was an opportunity to learn. I am very appreciative of this and feel as though I developed many useful skills through his mentoring.”