

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.

Amy Brown, MD, MSc, MSCS, an associate professor of Bioethics and Humanities and Pediatrics at Upstate Medical University, is the **March 2024** recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching recognition**.

COMMENTS FROM DR. BROWN’S STUDENTS:

I had many moments where I felt conflicted during a case. For example, when my culture values clashed with some things that my peers or most of Western medical culture would consider ethical or moral. I liked that the professor did not try to establish a right or wrong in our discussion but instead just created space for everyone to share their opinions, which highlighted the complexity of these ethical cases and for me personally, highlighted the importance of self-reflection (especially coming from another culture) and the importance of cultural competency.

Dr. Brown is fantastic, truly a pleasure to have her as a P2P facilitator. I have learned a lot through our various sessions and the classes consistently help bring awareness of issues I may not have thought about in depth. I think that Dr. Caruso-Brown asks great open-ended questions and gives us time to think about and work through these complex cases. I think she creates a low-stress environment conducive to discourse, which is what I enjoy most. I genuinely look forward to this class.

Dr. Amy Caruso-Brown was a fantastic facilitator; she was kind, highly skilled at navigating complex ethical situations, and fostered a low-stress learning environment. I learned a great deal about ethical situations and their implications.