

## RESIDENT EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS IN TEACHING



**Marcia Des Jardin, MD**, a Chief Resident in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Upstate Medical University, is the **January 2024** recipient of the **Resident Exceptional Moments in Teaching** recognition.

### COMMENTS FROM DES JARDIN'S STUDENTS:

*"I have an interest in endocrinology, so during the Ob Gyn clerkship I asked Dr. Des Jardin a question about progesterone. She was able to answer most of the question, but she seemed unsatisfied with the answer she was able to provide and told me that she would send me more information about it at a later date. Usually when doctors have told me something like this in the past, they forget about it and never send me a follow up. However, Dr. Des Jardin researched the question on her own time and sent me an email with a thorough explanation of the function of the hormone based on the most recent literature she could find. I appreciated her taking the time to research and answer my question. When I become a resident, I hope to be as hard-working and helpful to my students as Dr. Des Jardin."*

*"Dr. Des Jardin is super encouraging and allowed me to gain more confidence with my patient care. She is an amazing provider, and it was clear that her patients felt happy and grateful to have her be part of their care. Despite some of the extremely busy nights that we worked together, she was always sure to teach me high-yield topics that have been extremely helpful to know throughout my shelf exam studying and OB GYN clerkship in general. Dr. Des Jardin is very inspiring and even has me considering OB GYN as a specialty now. I appreciate all of her hard work that she does for her team and patients and all that she does for us students as well!"*

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.