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# EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS

## IN TEACHING



**Dana Mihaila, MD, PhD** is an Assistant Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology and Research Assistant Professor of Neurology. She is the **April 2020 Recipient** of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching** recognition.

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

*“Dr. Mihaila expects great things from her students and provides us with the resources and motivation to accomplish our shared goals. Her passion for teaching and student learning is evident in the countless hours that she dedicates to preparing lectures, providing constant open office hours, and offering abundant wrap-up sessions and reviews. Dr. Mihaila is an eloquent, knowledgeable, and trustworthy professor. She is exceptional.”*

*“Dr. Mihaila asked us pointed, poignant, relevant questions that were challenging and thought provoking, but never felt unfair, rather they inspired thought, growth, and understanding of the course material. She also repeatedly said she was proud of us and that we could do it. Those kind words felt so nice.”*

*“Dr. Mihaila showed so much support, concern, and availability for us to be as successful as possible in the course.”*

*“Dr. Mihaila goes above and beyond for her students. She truly seems engaged and invested in our learning and wants us to understand and appreciate the material. She is one of the best.”*

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.