

# EXCEPTIONAL MOMENTS IN TEACHING



The Alan and Marlene 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.

**Liliane El-Kassis, MD**, an assistant professor at the Binghamton Clinical Campus, who practices obstetrics/gynecology, is the **March 2022** recipient of the **Exceptional Moments in Teaching Recognition**.

## COMMENTS FROM DR. EL-KASSIS’ STUDENTS:

*“Dr. El-Kassis welcomed me into her practice, and it was an honor to be by her side as women shared their most vulnerable moments in childbearing. Every day, we discussed topics in OB-GYN that I had read about or had questions about from patient encounters. I was inspired by her ability to recall and teach the physiology, pathology and pharmacology of OB-GYN. She helped me understand my gaps in learning and encouraged me to continue working hard. She always treated me with respect and invited me to be actively involved in patient care. Dr. El-Kassis made me excited to go with her wherever she went. She was especially inspirational because she showed me what it meant to be a leader in medicine as a first-generation, female physician in a rural community.”*

*“Dr. El-Kassis strikes an amazing balance of prioritizing both her patients and students simultaneously. She always sought to engage me in the patient room by talking out loud to explain various things to me or to explain her thought process. This seems like a small thing, but the fact that Dr. El-Kassis made so much eye contact with me in the patient room while teaching really made me feel involved and encouraged as a student. She was quick to let me jump in to try to measure the fundal height, which I really appreciate.”*