

2020-2021 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Best Role Model

Name of Nominee Dr. Mark Huber

Dear Golden Stethoscope Selection Committee,

I would like to nominate my preceptor, Dr. Mark Huber, for the Golden Stethoscope Award of Best Role Model.

I am extremely fortunate to have Dr. Huber as my preceptor. Dr. Huber is an outstanding role model for patient care and medical education. While working in the emergency department it is incredible that he can care for patients, lead/assist the rest of the medical team, field numerous questions from outside clinics, and patiently teach and demonstrate fundamental skills to me. Furthermore, he can do all this without any hint of stress and maintains a positive environment for all. While that alone is worthy of nomination for Best Role Model, the reason why I am nominating Dr. Huber is because he consistently demonstrates the core values of a physician—integrity and altruism.

Being at preceptorship and learning from Dr. Huber has been my favorite part of preclinical training. At every preceptor session Dr. Huber puts a great deal of effort into enhancing my foundational skills. Even during a busy shift in the emergency department, Dr. Huber will find time to discuss a comprehensive differential diagnosis in order to prepare me for third year clinical training. He goes above and beyond to actively find learning points in nearly all the patients we see. Furthermore, he consistently challenges me with new learning opportunities, and then provides great feedback which is both supportive and encouraging. Ultimately, I looked forward to all my preceptor sessions because Dr. Huber makes the experience genuinely fun! That excitement to learn and see patients was especially important for me during the challenges of online learning over the past year.

To further highlight Dr. Huber's character, during my first year of preceptorship, Dr. Huber and I encountered an unexpected and unknown badging issue that resulted in my inability to be in clinic. Unfortunately, this was right before our last session that year to get my remaining hours. I was uncertain how I was going to meet the requirements and deadlines. Without being asked, Dr. Huber donated even more of his time to contact numerous administrative personnel to sort out what needed to be done to resolve this issue. When it was determined that this issue could not be resolved before the deadline, Dr. Huber kindly agreed to meet outside of clinic on one of his days off to fill out paperwork and provide even more knowledge about what it is like being an ED physician. Thus, allowing me to meet the hours and deadlines. Dr. Huber is not required to teach students or ensure those students meet their requirements, yet he donated his time to ensure I succeeded. He also wanted to make sure we fulfilled the requirements honestly and properly. Ultimately, he set an example that physicians should always promote integrity and altruism.

Hopefully my letter does justice explaining those attributes, as well as expressing my gratitude for the time and effort Dr. Huber has invested into my medical training. As a result, I hope the committee considers Dr. Huber to receive this Golden Stethoscope award.

Respectfully,

Mitchell Frydenlund
Class of 2023 (Phase II)

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