# 2022-2023 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

**Nominated for:** Demonstrating Leadership

***Name of Nominee*** Heather Cassidy, M.D.

I am thrilled to nominate Dr. Cassidy for the Golden Stethoscope Award in recognition of her exceptional leadership as my preceptor. Dr. Cassidy's commitment to serving underinsured patients at Mission Medical Center (MMC) in Colorado Springs, coupled with her remarkable teaching and mentoring abilities, make her a deserving candidate for this award.

What sets Dr. Cassidy apart is her ability to bring students and teachers together. She has built a community of physician educators at MMC, allowing over a dozen students to benefit from their collective knowledge. Under Dr. Cassidy's guidance, MMC has become a place of active learning, regular feedback, and a genuine commitment to patient care and professional development. This environment encourages students to take on responsibilities and fosters a sincere interest in taking ownership of our patients' care.

As an educator, Dr. Cassidy possesses a talent for simplifying complex medical concepts, making them accessible and memorable for students. She creates a nurturing learning environment where questions are encouraged and clarification is readily available from her, physician colleagues, and upperclassmen who have returned to MMC. Her enthusiasm for her students' progress is palpable and has created a culture that has been instrumental in shaping my understanding of collaborative patient care.

Dr. Cassidy's exceptional qualities as an educator, mentor, and leader make her deserving of the Golden Stethoscope Award. Her genuine dedication to her patients, peers, and students has left a lasting impact on my journey to become a physician, and a desire to instill similar confidence in any students I mentor in my future career. I wholeheartedly endorse her nomination for this well-deserved recognition.

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