2024-2025 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Outstanding DOCS Preceptor

Name of Nominee Colin Fisher

Dr. Colin Fisher deserves this award because he represents everything a great preceptor should be. He created a space where I felt genuinely safe to learn, connected with me as a person first, and deftly wove opportunities to learn while providing excellent care for his patients. I made mistakes often, but he always pushed me to do more and try again—while filling in the gaps to ensure his patients always received the best care possible. From day one, he made it clear that my development as a student mattered to him and that he was invested in my success.

Dr. Fisher cares deeply for his patients as well as his students. Before every preceptor session, he would take a moment to check in with me and ensure I was doing well. While it may seem like a small thing, his sincerity resonated with me—as I also saw it resonate with the patients he cared for. Dr. Fisher isn't going through the motions or checking boxes; he always shows up each day for everyone who is counting on him. He is an example of kindness, respect, and hard work that I hope to one day emulate.

He always did more than just fulfill his responsibilities and he went out of his way to support me as a learner and as a future physician. Whether it was adjusting his schedule to make sure I could attend, texting thoughtful answers to my questions on days he wasn't even working, remembering patients I had seen and following up with updates on how they are doing, offering advice on how to succeed in LIC next year, helping me think through specialty choices, or even creating custom practice cases during downtime, he consistently showed up in ways that enhanced my learning and made me feel seen, supported, and valued.

In a year that can feel overwhelming for many first-year students, Dr. Fisher made me feel capable, supported, and inspired. His mentorship has left a lasting impact on my education and on my vision for the kind of doctor I want to become. I can't imagine a more deserving recipient.

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