

Nomination Statements from the Class of 2008

“Dr. Zevad Baker embodies what a resident should be to a medical student. He was an excellent teacher and took time out every day to teach on different topics relating to our patients as well as relating to overall importance as a physician. He was patient when doing procedures. Dr. Zeyad is a great physician as is evident by his relationship with the patients and their guardians and by the respect given to him by other interns and the nurses he works with. Dr. Zeyad deserves this honor; he embodies everything this award stands for.”

“I have never seen someone interact with patients with the level of compassion and respect that Dr. Thomas Christiano consistently did. He showed a level of respect that I had never seen to everyone with whom he came into contact. He demonstrated cultural sensitivity, tried to make teaching experiences out of everything, and was approachable and accessible to students. I could not imagine a better role model to emulate.”

“Dr. Eugene Kim demonstrates a unique and caring attitude towards his patients, colleagues, and students. He was always available to students, for any questions or advice. He was always eager to teach and because of that, the interactions that he had with his students just showed how much respect we had for him. He truly is a physician that embodies all of the positive qualities that medical students hope to one day attain”

“Dr. Tim Mainardi truly exemplifies what every doctor should be. He spends countless hours teaching students, and even fellow residents, but still manages to be completely devoted to his patients, and put their needs above anything else. He has amazing interpersonal attributes that allow him to remain calm and instill trust in patients in even the hardest of situations. I was only able to spend one month working with Dr. Mainardi, but I truly wish I could have had more time, as I am sure every day with him would make me that much more of a better doctor.”

“Dr. Christina Pisani was always willing to give her time to teach students. She had an excellent rapport with patients and always had kind words for them. Patients' faces light up when she walks into the room because she connects with them on a higher level. She extends this caring and compassion not only to her patients, but also to other colleagues and medical students. She is a perfect example for how a resident should handle themselves and everyone could learn from her interactions with patients.”

“I can honestly say Dr. Bobby Rupani has been one of the best residents I have had all year. I have found few residents with such a passion and commitment to the general field of medicine, their specific specialty, and most importantly, to their patients. Bobby led by example. She is extremely affable - with patients, faculty, colleagues, and students - and thus she is regarded and adored by many. Any student I mention her name to seems to have a similar positive experience and regard for her. In addition to her humanism, she really values the concept of 'teamwork'. A surgical intern said to me once 'Bobby is the type of chief you want in your corner when things go wrong'. She is an advocate for her students and always tries to push them and make them part of the team.”