Legacy Teachers™

Recognizing Our Patients as Teachers

At the University of Missouri School of Medicine, patient-centered care is our highest priority. In recognition that many of our best and most memorable teachers are our patients, we created the Legacy Teachers program to celebrate and recognize our patients’ contributions to our life-long learning and development.

Open to All M3s
We invite every third-year medical student to participate by reflecting on the patients who have had a lasting impact on your learning.

Essays, Poems & Artwork
Submit a short essay, poem or artwork that describes a patient who stands out as especially important to your growth as a physician.

Luncheon
Selected quotations/submissions, authors and Legacy Teachers will be celebrated at the 16th Annual Legacy Teachers Luncheon date and location to be determined.

Publication
A compilation of quotations/submissions will be published commemorating our patients’ impact on young physicians and their prospective patients.

Dean’s Office Recognition
A letter highlighting your efforts will be added to your dean’s office file.

Submission Guidelines
Your submission should be about a patient you have directly cared for as an M3. Essays, poems, and artwork are all acceptable. Emphasize how the experience affected you and the lessons you were taught, using medical details only to illustrate the lessons learned. Entries will be reviewed by a faculty panel for appropriateness and quality.

Essays
Essays should be 2-3 pages long. Please use a patient pseudonym.

Poems & Artwork
Include a one-page description explaining what your patient taught you.

Deadline: February 3, 2021
Send submissions here.

“My Legacy Teacher rekindled my passion for medicine. He reminded me of how I should treasure every moment I get to spend working with or going the extra mile for my patients. I hope to never forget how privileged I am to be a physician.”

Connor Mullen and his 2019 Legacy Teacher with her mother
Examples

of the patient you might want to describe in your Legacy essay, artwork or poem

- A patient who changed you and helped make you a better future physician.
- A patient who taught you to listen deeply and to understand his or her experience.
- A patient who showed you the crucial roles of comfort and compassion, the importance of good communication, or the vital role of family and caregivers.
- A patient you will never ever forget; whose lessons will always be a part of who you are.
- The patient who taught you the most about yourself as an individual and as a future physician.

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Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Early submissions appreciated!

Poems, essays and artwork accepted.

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Charles Walde and his 2019 Legacy Teacher with her family