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.

Celebration
Selected quotations/submissions, authors and Legacy Teachers will be honored at the 17th Annual Legacy Teachers Celebration April 14, 2022.

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 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 2, 2022
Scan this code to submit.

FAQ’s
Do I need to contact my patient before I submit my essay?
No. Once your submission has been reviewed we will reach out to your patient to convey the honor and the information about the celebration. No further contact to the patient is required on your part.

Will my patient see what I submitted?
That is up to you. We give the students the full right to share their submission with their patient upon their request. There will be an anonymous quote selected from your essay for the printed program.

Am I expected to attend the celebration?
Yes. You will be excused from your clerkship during the celebration.

Allison Watkins and her 2019 Legacy Teacher with her parents.
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.

Deadline
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Early submissions appreciated!

Poems, essays and artwork accepted.

Questions?
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Kyle Warren and his 2019 Legacy Teacher.

Celebration
April 14, 2022
Location to be determined

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