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 Thirteenth Annual Legacy Teachers Luncheon on April 12, 2018.

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 6, 2018
E-mail entries to Carrie Nicholson at nicholsonc@health.missouri.edu

“I walked away from my time with them humbled and determined to explore every patient’s perspective when I have my own practice, because without the patient’s perspective, it is like reading the back cover of a book to determine a story’s plot. You miss a lot of important details and the joy of the experience.”

Alison Huber, M4 who participated in Legacy Teachers in 2017 and her Legacy Teacher and his 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.

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**Deadline**
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
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*Early submissions appreciated!*

Poems, essays and artwork accepted.

**Send submissions to:**
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**Recognizing Our Patients as Teachers**

Emily Levinson, M4 in 2017 and her Legacy Teacher.

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**Luncheon**
Thursday, April 12, 2018

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