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I have been honored to receive a number of awards for my teaching and mentorship: the School of Medicine's Outstanding Faculty Mentor in 2020, the 2018 College Teaching Award, and the 2017 Academic Teacher of the Year Award from Sinai Grace Hospital. In 2018, the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association voted me the Associate Residency Director of the Year in recognition of an assistant or associate residency director who serves as a role model for residents and exemplifies the qualities that residents value in a mentor.

I strongly support scholarship by both residents and faculty in clinical and medical education research. In 2018, I received the Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors Academy Award for Scholarship in Education, which recognizes those who have an exemplary record of achievement in emergency medicine education and are advancing the development of a network of mentors for future growth in emergency medicine education. I am certified in Medical Education Research by the Council of Emergency Medicine Directors and the Association of American Medical Colleges. In 2019, I completed a Master's of Health Professions Education from the University of Michigan.

I believe my core mission as an educator is to provide the best educational experience possible to my learners, so I'm looking forward to doing as much as I can to help the WSUSOM residents I will be overseeing and the faculty who teach them. Residents and faculty should not hesitate to get in touch with me to share ideas and strategies for improving residency training and fostering professional development.

In closing, I would like to thank Maria Zestos, MD, Professor of Anesthesiology, for her guidance as interim associate dean and DIO of Graduate Medical Education during the last month.

Regards,

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