

Golden Stethoscope Nominations 2020-2021

Award: Fostering Curiosity

Preceptor: Dr. Emilie Calvello-Hynes

Nominator: Daewoong Kim, MSIV

It is with great honor that I recommend Dr. Emilie Calvello-Hynes for this award. My name is Daewoong Kim, a fourth year medical student at CUSOM. I am currently applying to residency after an academic year of absence conducting a global health project in collaboration with the World Health Organization in rural Guatemala, an incredible opportunity only made possible with the unyielding mentorship and guidance provided to me by Dr. Calvello-Hynes.

I already knew of Dr. Calvello-Hynes from attending her lectures to the Global Health Track before I met her for the first time during my third year emergency medicine rotation. During our shift, she caught a case of aortic dissection that everyone else had missed. After the chaotic flurry of events that followed, I asked what prompted her to conduct the basic physical exam that saved the life of a seemingly benign presenting patient. I already knew the answer before she told me; I witnessed the same reliance on clinical acumen in the face of severe resource limitations while working with the emergency doctors of Khayelitsha, South Africa. It was a great demonstration of how her global health background fused with her clinical practice to allow her to think differently than everyone else. To my surprise, Dr. Calvello-Hynes accepted enthusiastically when I asked her to be my preceptor that same day.

Several months later, I hesitantly opened up regarding my desire to take a year off to pursue a project abroad. She leapt at the opportunity to guide me through the inherently complex world of global health and helped me arrive at what ended up being one of the best decisions I ever made. In a span of days she helped me establish a project in collaboration with the WHO based off of a needs-based assessment of a previous mentee, secure housing and funds abroad, and build a research framework that would define the next year of my life. It's no understatement to say none of this would have been possible without Dr. Calvello-Hynes. Three months later I was on a plane to Guatemala, clothes stuffed in one suitcase and a CPR mannequin doll in another.

I made my way to the southwest rural region of Guatemala where half of its citizens have no access to clean water and a third of the women are illiterate. My job was to establish contact with local community leaders, build a relationship of trust between local and international partners, train local firefighters to deliver a WHO community based first aid education program, and gather data on its efficacy. During this process Dr. Calvello-Hynes worked tirelessly. She talked with me on the phone for several hours every week, repeatedly tapped into her professional network to send trained providers to Guatemala to assist with the project, and offered personal and emotional guidance during the particularly difficult times.

Dr. Calvello-Hynes never once failed to demonstrate her commitment to my success while asking for nothing in return. For that I will always be grateful. I have worked with dozens and dozens of attendings as a medical student. I mean every word when I say Dr. Cavello-Hynes is

unparalleled in her role as a teacher, a mentor, and academic leader. She sees great value in fostering passion and curiosity in others and I know firsthand that she does not hesitate to personally invest in the future of her learners.

I can think of no one else more deserving of this award. Please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daewoong Kim", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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