

Hi Everyone

"I desire no other epitaph than the statement that I taught medical students in the wards, as I regard this as the most useful work that I have been called upon to do"

These words by none other than Sir William Osler was glimpsed by myself on the back of a placeholder at the recent Osler Banquet. I was fortunate enough to attend this event with my daughter Allison who is herself a third year medical student at McGill. I honestly hope that this is the beginning of an annual father-daughter tradition that will join our regular attendance at Bob Dylan concerts.

The banquet gave me a couple of ideas. The first is to provide an Oslerism with each Departmental Acknowledgement, which may or may not be related to the Acknowledgement itself. There are so many it will be awhile before I repeat myself.

The second was this week's acknowledgement for Lousie Auger directly prompted by the above quote.

Though slight of stature, Louise is a giant when it comes to being a ward attending and the teaching of the students she finds herself with. She is a stickler for a comprehensive physical exam that includes the measuring of the liver span, the exploration of all orifices, and the careful plotting of anthropometric measurements (including the head circumference) on growth charts. She enthusiastically imparts her pragmatic and encyclopedic knowledge of pediatric medicine and instills in the students the vibrant and essential difference that is the care of children and their families. She is a model for physicianship and professionalism that the students can strive for as an attainable paradigm of excellence. She has always strove to advocate for the most vulnerable amongst us.

Rather than I simply writing about Louise's skill set in teaching attached below is a scanned copy of a recent photo of Lousie out for lunch at the end of a rotation with her team and some very heartfelt and genuine comments from the medical students on her team that illustrate the above points.

Dear Dr. Auger, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Dear Dr. Auger,
Thank you so much for everything, the diversity of cases, the teaching sessions, the chocolates and candies at every morning rounds and sign out 😊 but especially, thank you for ^{your} constant concern for us, your patience, your smile and your warmth. You made us feel right at home. This month has been a wonderful experience, and a very good learning environment. It was great to be part of such an amazing team.

Dear Dr. Auger,

Thank you immensely for this wonderful month in the ward. You were truly a mentor in every sense of the word, I learned so much and always felt encouraged and supported. Plus let's not forget the candies that fueled our sign-out rounds 😊. You have sparked a flame for pediatrics in me. THANK YOU →

Thank you, Dr. Auger, for the support you have provided us during this rotation. I don't think that we could have asked for a better mentor, nor a better attending to impart their experience upon us. The guidance you gave us allowed us to grow as medical students, both professionally and intellectually. I sincerely believe that you have been a wonderful role-model, showing us what it means to be both a knowledgeable physician and a kind and wonderful person. We greatly appreciated your patience and generosity. Thank you for a great rotation.

