



2021 Idaho WWAMI Excellence in Teaching

Award Recipient
Dr. Morgan Morton

Dr. Morton was integral in me completing my rotation feeling empowered and passionate about the field of obstetrics and gynecology. She dedicated significant time to developing my technical skills and further provided trust in the form of supervised opportunities to exhibit them and gain proficiency. As a medical student we often feel daunted by the prospect of developing some of these skills under direct supervision. We fear our lack of proficiency will be critiqued harshly or it may result in loss of further opportunities. Dr. Morton never created an environment like this. She recognized that many of these skills take time to develop and put forth the time and effort to nurture that growth in me. She helped me reconcile that I wouldn't be an immediate expert and that steady progress was what I should focus on. This was empowering and a humble reminder that the learning process inherently requires a starting point to build from. The unfortunate reality of medical training is that some preceptors don't always create a learning environment that makes a student feel respected and empowered. However, Dr. Morton created what I would consider to be the ideal environment for me to expand my skillset, gain procedural experience safely, and feel competent and respected. Creation of safe environment that nurtures growth in such a way should be recognized and valued. It was a privilege learning from her.

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