

Dear Academy of Medicine colleagues:

It is my privilege to nominate Chasity O'Malley, PhD for a senior faculty award this year. Dr O'Malley leads the M1 and M2 Foundations curriculum at BSOM. She is an innovative educator with a broad skillset that includes both teaching our students and leading her colleagues in curriculum development teams. She additionally meets monthly with M1 and M2 student reps for feedback in continuous quality improvement paradigm. This collaborative relationship with the students empowers the students and drives constant improvements in the curriculum.

Dr O'Malley has led implementation of several initiatives to identify students at risk early on so they can be better supported through M1 and M2. She has led search committees for multiple faculty roles that have been successfully filled in the last 12 months essentially rebuilding the Department of Medical Education in its support of the students in Foundations.

She is well-loved by the students as an engaged faculty member who significantly supports their professional development. She mentors students interested in academic medicine and co-publishes with them.

Dr O'Malley is a superstar core faculty member at WSU BSOM. I am proud to have her as a colleague.

Thanks for your consideration—

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