

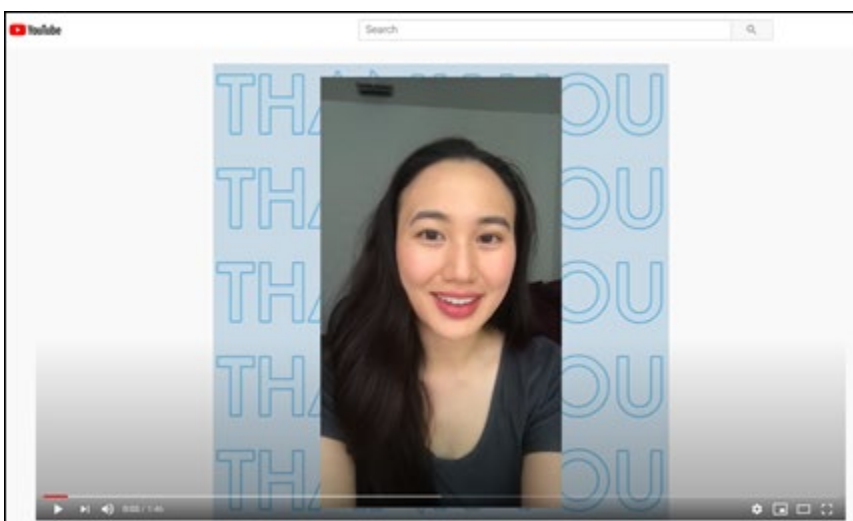


WE ♥ OUR  
RESIDENTS

Over the past 6 weeks, there have been so many ways that so many members of the UF COM community have stepped up to contribute to the common good—including by showing up to work on the front lines and by staying home to protect those who can't.

This week, **for the first “Thank-You Thursday,”** we will honor a group that continues to do what is needed to get the job done! Our Housestaff have been working long hours, both in-house and from home. Many are separated from their loved ones by long distances, others are providing clinical care while tending to children who can no longer attend school or daycare. They have juggled new responsibilities, been reassigned to new services, adapted their training schedules and rotations, moved to online didactics, joined (or led) problem-solving task forces, learned to provide telehealth services, and become ultra-proficient in donning and doffing PPE! They are critical to our educational and clinical missions, and they represent the future of medicine.

In recognition of these efforts, a group of UF medical students, and their colleagues from 6FTCloser, created a **special video expressing gratitude to the residents and fellows at UF College of Medicine.** It is well worth the 2 minutes to watch, and you can check it out by clicking below or at this link: <https://youtu.be/5O3FF3RQ-yM>



*If you're interested, you can nominate an essential worker to receive a “thank you” message, or film your own gratitude video to share, by visiting the 6FTCloser website (developed by medical students from UF COM and elsewhere) at: <https://www.6ftcloser.com/>*

Today, I would encourage you to **send a personal note of gratitude/encouragement to the residents in your home department**. For inspiration, you can read about the contributions of some of our amazing Housestaff in the messages copied below:

- Dear Residents and Fellows,  
Over the past few weeks I've sent out a bunch of emails and done a ton of Zoom conferences. Almost all of them have been advisory or informational. This one is a bit different. I'd like to recognize and thank each of you for what you've done over the past several weeks. I've seen many, many examples of dedicated resident physicians acting selflessly not only in the care of our patients but in support of each other, our staff and yes, even the faculty. In these trying and uncertain times, I find myself looking for things that renew my faith in our profession and what we do. You do that. Thank you. ~ C. Parker Gibbs Jr. MD, Chief Medical Officer, UF Health Shands
- Thanks for all you are doing to care for our patients and support your fellow housestaff during these uncertain times. Your hard work is noticed and appreciated more than you know. It is a privilege to work with you and I am so glad you are Gators! ~ Julia Close, MD, Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education
- There are those who work tirelessly, who put their selves on the line. You are those people. Thank you for all that you do, words will never be enough! ~ Diana Morris, Director, Housestaff Affairs
- When we requested help from the Internal Medicine residents on the Infectious Diseases service, their response was positive and immediate. I just wanted to say thank you and that they are the best! I also want to thank all housestaff and the Infectious Diseases, IM, Pulmonary, and Critical Care Housestaff who have been selfless, and demonstrated skill, courage, and a humanistic approach that has exemplified what UF stands for. ~ Kartik Cherabuddi, MD
- I am grateful for our residents' amazing flexibility during such a difficult time. My hope is that everyone has found some way to connect with family and friends to stay grounded and emotionally healthy. ~ Jacqueline Hobbs, MD, PhD
- Thank you to the pediatric residents and fellows for being adaptable, caring, collaborative, innovative, and willing to help in whatever way you can. I am so proud to know you and work with you. ~ Nicole Paradise Black, M.D., M.Ed.
- "Only the wounded healer can truly heal" – Irvin Yalom, MD  
I thank all our residents and fellows for rising above the worries and uncertainties of this unusual time. I admire how our housestaff have been balancing taking care of our patients with taking care of their colleagues, families, friends, and themselves. ~ Mariam Rahmani, MD
- Sending out gratitude for our amazing Infectious Diseases Fellows, who have worked through this COVID crisis with grace and strength despite many scheduling changes, increased work-related demands, and unknowns about the efficacy of COVID treatments. Also sending out a huge thanks to the residents who have volunteered to change their schedule to do ID rotations to help out during this time (and the program directors who facilitated this)! It makes me proud to be on a team with such amazing folks who support and care about their colleagues. ~ Jennifer Janelle, MD

- On behalf of our entire division, I would like to express my profound gratitude for our current group of six excellent addiction medicine fellows. You have all proven yourselves to be dedicated and selfless healers who put patient care first. You all have really stepped up and showed up during this challenging time, and please know that you are most appreciated. ~ William M. Greene, MD
- To our wonderful housestaff: Thank you for being such hard-working, knowledgeable, kind and first-rate doctors! We appreciate and love you so much. ~ Catherine M. Edwards, MD, FACE
- To my amazing Heme/Onc fellows - I am so grateful for each and every one of you. The way you all support your colleagues, your patients, and one another brings out the best in all of us. Cancer doesn't stop for COVID, and your commitment to your patients and the wellbeing of those around you is a constant source of inspiration. I know this is a tremendously scary and stressful time - we will get through it together! ~ Martina Murphy, MD
- Most sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our truly exceptional housestaff who have and are continuing to endure substantial disruption and sacrifice during the spring of this pandemic. You are an essential part of what makes the UF Health/Shands medical center truly phenomenal for our patients and families! Thank you for all you are doing day-in, day-out, and night-in, night-out to serve our patients even as you continue your residency or fellowship training. ~ Timothy W. Martin, MD, MBA, FAAP
- Your vigilance, persistence, and courage on the front lines of the pandemic is inspiring, and our community is the better for it. Thank you! ~ Lars Beattie, MD
- Thank you to our rock solid team of 16!!! You have all been so amazing throughout all of the turmoil. Your unwavering support for each other, our patients, our community and our department have been incredible. We are all so proud of you. UF OBGYN STRONG!!! ❤️👉❤️ ~ Sharon Byun, MD



*(photo courtesy of Sharon Byun, MD)*

**\*\*Watch for future “Thank You Thursday” updates as we highlight the contributions of additional groups from around the UF COM in coming weeks!\*\***

Thank you, Housestaff!  
Stay well,

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