Mentorship Excellence Award

Samuel Cohen

I would like to nominate Dr. Cohen for the mentorship award. Dr. Cohen was instrumental in contributing to the continued success and growth of the department following Dr. Purtilo's death. The success of multiple senior faculty members, including Drs. Wisecarver, Radio, etc. were due in no small part to his leadership. His wide breadth of knowledge about the institution, its players, and the profession as a whole makes him a routine sounding board for many faculty members, including me on a regular basis, and his advice is always very valuable. He has an open-door policy and serves as an example of how a scholarly pathologist should practice.

Subodh Lele

Dr Lele is an excellent mentor. He has supported and guided me from day one in this institution.

Dr Lele has been an outstanding mentor to me and Dr. Pranav Renavikar for the last few years by providing us with his kind support and encouragement that has contributed immensely to our clinical excellence, academic advancement, research productivity, as well as educational contributions. He has mentored us on several research projects which have resulted in abstracts and papers under review. Dr Lele is an excellent educator and clinician and the fact that he received "James R. Newland, MD Excellence in Teaching Award" and "Heart of Clinical Care Award" in 2025 is a testament to his excellence. He has not only helped with our professional growth but also personal well-being.

In summary, Dr. Lele is an extraordinary mentor for the early and mid-career faculty like us, and I cannot think of anyone more deserving to receive this award.