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"Dr. Dufendach is a fantastic resident that I had the pleasure of working with during my surgery rotation. From day one, he was enthusiastic about teaching, provided me hands-on learning opportunities, and provided feedback that helped me improve my clinical practice. His feedback was instructive and actionable, all while demonstrating patience and a talent for teaching.

Dr. Dufendach was constantly striving to be better which inspired me to do the same. I constantly felt pushed and motivated to do better under his guidance. His fist bumps after every successful move were always so rewarding. The job of supporting and encouraging medical students is often unacknowledged and Dr. Dufendach deserves this recognition."

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