

Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



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Nicole Kearney, editor of the all-hill student newsletter, the Pulse, submitted the following nomination. . .

Mark Kemball has continually been one of the most involved, caring, helpful, and accessible people in the School of Medicine Dean's Office for me and numerous other students. He is a key problem-solver for students, who are stepping outside the classroom, organizing events for the community. Once, I was desperately seeking sources for an important article. I was directed to Mark, who immediately set me up with all the requested information I needed as well as giving me critical feedback on the article. Recently, I served as the organizer for "Hills for Humanity", an annual race which raises money for a local clinic. I touched base with Mark only to ask for OHSU logo approval. Not only did he take the time to learn about the mission of the race, he advertised it in his weekly "School of Medicine Update" email, and signed up to run the race himself. He has been a key contact and "get-it-done" person for many other student leaders, including Jinnel Lewis and Gina Miller for American Medical Student Association's Cover the Uninsured week, as well as Jessica Carlson, Second Year Medical student (MS2) Class President. He is quick to respond to all our requests and concerns via email, and has an open-door office policy, which is so helpful for communication with medical students. He not only participates, but also does the majority of reporting and picture-taking for official and student-run events related to the School of Medicine, even on weekends and off-hours. This includes, but is not limited to, visiting legislators in Salem to talk about medical education, participating in Cover the Uninsured Week, running Hills for Humanity, and reporting on Match Day. He is the main reporter/photographer/communicator for all School of Medicine news and events, which he organizes weekly in an e-update, and monthly in a Dean's Newsletter sent to faculty, staff, student, alumni, parents, etc, contributing to a real community feel. Mark is a creative and hard-working student advocate, and a knowledgeable bridge between students and administrators.



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