

Residents and Other Team Members Help UAMS Weather the Storm

Message from Dr. Christopher Westfall

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Dear College of Medicine Team,

Last week's winter storms were something for the record books, and I truly hope you and your family stayed safe, warm and comfortable. As we slowly return to normal this week – or at least as normal as possible in a pandemic – I want to take a moment to thank all who braved the storm to be here for our patients.

These selfless individuals go by many titles and represent multiple professions: medicine, nursing, housekeeping, nutrition services – and many others.

I would like to extend a special thanks to our dedicated, hard-working residents, who are integral to our clinical mission. This past week, our residents went the extra mile. They were willing to sleep in corners on cots, to work extra shifts and cross-cover for others who couldn't make it in, and much more. Some trudged through the snow to get to campus. Some team members (residents and faculty alike) shuttled others to and from the hospital in four-wheel drives.

Some will be featured during the [Chancellor's State of the University Address](#) at noon tomorrow or recognized in Dr. Steppe Mette's weekly COVID email on Wednesday. I am pleased to tell you about some of these residents below this message, and I will share an updated list in *Accolades* this week.

Appropriately and serendipitously, UAMS will join academic medical centers across the country this Friday in celebrating the annual Thank a Resident Day. Our Graduate Medical Education team is planning a number of ways to show residents we care.

But there's no need to wait for Friday. If you have a chance, let a resident know how much we appreciate them!

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