“I think the most important way he has mentored me in regard to education is the priority he places on recognizing and celebrating educational excellence.”

“I have so many examples of Rick’s mentorship along this theme it is hard to know where to start. As far as the very basics, I think of annual reviews. Rick turns this annual requirement into a highly beneficial, formal mentoring opportunity. We spend less time reviewing my past progress and more time planning my next steps. He treats me as much a peer, looking for feedback on his performance nearly as much as reviewing my performance as his supervisee. His level of “give and take” has been an amazing model in my own mentoring efforts.”

Scott E. Moser, MD, FAAFP
Professor and Vice Chair for Education, University of Kansas Medical Center – Wichita

“Beyond research, Dr. Kellerman has encouraged me to improve myself as a leader and as a teacher. He encouraged me to undertake the University of North Carolina’s Faculty Development Fellowship. I knew it would be a valuable experience, but I had no idea how much I would get from it, but he did: in addition to buffing the research skills he had originally nurtured (the attendees conducted a multisite research project in instructional methodologies), it opened my eyes to innovative teaching methods, improved my grant writing skills and most importantly helped me network with like-minded faculty. Without his vision and wisdom, I would have missed out on the energizing experience of collaborating with and learning from fifteen like-minded faculty from around the U.S.”

Tracy Williams, MD
Via Christi Hospitals - Wichita

“It is a heady thing to consider the legacy that any of us might leave. As I consider the legacy of Rick Kellerman, I almost get dizzy.”

“These anecdotes show the impact of Rick Kellerman on my personal professional development. I have also witnessed many other faculty members who have been ‘developed’ under his guidance. I have not yet commented on the impact Dr. Kellerman has had on Scholarship throughout the Department of FCM, each of the three family medicine residency programs sponsored by KUSM-W, and the entire discipline of Family Medicine. Dr. Kellerman has personally challenged the programs, each of the faculty, and the national organizations to elevate the scholarly output of our graduate medical education entities. Heady stuff, indeed.”

Paul Callaway, MD
Professor, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, University of Kansas Medical Center – Wichita

“With a record of service at the local, state and national level, Dr. Kellerman’s career is one that has been marked by his willingness to use all of his boundless energy, wisdom and skill to improve the lives of patients and the health of communities. He has truly made a difference in the lives of others across the country. Yet, I imagine that his greatest impact has been through the medical students, residents and young physicians he has inspired to go out and find their own niche in service, advocacy or leadership to improve their communities.”

Gretchen M. Dickson, MD, MBA, FAAFP
Program Director and Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine – Wichita

“I find it difficult to adequately describe the excitement Dr. Kellerman has for educating future family physicians. His fervor causes him to work extraordinarily hard to ensure his mentees have an excellent understanding of how they can impact medical education. He routinely encourages personal strengths and targets development of potential weaknesses. Perhaps the words he spoke to me shortly after he hired me say it best…. ‘Just wait, you are going to LOVE this job.’ Words spoken by a man who truly does.”

Kari R. Clouse, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine - Wichita

Congratulations to Dr. Rick Kellerman
Roy A Jensen, MD
Recipient of the 2015 Excellence in Mentoring Award

“Dr. Jensen continually serves as an advocate for both his mentees and peers. He has been an invaluable source of support throughout my professional career. On a personal note Dr. Jensen is a very polite and humble individual. Dr. Jensen will undoubtedly have a lasting impact in the field of oncology research through not only his own research but also through the work of those that he has mentored.”

Priyanka Sharma, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Internal Medicine – Hematology & Oncology

“I feel very fortunate to work under the outstanding guidance of Dr. Jensen. He gives me complete freedom so I could develop the projects that I am interested in, despite his busy schedule as the Director of The University of Kansas Cancer Center…. He is an extremely kind, generous and thoughtful person. I attribute much of my professional growth and success to his extraordinary mentoring. He is a wonderful role model for all the upcoming junior scientists.”

Easwari Kumaraswamy, PhD
Research Associate Professor, Department of Molecular & Integrative Physiology

“My productivity and success during my time as an MD/PhD student was in large part because of the outstanding mentorship and support that I received from Dr. Jensen. Roy embodies essentially all of the qualities I seek in a mentor. Roy encouraged me to work independently so that I could become a mindful and critical scientist in my own right, but he was always available and willing to assist when I needed direction and guidance. He ensured that I always had the resources I needed to conduct my work in a rigorous manner, and helped me foster relationships with other investigators in the United States and as far as Switzerland and Singapore so that I could share my ideas and our work with others.”

Lastly, and most importantly, Roy is a kind and humble person. In all of his many roles – pathologist, researcher, cancer research advocate, administrator, and teacher – he treats others with respect and dignity. He was a constant support of constructive criticism, encouragement, and support during the eight years I spent at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Roy’s influence on my career trajectory is immeasurable – he sparked my interest in breast cancer research and treatment, and I intend to focus the rest of my career as a physician and scientist on breast cancer. I count him not only as my mentor and my role model, but also as my friend.”

Shane R. Stecklein, MD, PhD
Radiation Oncology Resident (PGY2), Department of Radiation Oncology, MD Anderson Cancer Center

Angela Mayorga, MD
Recipient of the 2015 Achievement Award for Mentoring Residents

“Instrumental in preparing our future clinical educators and advanced learners as they progress in their career. Routinely practice the concepts of dualism, multiplicity and relativism in helping the learner transition into the role of teacher.”

Erica Howe, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Internal Medicine

“She engaged me to strive for only the best in my education and professional growth. She modeled the highest level of expertise and provided a calm and approachable demeanor during stressful situations. I and other residents have admired her brilliance as a teacher, mentor and program director.”

Amad Din, MD, MPH
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry

Congratulations to Dr. Roy Jensen & Dr. Angela Mayorga