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TO: Assistant Professors and newly promoted Associate Professors
School of Medicine

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RE: **Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentoring**

The School of Medicine is announcing a call for nominations for the 10th annual **Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentoring**. A mentor plays a critical role in the successful development of others to realize their full academic potential. However, often an individual's effort to provide mentorship is not reflected or adequately recognized in the mentor's professional record. The goal of this award is to recognize and reward School of Medicine scholars who excel in mentoring and thus contribute to the success of our faculty and our Health System. We wish to focus recognition of this activity on those mentors that have specifically helped junior faculty to succeed.

We invite you to submit nominations for faculty who have played a key role as mentors in your professional and/or personal mentoring. Faculty at the level of Associate Professor and Full Professor are eligible to be nominated. Only Assistant Professors or newly promoted Associate Professors (Step I) may submit nominations. The mentoring awards recognize excellence in Research, Teaching, Clinical, and/or Leadership Mentoring. You may designate a nominee as excelling in one or more than one of these categories. The primary criterion for an award is evidence of excellent mentoring that supports junior faculty development. Awardees will receive a cash prize of \$2,000 and be honored at a faculty recognition reception to be held on the evening of March 2, 2010.

Enclosed is an announcement with instructions for the nomination process. The deadline for nominations is **December 28, 2009**. We hope you will take this opportunity to encourage other junior faculty colleagues in joining you to nominate an outstanding mentor who has helped you advance in your academic development at UC Davis!

Please do not hesitate to contact the Faculty Development Office at (916) 734-2464 or cheryl.busman@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu with any questions.