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Dear Dr. Cahn and Mrs. Cieri,

Dr. Coviello is an amazing mentor and role model. I first worked with her in an outpatient endocrinology rotation in 2009 and I distinctly remember her standing out as someone who was invested in my learning—taking the time to explain difficult cases and challenging me to think critically. Her specialty is polycystic ovarian syndrome; she made it an exciting topic, detailing the pathophysiology from hypothalamus right down to the excess hair growth. In a primary care seminar (a short presentation to residents), she made the topic both engaging and useful to residents, and took extra time out of her schedule to share career advice over lunch.

In March 2010, she became my mentor, advising and guiding me in the study of sex hormones and their relationship with the components of the metabolic syndrome. I had never written a research paper or created a poster before; she was always available despite her busy clinic and the other multiple projects she had ongoing. She took the time to explain statistical analyses, suggest reference papers, and meet whenever I struggled. Over the past two years, her patience and guidance helped me develop research skills that I never thought I would have. I am happy to say that the poster had been presented both at Evans Day and at the national endocrine conference 2011.

Beyond her professional support, Andrea has become a good friend. Both of us have had family medical issues, and she acted as a confidante as I tried to navigate through residency while supporting my family through some medical scares. Altogether, Andrea has helped me develop into a better doctor, a researcher, and a more well-rounded person. I enthusiastically endorse her nomination for the Junior Faculty Mentoring Award.

Thank you,
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