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…The day before the final exam, I walked into the anatomy lab for the final hours before the course directors had to restrict access to the donors in order to prepare for the practical. I did not know where to start to memorize/identify all the structures on the list and was very overwhelmed knowing I did not have enough time to go through everything on my own. Renata saw me fumbling and possibly confused, so she asked me if I needed help and invited me to follow her for the remainder of the time so she could help me identify and remember the structures. In under two hours, she was able to walk me through over 100 structures in multiple donors, and share with me helpful ways to remember the harder ones. She also kindly and generously shared with me what she thought would be high yield to remember based on what she learned from lecture and the syllabus. By the end, she had successfully taught me what I needed to know to do very well on the practical. Until today, I am indebted to her willingness to empathize and slow down for a fellow classmate to help them overcome academic challenges and bring them along with her to the next challenge. Now in our second year, Renata continues to assist myself and others with teaching and clarifying concepts. Renata is an empathetic, patient, compassionate, and a generous colleague who continues to contribute to others' learning and will undoubtedly make an amazing physician one day.

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