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JOSEPH YAP

MS2 Student

"Joey served as an Anatomy TA for the M1s this past fall. I really appreciated the way he built confidence in my learning. I contacted him to review the gastrointestinal anatomy in the cadaver lab with a few others. He was quick to notice that I was not as familiar as the others were on the structures of the digestive system, and so he changed his teaching style to draw out the structures on the whiteboard to help walk me though the anatomy rather than just talk through the structures.

Whenever I was unsure of my answer to one of his prompting questions, he would explain the correct answer in a way that made me feel more confident in getting it correct the next time rather than more discouraged by my lack of understanding. He ended up staying for nearly another hour after our scheduled tutoring session time. I hope this accolade gives Joey the recognition he deserves for his teaching ability and the genuine concern he has for his classmates."

Submitted by a Medical Student
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