



The John C. Gienapp Award for Distinguished Service honors those that have dedicated themselves to graduate medical education and have made outstanding contributions to the enhancement of residency education and ACGME accreditation activities.



**Linda Ruben Archer, PhD**

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Dr. Archer is recognized for her contributions to the enhancement of resident and fellow education and training over 40 years at EVMS, where she now serves as vice dean for Graduate Medical Education and designated institutional official. At EVMS, Dr. Archer has developed several educational programs and initiatives, including a well-being coaching program; GME Diversity and Inclusion subcommittee; standardization and transformation of the ACGME accreditation processes; and much more. Dr. Archer completed her doctorate at Florida State University and has received several honors, including being recognized as an “EVMS Wonder Woman” in 2018. She served as an ACGME CLER Field Representative from 2015-2018. In 2008, she received the ACGME Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award.

**Nominators had this to say:**

“Dr. Archer has been a trailblazer in several notable ways.”

“As the founding DIO [at EVMS], Dr. Archer is truly the face of modern GME leadership that our faculty members, fellows, and residents have come to trust.”

“Dr. Archer’s contributions to the enhancement of residency/fellowship programs are unsurpassed... The innovative programs she has created under her leadership demonstrate the vision she has for providing the best educational experience for our [residents and fellows] and GME faculty members.”

“Her unwavering dedication to GME, preeminent contributions to residency/fellowship education, and ACGME activities have placed her in a distinguishable class of colleagues.”