

Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



While program coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to those who support the program director, manage day-to-day program operations, and are actively involved in the program's ACGME-related functions. The Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award recognizes these individuals for their deep understanding of the accreditation process, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and projects that improve graduate medical education (GME).



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Nominators had this to say:

“Jennifer is viewed by her peers as a member of ‘the old guard:’ fortunate enough to have been through site visits, experienced in a vast array of resident and program challenges, knows the pride that comes with seeing your residents graduate and succeed, and the joy in being a key participant in seeing her program flourish and grow.”

“After attending the ACGME [Annual Educational] Conference six years ago, Jennifer came back to our GME department and rallied other program coordinators to hold a GME recognition day as a way to build community and share pride in GME. That event, under her chairpersonship, is now in its fifth year. Using her exceptional communication and relationship-building skills, she engaged all stakeholders in this process. Jennifer serves as a mentor, both within our GME department to newly hired program coordinators and with her national organization. She is also one of two peer-selected voting members on our Graduate Medical Education Committee. Her peers, colleagues, and program directors have all commented on her professionalism, organization, and her positive ‘get it done’ approach.”

“In addition to working for our residency program, Jenn is an incredible advocate for our local community. She has helped to foster a strong relationship between our residency and the local school district, and she has aided in creating important curriculum for youth on topics ranging from tobacco use to bike safety to brushing teeth. When the local school needed help with coaching a youth soccer team, Jenn quickly volunteered herself, despite having an injured leg. When the local community center had a near-empty food shelf, Jenn was the driving force in creating a clinic-wide food drive that successfully replenished their stores.”

“As I report to our hospital board each year, one of the areas I speak about with pride is our annual GME recognition event, which bring the GME community together to celebrate our people. The driving

force behind this event is Jennifer. After attending an ACGME meeting she was so motivated to unite program coordinators, residents, fellows and program directors to participate, attend and share in this day long community event, which is now in its fifth year. Her relationship and team building abilities are significant contributors to its continued success.”