

## Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



While program coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to the role that supports the program director, manages day-to-day program operations, and is actively involved in the program's ACGME-related functions. This 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).



### **Kristen Estrada, C-TAGME**

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### **Nominators had this to say:**

"Kristen has been a tremendous resource for our new family medicine-sports medicine fellowship program, for both the program director and coordinator-she was instrumental in submitting the ACGME application for accreditation, which led to ACGME approval. The program is now very successful."

"Ms. Estrada has been a program coordinator at KU FMRP for 14 years! I have personally had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Estrada as a resident in our program, as a core faculty member, and now as program director. Throughout my time in these varying roles, Ms. Estrada has demonstrated a passion and loyalty to our residency program that goes above and beyond expectations. She is committed to the success of our program and takes ownership of every aspect of the program she touches. She is a member of the Association of Family Medicine Administrators (AFMA) and is involved in the Membership Committee, recruiting other coordinators to AFMA. She is part of our GME Orientation and Wellness subcommittees so she can move ideas and innovations forward for our residents."

"Kristen is extremely dedicated, organized, and thorough in her role. She knows the GME rules, understands the breadth of [education and] training required for the residency, and is passionate in her support of the residency and its residents. She is an excellent liaison with the other program coordinators, and they often look to her as a resource when questions arise in their programs. She will take resident calls at any time (including the middle of the night) to troubleshoot scheduling emergencies. She is consistent and firm, but caring and kind with the residents. The residents know that she is always looking out for them, advocating for them, and doing her very best to be fair and impartial. She is truly the go-to person for the residents in the trenches."