

## 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. 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 GME.



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

“When I think of my earliest recollection of Kim, I am reminded of the events leading up to commencement of my intern year. I was due to start in June, but as a person with few financial resources, I needed to get creative if I were to begin residency. I needed an address in North Carolina to start, but I didn't have the funds for a down payment. I reluctantly divulged this to Kim on my first wellness check. After a sigh, she told me not to worry, the wheels in her head began to turn, and she let me use her home address to get started... She even offered to let me, a stranger, stay in her home, although that wouldn't ultimately be necessary. This is her character. She is the embodiment of the greatest qualities you would want in a person responsible for ushering young, aspiring emergency physicians through the sometimes grueling process that can be residency.”

“Kim has been essential to improving our procedural competency training and assessment tools. North Carolina has an abundance of hog farms, and we rely on these for material for our tissue procedure lab. On one occasion, a crate with our training materials exploded its contents across the receiving facility. Rather than cancelling our lab, Kim volunteered to retrieve the shipment, and minutes later the two of us were speeding across town in biohazard gear. We cleaned up the scene and gathered our precious cargo. The lab went off without a hitch.”