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:
“I have recently taken over the position of Program Director. Prior to this role I was the Assistant Program Director for the year prior. I can say beyond a doubt that without Ljiljana’s guidance, leadership and mentorship I would not have easily adjusted into this new role. As an example of the care and effort she puts into her position, she created a pamphlet of all deadlines and major events to be expected throughout the year, in anticipation of my new role.”

“Ms. Ljiljana Popovic, Ljiljana or "LJ" as we have fondly nicknamed her, is the heart and soul of our Boston University neurology residency program. She has gone above and beyond the role of program coordinator.”

“She is our in-house therapist, residents and attendings alike come to her with problems, both work-related and home-related. She is our guidance counselor. Everyone knows that she is the first line to discuss career advice. She will put you in touch with all the right people and offer to make that first introduction if you are being shy about it.”