

GME Program Institutional Excellence Award 2014



The ACGME is proud to announce the recipient of the *GME Institutional Coordinator Excellence Award*. This award was created to honor and recognize the pivotal position that the institutional coordinator has within the institution. Congratulations to this year's recipient!



Tia O. Drake

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Nominators had this to say:

“Our prior IRDs and supporting documentation were always scrupulously prepared and the site visitors have universally commented upon her meticulous attention to detail. In recognition of her expanding role in institutional oversight, she was named Executive Director for GME for our consortium in July 2012. As Tia has grown into the role of Executive Director of GME here at home, she has also developed many relationships with colleagues at other institutions through her work with the Association of Hospitals and Medical Education (AHME). She has been involved in their executive structure for many years first serving as Chair of the Program Committee for five years and as a member of the Bylaws Committee for two years. She is now Chair of the Communications and Collaborations Committee and is in her second year serving as Secretary to the AHME Executive Board. Additionally, she has been deeply involved in development and as faculty in the AHME Academy and was instrumental in the development of 3 AHME teleconferences on GME institutional issues. Thus Tia has demonstrated her leadership skills nationally and brought our institution to the forefront for GME.”

“Tia's organizational skills and generosity of spirit have also extended to our local community. For the past four years she has chaired the Missouri Black Expo Health Fair, the largest health fair in the St. Louis area. This is a combined effort of multiple health care institutions in St. Louis and last year provided thousands of dollars' worth of health screenings over the two day event. This increasingly popular local event provides our residents with an opportunity to go out into the community to work first hand with health disparities and offer resources to low income, underserved and vulnerable populations such as the homeless. Both our house staff and our community have derived great benefits from Tia's efforts and I am certain she will continue to be part of this marvelous community offering.”