The ACGME is proud to announce the recipients of the *GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award*. This award was created to honor and recognize the very crucial role that program coordinators play in the success of a residency program. Congratulations to this year’s recipients!

**Shannon Dowty**  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
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**Nominators had this to say:**  
“Shannon is a role model for all other residency coordinators on all levels. I hope I can convey to you her exceptional qualifications for this award. Ms. Dowty was promoted into the role of coordinator after a competitive search. She was chosen based on her proven record of excellence in problem solving and innovation in her former position within the department. She has exceeded all expectations for performance.”

“Shannon has been the ‘go to’ person for information regarding the ERAS program and the recruitment season. She understands the Match process better than anyone in our department and explains the system to all new residents and faculty. She is responsible for the NRMP match list. Shannon was concerned that the interview process may not address the needs of the interviewing students, so she developed an anonymous survey of resident applicants to get feedback on our interview process. Based on her analysis of the data, changes were made in the interview process. She also created the residency website and brochures for applicants to more clearly describe the residency experience at UIC.”