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!

**Brandi McKinnon**  
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**Nominators had this to say:**

“Brandi's greatest strength is her sense of duty and responsibility to our residents and our program. She manages the largest residency in our institution and until very recently, she did this without any assistance. This immersion experience has made her the most knowledgeable coordinator we have ever had. From an operational standpoint, Brandi knows the intricate details of the ACGME common and specialty program requirements. She is quick to always scan the PAQ's and see if there is new program information that we need to know. If there is an occasion when she is unsure of something, she will call and directly seek guidance from the ACGME.”

“Since joining our program, Brandi has initiated significant enhancements. When Brandi started, we had a less than robust evaluation/documentation system. We had a license for New Innovations but we were not making very good use of it. Once she joined us, Brandi began to use, create and modify features of our evaluations and documentation. She has attended multiple seminars and has continuously updated her skill sets on webinars to continue to improve our use of that particular system. Because of Brandi's skills with this software, we have essentially become an all-electronic program. The nightmare of tracking duty hours, procedures, multiple evaluation forms, scores, etc. on paper has become a simple electronic portfolio. Residents and faculty love the new system. I especially love the new system when doing end-year and annual evaluations.”