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!

**Marie Wegeman Ray, C-TAGME**  
Emergency Medicine  
Earl K Long Medical Center/Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, LA

**Nominators had this to say:**

“Marie was involved with founding the program and has been our program coordinator for over 20 years. Her energy, meticulous organizational skills, ongoing knowledge of the PIF, ACGME accreditation process and basically all aspects of emergency medicine resident education have been instrumental in the success of our program. We have grown and flourished as a residency program as a direct result of her exemplary performance and management skills.”

“Marie’s drive and love for emergency medicine and her fellow coordinators lead her to be one of the passionate voices for emergency medicine program coordinators. She and several of her colleagues were the founding members of the Emergency Medicine Coordinators Annual Education Forum. This group of program coordinators started in 1998 as a means of sharing common interests and seeking common solutions for the betterment of their programs. They recognized a need for training and supporting the other program coordinators and developed their own educational annual meeting. Through her leadership, what was once an educational forum has now become the Emergency Medicine Association of Residency Coordinators (EMARC). Her involvement in EMARC led to the development of the National Board of Certification Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education (TAGME) which provides certification for program administrators. In 2009, Marie was the first individual to be conferred TAGME certification in emergency medicine. She has held several leadership roles with TAGME and currently serves as their Vice President/President Elect.”