

GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award Winners

Jeri Whitten

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Nominators had this to say:

As evident from her resume, Jeri has been in many leadership positions at the state, regional and national level. Over the past three-and-a-half decades, she has been a part of so many committees that it would be hard to even list them all on her resume. Just to name a few, Jeri is a founding member and current Past-President of National Board of Certification for Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education (TAGME). She has been Executive Director of WV Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics for the past twenty years and has used that forum to enhance resident education, research and advocacy at all three programs within West Virginia. She advocated for and was successful in establishing a very active Coordinators' Council at our institution.

Jeri was the first TAGME certified pediatric residency coordinator in the nation. She wrote a book on preparing for the RRC site visit, titled, *The PIF Made Simple: A Guide to Completing the ACGME PIF*, published last year by HCPro. She is regularly invited to many regional and national conferences to do formal presentations and conduct educational workshops. She has been instrumental in promoting resident research in our program and started the resident research competition at the state level through the WV-AAP Chapter.

She is one of the best advocates for the residents and is constantly looking after their well being. She firmly believes that a resident's family happiness is paramount to the resident's success, and constantly looks for ways to involve the families in departmental activities. Her compassion is not limited to the residents as I often see her collecting used clothes or other items for someone in need whom she might not even know personally.