

GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award 2012



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Nominators had this to say:

“Lisa takes her responsibility for the coordination of training of physicians very seriously. I have run into her on many weekends putting in extra time to organize schedules and working on creating flexibility in our schedules to allow us to present research at societal meetings. This dedication to tailoring the fellowship to meet each fellow's professional and educational needs has earned an immense amount of respect among her fellows and her peers. Due to her efforts, it is almost unheard of for a fellow to miss an educational opportunity at a national conference. When a fellow asks for a training opportunity such as in-house or off-campus elective experience that is not usually offered, she goes to bat for us and makes it work. In the graduating class alone, her efforts made it possible for fellows to gain unique training experiences as close to home as Wisconsin, and as far away as Arizona and Nigeria.

“Lisa has received the Mayo Clinic Individual Award for Excellence in 2000, a Mayo Clinic Gastroenterology and Hepatology award for outstanding support in the field of education in 2003, and the prestigious Mayo Clinic Department of Medicine Outstanding Education Program Coordinator award in 2009. A few extra-special things that Lisa has done for fellows in the last year: helped arrange a real estate agent for an incoming fellow; helped an incoming fellow find a dinner reservation to take out his fiancée on Valentine's Day; arranged for incoming fellows to meet with potential research mentors before they have started training.”