

**Award: Clerkship Coordinator Recognition : Entry #
18644****Basic Information****Your name:**

Katie Stanton-Maxey MD

Your title:

Director of Surgery Undergraduate Medical Education

Your institution

Indiana University School of Medicine

Your email address:kajstant@iupui.edu**Nominee Information****Name of nominee**

Megan Rendina

Nominee's Institution

Indiana University School of Medicine

Nominee's title

Statewide Clerkship Coordinator

Nominee's emailmrendina@iu.edu**Please confirm nominee's email**mrendina@iu.edu**Eligibility****Has the nominee been an active member of the ASE for more than 1 year?**

Yes

Has the nominee been in the role of clerkship coordinator for more than 3 years?

Yes

Has the nominee won the ASE Clerkship Coordinator Recognition Award before?

No

Has the nominee presented material related to surgical clerkships at local/national meetings?

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Yes

Short Essays**Why do you think the nominee deserves this award?**

For over six years Ms. Rendina has dedicated herself to the IUSM surgery clerkship team and the students we serve. She has been an integral part in the development and implementation of a comprehensive curriculum aligned with ACS/ASE objectives, one that has progressively demonstrated outstanding performance improvement for IUSM surgery clerkship students clinically and academically. She has led countless projects to improve the educational experience of our students & the efficient operations of our team. As a result of her enthusiasm and expertise, she has had a substantial impact on IUSM clerkship education at large and in assisting other clerkship administrators to reach professional goals. Megan is a respected leader, a dedicated learner, a consummate team member and trusted advocate. The Indiana University School of Medicine, its Department of Surgery, the surgery clerkship and our students are indebted to her, and she deserves to be recognized at the highest level for her contributions.

How has the nominee demonstrated creativity, expertise, and commitment to their work within the surgery clerkship program?

Commitment to the surgery clerkship is evidenced in Ms. Rendina's ongoing efforts to provide an experience that targets the learning styles of our current generation of medical students. Megan is astutely aware of best practices & student preferences and is creative in her approach to helping our team to apply these in the surgery clerkship.

How has the nominee demonstrated passion for supporting medical student education and for contributing to the continuous improvement of the educational experience for medical students in surgery?

Ms. Rendina is an organizer and an innovator. She has identified many different opportunities for improvement in medical student education both within and outside of the surgery clerkship and has worked passionately to organize varied stakeholders and projects, applying innovative solutions to often complex issues.

How has the nominee demonstrated commitment to the education of peers through presentations or other active roles within their institution and the Association for Surgical Education (ASE)?

Through very active involvement at the national level in ASE with APACS, at the institution level with multiple roles in clerkship curricular working groups and committees at Indiana University School of Medicine, and at the department level with wellness and diversity committee work, Ms. Rendina has exhibited a tireless dedication to the education of colleagues in a variety of settings. As a lifelong learner herself, she is always striving to provide similar experience and knowledge to peers for the betterment of students' experience as well as their own professional development.

How has the nominee demonstrated effective communication and approachability?

Ms. Rendina strongly advocates for open and effective communication at all levels. She has pioneered methods for student engagement utilizing digital platforms, fostering a sense of approachability that contributes heavily to our surgery clerkship being rated first or second by graduating classes of the last 6 years. She communicates effectively with regional coordinators across our complex statewide system and with a multitude of departmental representatives in other surgical specialties. Her approachability has resulted in her being a regular source of guidance for other coordinators in our institution and nationally.

Please give an example of how the nominee has demonstrated an enthusiastic attitude towards medical students and the surgery clerkship program.

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The experience of each and every individual student is at the core of Ms. Rendina's commitment to the surgery clerkship at IUSM. Despite the large class size, resulting in ~60 students per each eight-week clerkship, Megan works to connect on a personal level with each student and to ensure they have a positive experience immersed in the surgical patient care environment. This enthusiasm serves not only to benefit the students directly, but also impacts the culture of our clerkship education team.

Please give an example of when the nominee has role modeled professional behavior.

I believe the most outstanding examples of Ms. Rendina's professional behavior modeling have occurred in situations where she has advocated fiercely for students. Megan has taken it upon herself to help students navigate the challenges of changing names and pronouns within institutional systems. She has facilitated emergency services for students in crisis. On many occasions she has advocated for students in other areas well after they have completed their surgery clerkship. The fact that these students look to Megan as a trusted resource and ally speaks volumes to her personal and professional character.

Additional Information**Please list the nominee's leadership roles inside and outside their institution, including professional organizations related to medical student education.**

Current:

Communications Chair, APACS Committee

Member, Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSM) Phase 2 Clerkship Coordinators Committee

Member, IUSM Advocates for Clerkship Enhancement Committee

Member, IUSM Department of Surgery Diversity Committee

Member, IUSM Department of Surgery Wellness Committee

Past:

Chair, APACS Committee

Vice Chair, APACS Committee