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Graduate Medical
Education

South Campus

To: Program Directors of
The University of Arizona
College of Medicine at South Campus

From: Victoria Murrain, DO
Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education

Date: March 26, 2019

Re: The Norma J. Peal, Ph.D. Excellence in GME Award

In the fall of 2006, Norma Peal (Director of Government Relations) and I were tasked with the responsibility of creating a new Graduate Medical Education (GME) program at University Physicians Hospital (UPH) with the U of A as a cosponsor. Over the course of the next ten years, the program secured ACGME accreditation for 6 residencies and 1 fellowship. The focus of the University of Arizona College of Medicine at South Campus GME Program is training physicians to provide care for underserved and rural populations.

After a brief battle with brain cancer, our beloved Norma was laid to rest in December 2009. Her passion for training physicians who would provide care in areas of great need was fulfilled as she was available to witness the first graduates of our GME programs. Upon her death, her family requested that donations be made to our GME program in lieu of flowers at her memorial service. These donations would acknowledge the pride Norma took in her work with the development of the UA/UPHK GME Consortium program.

The decision was made that the funds would be used to recognize a resident who best exemplifies the principles of the GME program as well as missions that were close to Norma's heart. The honor will be awarded at the annual GME scholarly activity day on May 15, 2018. The recipient of the award will receive \$400. The criteria for the recognition are:

Resident in final year of residency program.

Demonstrates a commitment to underserved populations.

Demonstrates a commitment to rural communities.

Demonstrates an interest in community activism.

Demonstrates a commitment to scholarly activity.

If you have a resident in your program that exemplifies the aforementioned criteria please complete the attached nomination form (you may nominate multiple residents per program). **Completed forms along with a biography** of the resident (no more than 200 words) should be submitted to Lauren Wright no later than Wednesday, **May 1st**.

The Norma J. Peal, Ph.D. Excellence in GME Award 2019

Nomination Form

Resident Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Residency Program: _____

Please answer the following questions using the space provided below. (Include examples)

1. Please explain how this resident demonstrates a commitment to rural communities.

2. Please explain how this resident demonstrates a commitment to underserved populations.

3. Please explain how this resident demonstrates an interest in community activism.

4. Please explain how this resident demonstrates a commitment to scholarly activity.

5. Please include any other information that you feel would assist the selection committee in their decision.

Nominator name: _____ Program _____

Email address and telephone number: _____

Please return this form and a biography electronically to Lauren Wright by Wednesday, May 1st