



2015 **TEAM OF THE YEAR** NOMINEES

**Academic Technology Office,
Undergraduate Medical Education**

Kent Gardner, David Aylor, Kurt Effinger, Robert Peck



"It does not matter WHAT needs to be done or when it needs to be done, Kent Gardner and his classroom support team ALWAYS come through."

"They are knowledgeable, easy to work with and they will try to find a solution to ANY problem."

"They have saved the School of Medicine money many times over by figuring out a way to do whatever needs to be done more economically."

"They are a joy to work with and they have been strong supporters of many initiatives and needs across the school."

"This is an excellent team."



2016 **TEAM OF THE YEAR** NOMINEES

Kosair Charities Pediatric Clinical Research Unit

Management Team (KCPCRU):

Sarah Penny, Terri Boles, Missi Thomas, Kimberly Blair, Kristen Lee, Jennifer Nason, Andrew Michael, Kayleah Barnes, Jennifer Comings, Jackie Perry, Tonya Shaffer, Stephany Eubanks, Molly Harper, Katie Weber, Carla Rich



“The 5 team leaders have worked diligently to ensure the overall success of the research unit through bi-weekly team leader meetings in which they have ongoing dialogue related to communication, processes, and opportunities.”

“As the Division Chief and Medical Director of the KCPCRU it is truly a joy to come to work every day knowing that I am working with the “best of the best” and that they are dedicated to improving healthcare for infants and children.”

“Their workload has doubled in the last two years as the KCPCRU has taken over the responsibility for studies for a number of Divisions in Pediatrics.”

“The collaborative and excellent work ethic became evident in a recent INC Clinical Research Site Award to the KCPCRU and the University of Louisville Research Foundation. The site’s compliance with the protocol and regulatory requirements has been exceptional. Credit for this award goes to the entire staff.”

“The KCPCRU team leaders and staff created an award-winning video to demonstrate our diverse research, diverse patient populations, and diverse diseases that we see on a daily basis. The management team and staff used the award money to develop a brochure about clinical research in children and why it is essential in order to improve healthcare to children. This brochure was printed in both English and Spanish and is now being used routinely to share our mission and vision.”

“The KCPCRU team leaders and staff work exceptionally well together with a common goal.”

2016 TEAM OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Undergraduate Medical Education Research Unit

Susan Sawning, Laura Wingartner, and Emily Carr

"In 2015-2016, UME set their research goal to have a 15% increase from 2014-2015 for a total of 32 peer-reviewed publications and peer-reviewed presentations (combined). This goal was met and exceeded with a total of 35 peer-reviewed publications and peer-reviewed presentations (combined) from Undergraduate Medical Education."

"Besides the excellent scholarly activity the team has accomplished, the team leader has taken on additional important time-consuming job factors/responsibilities. One of these responsibilities is the School of Medicine Distinction Track Program. Our Distinction Track Program consists of tracks in Medical Education, Global Health, Business and Leadership, and Research. All students are required to do a capstone project. Last year, our students had over 100 presentations and publications."

"The Medical Education Research Team is invaluable to the School of Medicine. They do exceptional work and contribute tremendously to our research mission."

"The team leader created a MedEdResearch Listserv that now has over 100 members and is being used as a means to promote discussion and problem solving of issues related to medical education, as well as disseminate information about resources related to medical education faculty development and research interests."

"UME recently had four oral and poster presentations accepted to our national organization's annual meeting, American Association of Medical Colleges, for November 2016. Several publications have recently been submitted."

"They are meticulous in their work and set extremely high standards for themselves."



2016 TEAM OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery Team

Michael Sobieski, RN, CCP, Karen Lott, Laura Lott, Cary Woolard, and Todd Adams



"This outstanding team has provided superior support of our clinical translational research and development program as evidenced by their unwavering dedication, unparalleled work ethic, unbridled passion, and superior performance over the past decade."

"Their exemplary team chemistry and commitment to excellence have enabled our department to successfully translate medical devices into clinical practice that will significantly improve patient outcomes and quality of life."

"Dr. Richard Wampler, recognized as the father of MCS devices, singled out our team as being creative, sacrificing, willing to go the extra mile. Steven Franklin (St. Jude Medical) recently commented on their focus and discipline, noting their defined roles and flawless functioning."

"As individuals each are strong contenders for the Employee of the Year Award; however, when combined together as a team they synergistically produce unparalleled measurable excellence."

"Their efforts have resulted in more than 200 peer-review publications and 25 grants and 50 industry sponsorships totaling over \$40 million."

"This team works their magic behind the scenes; it is amazing to see the contraptions they construct. One of the company sponsors, for which we were testing an artificial heart device, had a particularly challenging piece of equipment that used an extremely short power cable. The team spent their personal time to construct an incredible cantilever system to facilitate use of that equipment."

"Through their hard work and dedication a dozen cardiac assist devices they helped develop and test in our lab have gone on to receive approval for clinical use in patients."