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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Danielle Berglund – Employee Recognition Award Recipient

Danielle’s attention to detail, excellent work ethic and her thoughtful-logical approach are just a few of the reasons why she is the recipient of the Employee Recognition Award.

Danielle began working in Transplant Research Organization (TRO) as an undergraduate. After completing an undergraduate degree in genetics at the University of Minnesota, she worked as an emergency room scribe at a local hospital before returning full-time as a Clinical Research Coordinator, a position she has held for the past three years.

Her colleagues applaud her for an “above and beyond attitude.” Robert Bailey, TRO Administrative Director, in his nomination letter says, “She has gone far beyond her coordinator responsibilities, devoting endless time and energy to track down critical data to provide complete clinical datasets for analyses.”

As a research coordinator, Danielle’s work primarily focuses on a project studying the outcomes of living kidney donors. This involves talking with the donors, managing data collection, performing quality control of the database and abstracting data. She also assists with several other projects including work in the lab. Danielle works closely with Project Manager, Mary Farnsworth; Administrative Director, Robert Bailey; Lab Supervisor, Marcia Brott and Principal Investigators, Dr. Hassan Ibrahim and Dr. Arthur Matas.
Working with well-respected and dedicated investigators who constantly develop new ideas creates a motivating and exciting work environment, Danielle explains. Also, attending national conferences she is able to see the full impact of her daily work.

Robert Bailey in his nomination letter emphasizes Danielle’s commitment to research. “Her dedication and curious nature have led her to take SAS classes on her own time so as to assist investigators with analyses,” says Bailey. “Going beyond data retrieval entry, she has prepared complete datasets and analyses for investigator group discussion, and has facilitated writing abstracts presentations, and articles. Furthermore, she has gone on to first author an abstract (and coauthor many more), and a (published) article in the Journal of Transplantation.”

Danielle is preparing for medical school which leaves little free time, but when she has some free time she enjoys reading, biking and cooking.

“I’m very grateful to Drs. Ibrahim and Matas for allowing me to take on responsibilities not typical of a study coordinator,” says Danielle. “It’s because of these experiences and their mentorship that I’ve been able to refine my own career goals.”

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