

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. Parker J. Palmer is the author of the book *The Courage to Teach* and whose promotion of the concept of "living divided no more" has proven relevant to teaching in academic health centers.



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Nominators had this to say:

“From a resident perspective, Dr. Gosman is the epitome of a program director. She is always available, whether it be mid-day, late night, or a weekend, to talk about a concern or to advocate for her residents. Every resident, regardless of level, is comfortable discussing personal concerns with Dr. Gosman, as they know that she will help them to find a solution. She is approachable and kind, the person who every resident would want in their corner. Dr. Gosman has developed an innovative simulation education curriculum, including pumpkin models of cesarean sections, which she personally builds and proctors despite her busy schedule. She also spends time with each individual resident in laparoscopic training sessions weekly to improve resident laparoscopic skills. She brings her teaching skills to the bedside when interacting with her patients as well with her signature handwritten note sheets on which she summarizes each patient encounter for each patient to take with them in order to facilitate understanding of their visit and ultimately their health. With the changes in healthcare delivery, a physician who takes the time to write notes for their patients is rare and something to be valued.”

“In all of her endeavors, she is energetic, engaged and enthusiastic. She is known for her ability both to work as part of a team and to lead a team. She shares her knowledge and experience and mentors individuals at all levels. Dr. Gosman is an outstanding program director and leader in the GME Community.”