

## 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 fellows, 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*; his promotion of the concept of “living divided no more” has proven relevant to teaching in academic health centers.



### **Jonathan Stuart Crane, DO, FAAD, FAOCD**

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#### **Nominators had this to say:**

“Dr. Crane is a visionary with ambitious goals and unbeatable energy. Since becoming dermatology program director at Campbell University, Dr. Crane has grown the program from one resident and less than five attendings to a distinguished ACGME-accredited dermatology residency with multiple attendings and various teaching sites. Through strong leadership skills and a focus on facilitating an effective learning environment, Dr. Crane has authored a 100 percent pass rate on the dermatology certifying exam as well as facilitating resident in-service scores that are in the top five percent nationwide. Furthermore, Dr. Crane’s infectious enthusiasm for program innovation has yielded multiple resident awards for Campbell University at different academic meetings and competitions.”

“The honor, joy, and passion that Dr. Crane has for being program director can be directly seen and tangibly felt at resident graduation ceremonies. You will see him cry, laugh, and smile ear to ear because he knows that he gave it his all with each resident. Not only does he attend every journal club, consult, and ACGME meeting, but Dr. Crane is also constantly teaching the residents invaluable life skills that are equally as important once in practice.”

“It is very apparent to those around him that he is truly dedicated to his patients, staff, and his dermatology residents. I have had the privilege of witnessing his tremendous passion for teaching medical students and residents all aspects of dermatology and life. He is an extremely caring, generous, and professional human being. His work ethic, passion for dermatology, and empathy toward his patients serve as an exemplary role model for his residents and colleagues.”