

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award
for Program Director Excellence



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents/fellows and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. The ACGME congratulates the 2016 recipients of the Courage to Teach Award.



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Nominators had this to say:

“Dr. Klein has created an outstanding environment for professionalism. As part of her innovative leadership, she created a peer mentoring program within the Division of Emergency Medicine. Perhaps an even more outstanding effort by Dr. Klein has been her commitment to developing professionalism for our graduate medical education programs. For a number of years, she led a five day retreat for our pediatric interns to instill a core curriculum for professionalism and to develop competencies for our pediatric house staff. She has published a curriculum on the pediatric residency professionalism program in *Academic Medicine*.”

“Dr. Klein is open to developing new ideas and innovative concepts regarding fellowship opportunities. She led the growth of our fellowship to two fellows per year in 2010. She is a strong advocate for our fellows at the divisional, departmental, GME and university levels. Her expertise has been recognized not only by our trainees, but also more formally by her peers. She received the UW outstanding teacher award and was the recipient of the SCH Molteni Award for Professionalism and Quality. She has been nominated for both the UW as well as the Department of Pediatrics Faculty Mentorship Awards. She is consistently recognized as a "Top Doc in Seattle" by our local publications.”