

2012 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award Recipients



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Nominators had this to say:

“He is responsible for the oversight of 54 ACGME-accredited residency programs with 846 trainees. To demonstrate his excellence in "improving performance and innovation", his vision, values, leadership and mentoring resulted in yet another continual series of five-year Institutional accreditation cycles with commendation effective October 2010. In the past 5 years, under his leadership, the mean accreditation cycle for the 54 programs has increased from 3.0 years to 4.6 years.

“He has been successful in securing \$800,000 in extramural funding from UniHealth Foundation to study and support GME in a safety-net environment, which has led to the implementation of a robust support system for program directors and coordinators and a GME information management system to evaluate and monitor compliance with common and specialty specific program requirements. He has also been fundamental in securing resources for program directors for program improvement and professional development. He actively participates in every internal review and conducts regular professional development and mentoring sessions for program directors, program coordinators, faculty and residents.”