

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.



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Nominators had this to say:

“Dr. Kraleti is a teacher at heart and his passion for sharing knowledge is tangible. He believes in the collaboration of ideas and utilizing the talents of those around him. He has been a strong advocate for interdisciplinary cooperation on our inpatient service, adding clinical pharmacists, a clinical librarian, and behavioral health specialists to the rounding team, modeling teamwork and professionalism.

He has innovated and improved rotations based on resident feedback, for example, converting core rotations to a longitudinal format to promote sustained learning, all while keeping resident wellness and well-being at the forefront of every decision. He uses his skills as an informaticist to help residents improve their EMR efficiency and proficiency. Additionally, he developed a wellness committee for residents, added quarterly wellness half days, and personally checks in on residents.”

“Dr. Kraleti's numerous transformational changes include a procedures-only clinic that led to a 1000% increase in procedures in our clinic. He has increased our pediatric visits by at least 500%. He has developed curricula for scholarship, community health, leadership, quality improvement, wellness, and many more. He has led several faculty development sessions and has provided extensive mentorship and support for our new Associate Program Director, the Assistant Program Director, the Assistant Medical Director for the clinic, and many other faculty members.”