

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:

“Last summer [Dr. Khan] directed a 6-week clinical neuroscience course in Paris, France for Emory College’s Summer Abroad Program. This innovative course led undergraduates through a comparison of the current views of neurologic disease with that of Jean-Martin Charcot’s and his contemporaries.”

“Jaffar's leadership in education has national reach. For example, as a member of the American Academy of Neurology's Education Committee and Graduate Education Subcommittee, he is charged with monitoring the education of residency programs and practicing neurologists. His involvement with The M.I.A.M.I Group, a national consortium of educators who design unique tools for educating medical trainees, led to the development of multi-media tutorials for instructor-led teaching and self-learning on multiple aspects of neurologic disease. Most recently he was elected by his peers to Chair the national Consortium of Neurology Program Directors.”

“Jaffar worked as the program director in both training programs in the Department of Neurology from 2006 until 2011 when a well-qualified physician took the reins in Clinical Neurophysiology. He was there when we needed him the most. Jaffar accepted the challenges in the program, grasped the position with courage and instantly transformed into a respected leader in GME and a role model for his residents.”