

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. Oller has a passion for scholarship and has developed a ‘Letter to the Editor workshop’ which has resulted in multiple resident publications. To facilitate resident scholarly activity, she developed a platform to give sample abstracts and submissions for conferences with deadlines and helpful links which have spurred resident authorship. She presented this unique method and resource to other program directors in internal medicine at APDIM [Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine], and was very well received. This has enabled residents to have the mentorship, infrastructure, and support to perform scholarly activity that has made them competitive applicants for fellowships.”

“Dr. Oller has developed her own board review material entitled ‘The Big Picture’ Board Review. She essentially took large, complex ideas for board review and distilled [them] down to easy-to-understand concepts in a visually appealing physical product. [Our three-year] board review average is 98.5 percent, which demonstrates the success of this fantastic resource here at USF internal medicine. Dr. Oller has developed what we call the ‘Meeting of the Milestones.’ She instituted having each PGY-1 and PGY-2 learner come to the Clinical Competency Committee for a 10-minute discussion on two of the competencies. For example, the PGY-1 residents come to discuss how they feel they are performing in Medical Knowledge and Patient Care, etc. The feedback received from residents has been resoundingly positive. Dr. Oller has turned this successful endeavor into an excellent workshop that she has presented nationally.”