

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 2018 recipients of the Courage to Teach Award.



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Nominators had this to say:

“Dr. Shirani is the driving force behind the academic and clinical success of every cardiology fellow at St. Luke's. An astute clinician with in-depth understanding of cardiovascular disease and pathology, and a poet capable of translating complex ideas into eloquent speech.”

“When LKSMTU classes began at SLUHN in 2012, Dr. Shirani volunteered his oversight of all the Cardiology teaching material. His endearment to students is evidenced by the highest frequency of student elective rotations on his service. After five years of classes not a single student failure has occurred in the basic second year cardiology block, and this largely reflects his devotion to the students.”

“Under his leadership the cardiology fellowship at St. Luke's has flourished into a highly academic and fellow centered program. A prolific researcher himself, he has passed on the hunger for meaningful investigative research to his students. Since 2015 fellows from St. Luke's have presented 38 abstracts at national conferences and published manuscripts in peer reviewed journals. The ability of a small group to produce quality work on a variety of subjects is emphatic proof of the effectiveness of their leader.”