

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. Yazdany embodies the essence of the phrase ‘courage to teach.’ She is more than just an amazing lecturer. Dr. Yazdany has an uncanny ability to draw her learners in, evoke excitement for the topic at hand, and spread her joy for learning. She does this while teaching during bedside rounds, clinic chalk talks, didactic sessions, in the OR, and at Grand Rounds. As a result, she has won numerous teaching awards. Dr. Yazdany is not only an excellent resident teacher, but she also shows tireless courage to teaching in her work with faculty development as medical educators. She has led numerous invigorating sessions, including but not limited to, teaching in clinic, teaching in the OR, how to give effective feedback, teaching with different technologic modalities, and teaching through simulation. Dr. Yazdany has elevated the learning environment in our hospital through sharing her joy for teaching.”

“Dr. Yazdany is a teacher through and through – to medical students, interns, residents, fellows, junior faculty and even senior colleagues. Through tireless efforts as the vice chair of education and as program director for both the urogynecology fellowship and the obstetrics and gynecology residency program at Harbor- UCLA, she is dedicated to medical education at all levels. Indeed, Dr. Yazdany is the consummate educator, the dedicated mentor, the inspiring role model. She is truly singular and very deserving of this prestigious honor.”