The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award honors designated institutional officials (DIOs) who have demonstrated excellence in overseeing residency/fellowship programs at their sponsoring institutions. DIOs have authority and responsibility for all graduate medical education programs in a teaching hospital, community hospital, or other type of institution that sponsors such programs. The ACGME congratulates the recipients of the 2015 Courage to Lead Award.

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[Dr. Berger's] “Her leadership style values inclusion and collaboration and the importance of the individual to the success of the program.”

“As a co-founder, faculty member and graduate of the Royal College of Physicians Educator Program, Dr. Berger recognized the importance of wellness on education and patient care. Her efforts, along with the University at Buffalo Residents’ Committee, focused on assisting in the development of an innovative residency program entitled “Resilience and Residency” with the goal of improving residents’ self-care. This program fostered not only mindfulness among co-residents but helped create interdepartmental collegiality.”

“Dr. Berger's UB/RCP medical educator program has given many of my peers (volunteer and full-time) the tools necessary to succeed in UGME and GME. Increasingly, UB/RCP program graduates are creating educational programs for residents and/or students. In summary, Dr. Berger's vision and leadership to create a top-notch faculty development program is successful and has led to improved teaching skills, educational innovation and scholarly activity.”