

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award



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 2018 Courage to Lead Award.



Jerri Curtis, MD

Designated Institutional Official
National Capital Consortium
Bethesda, Maryland

Nominators had this to say:

“Dr. Curtis currently serves as the Associate Dean of the National Capital Consortium (NCC) at the Uniformed Services University where she oversees 57 fully-accredited residency programs based at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, Malcolm Grow Medical Center, and other military treatment facilities in the National Capitol Region. Given her principled leadership, meticulous attention to detail, and constant work with program directors, the NCC has no programs on probation and only five citations in total. Given the frequent moves made by military faculty, this is a remarkable testament to her leadership.”

“Dr. Curtis has the courage to implement change and is a catalyst within our institution. When the Clinical Learning Environment reviews were established, Dr. Curtis engaged leaders at all levels of the National Capitol Consortium in order to help us not only prepare for the visits, but to improve clinical care and education within the institution. Dr. Curtis regularly involves residents in this work and takes their input with high regard.”