

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients

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Nominators had this to say:

As educators we face many challenges in administering residency programs. However very few consistently, over more than two decades, succeed in innovating to the degree that Dr. Gregory Rouan has done by both teaching residents and integrating a culture of safety and quality health care in the GME environment at the University of Cincinnati Internal Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Rouan has done so in a “bottom up” fashion by prioritizing the education of residents, fellows, and students. And he has helped us all realize that GME is inextricably linked to the provision of first rate clinical care to patients from all walks of life. In essence he was a pioneer in aligning the service needs of hospitals to the educational priorities of GME.

We will always remember during our exit interview with Dr. Rouan that he said to each of us that we “will be leaving more than was imparted to us.” These words were extremely reassuring that we were vital to the current and future success of our training program. This was the mantra we all valued throughout our experiences. We transitioned from inexperienced interns to tentative team leaders to savvy senior residents, all the while being held to the highest of standards by ourselves and our faculty.