In an effort to honor the former Executive Director of the ACGME (1997 – 2007), David C. Leach, MD, and his contributions to resident education and well being, the ACGME created this award in 2008. This award is unique in that it acknowledges and honors residents, fellows, and resident/fellow teams and their contribution to graduate medical education. Congratulations to this year’s recipients!

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**Nominators had this to say:**

“Dr. Buheis is a recent graduate of the Allergy and Immunology Fellowship Program of Baylor College of Medicine and is now actively committed to teaching trainees and to patient care on a junior faculty level. When she was a fellow, she served as the leader to mature this project into its current course format. It was during her chief fellowship year of 2007-2008 that she took on the role to convert our recently developed ‘The Virtual Weed Walk’, a digital allergy study guide, into an interactive and exciting new allergy course, now known as ‘The Hypersensitivity Course’.”

“‘The Hypersensitivity Course – Empowering Residents/Fellows to Master Curriculum Design and Class Leadership’ is a unique allergy course of required content designed by the Baylor College of Medicine Allergy and Immunology (AI) Fellowship Program that functions through an interactive fellow-faculty forum to incorporate review of classic and cutting-edge relevant literature, addresses current practice parameters and board requirements, applies real patient case examples and is attentive to ACGME competencies. It is a fellow-driven and faculty-facilitated course delivered in a high-yield style that is for AI fellows and is taught by the AI fellows.”