David C. Leach, MD Award

In honor of former ACGME 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 contributions to graduate medical education. The ACGME congratulates the 2015 recipients of the David C. Leach, MD Award.

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Nominators had this to say:
“Dr. Remy serves as the co-chair of the NIH Clinical Fellows Committee (ClinFelCom). ClinFelCom functions as the council that allows residents/fellows from across the Clinical Center's ACGME-accredited programs to communicate and exchange information with each other and with the NIH Clinical Center's leadership team. Since 2011, Dr. Remy has been actively involved with and committed to examining and improving the methods by which residents and fellows are educated, patient care is delivered, and patient safety is ensured at the Clinical Center. He correctly perceived that this council could be a far more effective agent of change for education, patient care and patient safety within the sponsoring institution.”

“Dr. Remy organized and implemented the first (ever) Resident / Fellows Retreat at the NIH in October, 2013. This full day, trans-NIH event, attended by 134 trainees any many training program directors, included a series of presentations and workshops by NIH leadership (including Dr. Francis Collins, Director, NIH) and distinguished teaching and research faculty that addressed career development skills and effective approaches to mentoring relevant to aspiring clinician- investigators. The event resulted in improved understanding of effective strategies applicable to career development within academic medicine. Dr. Remy is now planning a second Retreat in September, 2014; an innovative "speed mentoring" forum for residents/fellows planned for spring 2014; and with the support of the National Cancer Institute, a new trans-NIH resident/fellow course in grant writing and grantsmanship to be implemented in 2015.”

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