2010 John C. Gienapp Award Recipient

ACGME’s first award to recognize those who have dedicated themselves to graduate medical education and have made outstanding contributions to the enhancement of residency education and ACGME accreditation activities.

DeWitt C. Baldwin, Jr., MD

A pediatrician, family physician, and psychiatrist, Dr. Baldwin was educated at Swarthmore College, the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, Yale Divinity School, Yale Medical School, and at the University of Minnesota and Yale Graduate Schools. He is a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners, the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Family Practice.

He has held professorial appointments in pediatrics, psychiatry, family medicine, community medicine, behavioral sciences, medical education, social dentistry, and human behavior and child development, at eight medical schools, two dental schools, three graduate schools, and two schools of social work. He was a member of the planning committees and founding faculties of the University of Connecticut and the University of Nevada Medical Schools.

He served as President of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana before going to the American Medical Association in 1985 as Director of the Division of Medical Education and Research Information. He currently holds the titles of Scholar-in-Residence at the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences, University of Nevada School of Medicine, and Adjunct Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Northwestern University School of Medicine. In 2003, he received the degree of Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine.

During his academic career, he has written, lectured, and conducted research in the fields of higher education, moral development, interdisciplinary health professions education, medical ethics, rural health, behavioral sciences, humanistic medicine, child development, psychology, and dentistry. He has published over 200 articles and three books.

Nominators had this to say:

With great enthusiasm, I nominate DeWitt C. Baldwin, Jr., MD, for the John C. Gienapp Distinguished Service Award. No one deserves this honor more than Bud. As a stalwart advocate for resident physicians, he has focuses decades of his research on their learning environment. As a compassionate humanist, he always considers how residents think and feel as well as how they work and learn. As a committed seeker of truth, he addresses uncomfortable questions and reports unpopular findings.

Dr. Baldwin has been collecting survey data on residents’ duty hours and their learning environment for decades. As the Scholar in Residence at the ACGME for the past seven years, he has mined his survey results to focus on residents’ working conditions, sleep deprivation and fatigue during their training. As all leaders in graduate medical education know, these issues are timely and relevant, again making Bud’s research both prescient and valuable.

As a person, Dr. Baldwin is a total gentleman – distinguished and soft spoken. As a citizen of the world, he energetically engages every important issue of our times. As an eclectic and perpetual scholar, he is a constant joy in conversation. DeWitt C. Baldwin, Jr., MD, brings knowledge, courage and truth to graduate medical education.