

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients

Philip Shayne, MD

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Nominators had this to say:

If you go to an encyclopedia and look up “Program Director,” you will find a picture and bio of Philip Shayne. In my travels and experiences in academic medicine, I have not yet met anyone more passionate about graduate medical education and doing the right thing for the right reasons for residents in emergency medicine and throughout the house of medicine.

In an era in medical education where there is pressure to do more with less, Philip is passionate and true to our core mission and values regarding education. He will never do what is expedient; he will always do what’s right. He is a senior statesman at Emory among the Program Directors and is sought after for his expertise, fairness, balance and experience. As Chair, I could not hope nor wish for more from a Program Director.

I have also known Philip for the past 12 years and I too have benefitted from his friendship. He is authentic, caring and values camaraderie. As Chair of the Wellness Committee in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Emory, I have engaged Philip in conversations on how to ensure faculty, resident and staff work-life integration. He has never lost sight of what is important and encourages each of us, in our own way, to value life’s personal and professional experiences. He is a role model, professional in his demeanor and, simply put, as is stated in the criteria selection for the Parker J. Palmer Award. Philip “models behaviors that are value-based and highly principled” and is an exemplary role model. It is my privilege and pleasure to contribute to writing a letter on behalf of Philip. He truly deserves.