

## Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents and fellows, and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. Parker J. Palmer is the author of the book *The Courage to Teach*; his promotion of the concept of “living divided no more” has proven relevant to teaching in academic health centers.



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### **Nominators Had This to Say:**

“When Dr. Joshi inherited the program, it was fraught with mistrust and dysfunction. Under his guiding hand, our program has instead become an example of professionalism and perseverance in the community. He has re-energized and re-engaged a faculty base, not only in our program, but also on the national level, creating content for the SCORE curriculum used by residents nationally. He has shepherded chief residents into practice and into coveted fellowships across multiple subspecialties. He has revitalized the curriculum, creating partnerships with Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York and locally with Fox Chase Cancer Center and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to give residents access to highly subspecialized training. Two years ago, Dr. Joshi helped to create a new vascular surgery residency program and to integrate the program with ours. This was no small feat, and required tremendous coordination across multiple specialty groups and hospitals. The transition has been seamless and has created one of the finest training opportunities at our institution. This has been a tremendous success for Dr. Joshi, for our institution, and for our training program and has punctuated Dr. Joshi's renown as a collaborator and mentor.”

“Not easily found on Dr. Joshi's long list of professional accomplishments is the impact that he has imparted on each of his residents. He has been our trusted ally and confidant through each day of training. Each resident has used his cell phone number long after hours. His unofficial duties have now come to include wedding planner, realtor, contract negotiator, and fitness coach. He has personally signed up at least half the residents to his favorite fitness tracking app. He not only asks that we are trained to be great physicians, but also that each of us trains to be the best partner, spouse, parent, and sibling we can be. He has helped countless residents navigate marriage, pregnancy, parenthood, loss, and now a pandemic while fulfilling the rigorous training obligations of surgical residency. This is, in our opinion, his greatest accomplishment.”