

The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award Recipients

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Nominators had this to say:

As a dean you get to meet a lot of people who work closely with students and house staff. Mark Juzych is a man of principle who truly stands out. That means when he has to take difficult stands that may inflame both sides, he will if it is for the residents, benefit. In 2005, we lost our joint sponsored orthopedic residency. The details are not worth recounting, but Dr. Juzych's behavior is; the residents were always first on the agenda for him. He met with them, talked to them, and in the end, single-handedly saw that all of them were placed in accredited orthopedic programs and had the moving expenses, health insurance, etc. paid.

Mark has served in his roles with strong leadership, and always stressed values and principles in his approach to addressing challenging issues. He is guided by the statement, "Do what is best for the resident (or program), then everything else will fall into place." Dr. Paul Bozyk, previous past President of the WSU/DMC Resident Council, relayed to me that during the heated negotiations in 2006 between the two institutions, he supported the residents by holding frequent meetings with the residents, speaking with the Council leadership on a daily basis, having them call him at whatever time of the day or evening, and even participated in resident-lead marching rallies which were well covered by the media. Furthermore, he assisted in a great variety of issues pertaining to the residents, such as building of a much needed new call room suite, and always made time to address questions and concerns. I feel honored to have worked with him, as he has been an outstanding Residency Program Director, DIO, an inspiring mentor, a skilled physician, and a unique and talented individual.