

**Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients**  
**For Program Director Excellence 2013**



The ACGME is proud to announce the ten recipients of the 2013 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award, which honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents 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* and whose promotion of the concept of "living divided no more" has proven relevant to teaching in academic health centers. Congratulations to this year's recipients!



**John D. Mahan, Jr, MD**

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**Nominators had this to say:**

"Dr. Mahan embraces technology, not for technology sake, but rather for how it can improve GME. For example, he has been an early adopter of the audience response system, PDAs, pod casts, video on demand, teleconferencing, and information access. He chaired the NCH Library Committee for 20 years and helped identify early on the value of clinically relevant resources for trainees such as Up-to-Date. In 2011 he expanded the Pediatric Nutrition Series, a nationally acclaimed E-learning Education Program designed to promote nutrition education for pediatric residents."

"Long before faculty development was a Common Program Requirement Dr. Mahan recognized its importance and advocated for NCH and OSU to develop meaningful programs."

"I met Dr. Mahan as a fourth-year medical student during my Nephrology elective. I was instantly struck by his keen ability to integrate patient histories, physical examination, and laboratory data – all with a sophistication I had not previously witnessed. In so doing, he never missed an opportunity to teach. His logical approach to generating a differential diagnosis and management plan had a tremendous impact on my education and influenced my decision-making in choosing Nationwide Children's Hospital as my Pediatric Residency program and, ultimately, Pediatric Nephrology as my area of clinical and research interest."