

**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!



**Richard T. Jennings, MD, MS**

Program Director for Aerospace Medicine  
University of Texas Medical Branch  
Galveston, TX

**Nominators had this to say:**

"Dr. Jennings has been a mentor for more than 40 residents and has personally chaired or been a member of twenty-three advisory committees for residents seeking a Master of Public Health degree as a component of their ASM residency training. Four of these residents have become astronauts, twenty-four have held positions as a NASA Flight Surgeon, and the majority of the remainder have held positions as ASM physicians with Wyle Industries, a NASA contractor."

"ASM residents train at the NASA Flight Medicine Clinic and receive academic training at UTMB. They also train at various other NASA facilities and on occasion in Star City, Russia. They also gain experience in other high value venues including: the Indianapolis 500 Race, AirVenture (airshow) at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Houston's Texaco Grand Prix Race, and the Wings Over Houston Airshow, Virgin Galactic and Space Adventures, Ltd. The program enjoys national and international recognition as evidenced by the number of US Army, Navy and Air Force ASM residents who have received their academic training at UTMB as well as training experiences at NASA."