

## 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 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.



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### **Nominators had this to say:**

“Dr. Delman is keenly attuned to the individual needs of his residents. He has a canny ability to connect us to the right people and opportunities relevant to our career goals: through his work with the Urology department developing videoscopic groin dissections, he facilitated cross-departmental resident research in non-opioid pain management; he connected a resident interested in multimedia patient communication with Dr. Sanjay Gupta; he helped one resident develop a global surgery experience in Ethiopia, facilitated another’s trauma/surgical capacity research in Bolivia, helped another negotiate a funded clinical QI- training position at the VA, and has made these opportunities sustainable research-sabbatical pathways.”

“Clinically, Dr. Delman teaches us to look beyond a patient’s diagnosis to see the humanity within, to embody the role of a physician, rather than a resident “cog-in-the-wheel.” When we are PGY3s on his service, we field surgical oncology consults for the entire hospital. Dr. Delman emphasizes that even when surgery is not the best answer, we can still be helpful.”