



The John C. Gienapp Award for Distinguished Service honors those that have dedicated themselves to graduate medical education and have made outstanding contributions to the enhancement of residency education and ACGME accreditation activities.



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Nomination excerpts:

“Dr. Traboulsi has demonstrated a career-long investment in improving the delivery of graduate medical education locally, nationally, and internationally. His work with the ACGME has translated to dramatic improvements in the learning environment

that continue to grow.”

“He is a true humanist and first-class artist. He used these attributes to create innovative and highly effective wellness activities that have substantially improved the learning environment here. Overall, Dr. Traboulsi has had an exemplary career of dedicated service to graduate medical education within our programs at Cleveland Clinic, around the United States, and internationally.”

Career notables:

- Former program director for ophthalmology
- Former designated institutional official (DIO)
- Institutional review for ACGME-I Qatar’s Hamad Medical Center
- ACGME Pursuing Excellence Grant:
 - Creation of an Office for Interprofessional Learning
 - SMiLE (Strengthening Minds by Leveraging Education) longitudinal interprofessional experience
 - BOOST (Building Optimal Outcomes by Strengthening Teams) coaching service

Dr. Traboulsi is also a recipient of the ACGME’s Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead award.