

The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award Recipients

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Nominators had this to say:

His wealth of experience and knowledge is exemplified in numerous facets. Dr. Ferrari's contributions to the Medical School are countless. He has been an outstanding preceptor in pediatrics. He has provided the school with online resources (student Online Learning Environment or SOLE) that allow easy access to classes, grades, references and ACGME-related material. He personally provides students with career guidance and opportunities. He works side-by-side with basic sciences professors, medical attending and program directors. He is constantly problem-solving, trouble-shooting and improving already strong residency programs (which can be exemplified by the significant increase in cycle length for site visits since he took over as DIO).

Of all the outstanding and long list of attributes Dr. Ferrari possesses, the pinnacles are his strong leadership, his impeccable values, and flawless principles. He is not only an exemplary physician, administrator and educator, but a man of the highest morals and ethics. He is the utmost gentleman with the highest degree of professionalism. He is a man whom no problem seems insurmountable, no task too daunting, and never without a word of encouragement or support. He makes you want to be a better physician, teacher and person by his presence. He elevates the standard to which any individual or institution operates under. I cannot think of another individual more deserving of this prestigious award.