

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award
for Program Director Excellence



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents/fellows and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. The ACGME congratulates the 2017 recipients of the Courage to Teach Award.



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Nominators had this to say:

“As Chairs of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Summa Health System, both past and present, we have observed Dr. Jwayyed over many years. We have witnessed his development of the emergency medicine residency program curriculum and the innovations that he has brought to our program.”

“Dr. Jwayyed’s tenure as program director for emergency medicine has been characterized by a forward-looking attitude, innovation, and exceptional training for our students. He personally reenergized the residency with a ‘See More, Do More, Be More’ campaign. Our residents, students, and faculty warmly received these changes made to improve the program.”

“Dr. Jwayyed has developed an innovative and cutting-edge training curriculum for EM residents during his tenure that demonstrates his forward thinking attitude. He has developed several new rotations and approaches for the training of EM residents to ensure a dynamic curriculum for the adult learner. A few examples include a formal dedicated teaching zone, an area of the emergency department dedicated to training residents on management skills and leadership; a resuscitation rotation, designed to enhance critical care management, procedural skills, and independent learning; and a simulation rotation, allowing residents to hone their teaching and feedback skills for their future careers.”