

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. Scott has made major and singularly important contributions to the educational mission of the Department. Starting in 1999, he oversaw the Michael E. DeBakey Summer Program. Dr. Scott organized the entire process, including the rotations and lectures, with great success and carried on the important mission and legacy of Dr. DeBakey. From 1999 to 2004, he coordinated the General Surgery Core rotations as the Associate Director for the Medical Student Clerkship Program. In 2004, as UME Director, he reorganized the clerkship rotation to ensure compliance to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education requirements. He led in the highest standard and achievement of the school's pass with the LCME visit in 2008. He served on the Student Promotions Committee from 2004 to 2009 and continues to serve on the Student Surgery Core Committee.”

“One of his greatest abilities is in training his residents to become great teacher and leaders themselves. He not only shows us how to be strong academic surgeons who value patient care, he shows us how to train others to be the same.”