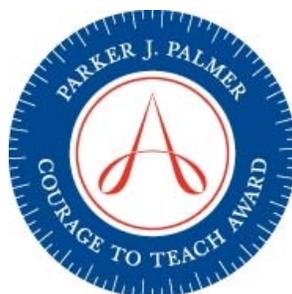


## 2012 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients

### *for Program Director Excellence*



#### **Felix K. Ankel, MD**

Emergency Medicine

Regions Hospital/ HealthPartners Institute of Medical Education

St. Paul, MN

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

“His ongoing support for core competencies includes his participation in the planning of annual mandatory core competency retreats for all residents at HealthPartners. He uses the core competencies to evaluate his own residency program on a semi-annual basis, with input from all residents, faculty and staff. Through his thorough and strategic approach, he is able to identify necessary improvements to the curriculum, policies and program in a way that is unmatched by any other program at our institution. He consistently attracts nationally outstanding candidates, which some may consider an achievement for a non-university program. His residents' in-service and board scores are phenomenal, with residents routinely achieving top national scores in these examinations.”

“When the ACGME outcomes project was first incepted, many of us in residency leadership struggled on how to react and respond. Dr. Ankel was instrumental in organizing a series of national Emergency Medicine consensus conferences to organize a unified approach to competency assessment. And while many of us were frustrated about the new requirements, Dr. Ankel understood it as an opportunity to advance a national safety agenda. He created and chaired the CORD national Academic Assembly in 2007 with the title "GME as a Strategic Asset" with the vision of using our newest physicians as agents for changing medicine. As a result of his leadership, Emergency Medicine training programs have developed a single approach to core competency development and assessment that tries to train residents to be ambassadors for improvement.”