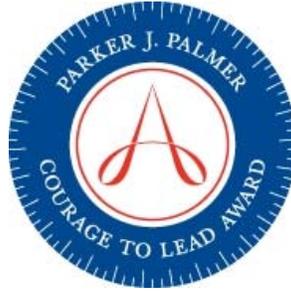


2012 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award Recipients



Judy L. Paukert, PhD

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Nominators had this to say:

“Within six months of joining Methodist, Judy secured accreditation for seven programs - pathology (anatomic and clinical), blood banking/transfusion medicine, neuropathology, surgical pathology-ophthalmic, cytopathology, hematology and surgical pathology. By July 2005, residents began training in four of the programs and one month later, we accepted a transfer resident for training in neurological surgery. By September of 2005, our graduate medical education program grew to nine residencies. We now have 27 ACGME-accredited residency programs with 163 residents, and last year The Methodist Hospital became fully accredited as a sponsoring institution for five more years. I must credit Judy for the successful development and growth of this program.”

“After just one year of working diligently to create strategic programs and recruit the best students for those programs, Hurricane Katrina hit, displacing medical residents from New Orleans. Without hesitation, Judy accepted the displaced residents, many of whom stayed to complete their residencies at Methodist, occupying our own residency positions. Following Hurricane Ike in 2008, Judy again displayed her generosity of spirit by reaching out to the University of Texas - Medical Branch in Galveston to see if its residents needed assistance. We accepted 70 UTMB residents, by far more than any other institution in the Texas Medical Center. From clinical rotations to housing issues, Judy took care of these residents, just as she does daily for Methodist's own.”