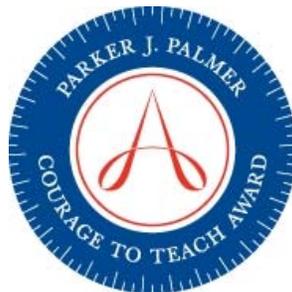


2011 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients

for Program Director Excellence



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Nominators had this to say:

"Innovation is something which Dr. Van Heest has uniquely performed. This is evidenced most strongly in the Surgical Skills Lab Development program she has piloted and which she has performed peer reviewed publication in the highest impact clinical journal in orthopedics (*Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery*). This work was published recently, titled "Assessment of technical skills of orthopaedic surgery residents performing open carpal tunnel release surgery" (*J Bone Joint Surg Am* 91A [12]2811-17, 2009)."

"A second area of innovation that is unique and of very high impact is a project Dr. Van Heest has led evaluating the performance of women in orthopedic training programs. Historically, women comprise a small proportion of orthopedic surgery residency graduates. Dr. Van Heest's innovative work on this topic was published this year, and is titled "Do men outperform women during orthopaedic residency training?" (*Clinical Orthopaedics & Related Research*, doi:10, 1007/S, 11999-010-138-4)."

"Dr. Van Heest's brachial plexus clinic stands out as an example of her excellent clinical instruction. This clinic is filled with children with complicated injuries who will not easily cooperate with a physical exam. Dr. Van Heest provided important instruction on how to elicit a neurologic examination of the upper extremity by convincing the child to manipulate a toy - this technique has proven to be useful in other clinical settings as well."