

Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award Recipients 2014



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award honors designated institutional officials who have demonstrated excellence in overseeing residency programs at their sponsoring institutions. Designated institutional officials, or DIOs, have authority and responsibility for all graduate medical education programs in a teaching hospital, community hospital or other type of institution that sponsors residency programs. The ACGME congratulates the recipients of the 2014 Courage to Lead Award.



Joseph Zarconi, MD, FACP

Designated Institutional Official
Summa Health System
Akron, OH

Nominators had this to say:

“As a clinician teacher, Dr. Zarconi is an exemplar. He is a model of an empathic and approachable physician who is nonetheless clinically astute, detail oriented, and a tremendous clinical resource to his colleagues.

Students and residents have always appreciated and competed for the opportunity to work with him at the bedside.”

“An example of Dr. Zarconi 's innovation and creativity has been his helping to establish the Institute for Professionalism Inquiry here at Summa to generate scholarly activity focusing on acts of professionalism and humanism and how they relate to medical education. Among other activities the Institute has sponsored twelve well attended Humanism and the Healing Arts conferences over the past ten years bringing speakers from around the world to share their work with our students, residents, fellows, and other health care professionals.”