Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award

The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Lead Award honors designated institutional officials (DIOs) who have demonstrated excellence in overseeing residency/fellowship programs at their sponsoring institutions. DIOs have authority and responsibility for all graduate medical education programs in a teaching hospital, community hospital, or other type of institution that sponsors such programs. The ACGME congratulates the recipients of the 2018 Courage to Lead Award.

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Nominators had this to say:
“Historically as both a former program director and in her current role as DIO, Dr. Markova continues to provide advice, resources, and career opportunities for graduating residents for multiple programs. As a resident, my own career projection was influenced and guided by Dr. Markova's active recruitment of me into our residency program as a core faculty member, culminating with my current appointment as program director. In that effort, Dr. Markova has played an active role recruiting highly qualified physician educators for not only our residency programs, but has recruited clinicians for local community medical practices as well.”

“The medical education projects Dr. Markova leads are closely integrated with the changes in the health care delivery system, focusing on principles of social accountability and safety, quality improvement, and patient-centeredness. She is the champion for designing and implementing an innovative, quality improvement, institution-wide initiative aligned with the strategic vision a Crittenton Hospital, one of our six hospital partners. It includes IHI modules, didactics, interdisciplinary team work and completion of practice improvement projects. It was honored with the 2013 Alliance Innovation Award by the Alliance of Independent Academic Medical Centers (AIAMC).”

Dr. Markova is also a recipient of the Courage to Teach Award (2011).

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