

## Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award



The Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award honors program directors who find innovative ways to teach residents and fellows, and to provide quality health care while remaining connected to the initial impulse to care for others in this environment. Parker J. Palmer is the author of the book *The Courage to Teach*; his promotion of the concept of “living divided no more” has proven relevant to teaching in academic health centers.



### **Timothy R. Long, MD, FASA**

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

“Dr. Long created novel and innovative curricula. He co-founded an experiential difficult airway course that was disseminated across our institution and shared across the country and world. He was recognized for his exceptional clinical teaching through receipt of numerous awards and established himself as an exemplary and popular mentor, coach, and adviser.”

“Mayo Clinic rotates leadership positions on an approximate eight-year cycle. Dr. Long is serving in his 15th year as program director, making him the longest tenured program director in department history. He recently served as Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education (MCSGME) Interim Senior Associate Dean, provided outstanding leadership in the role, and was strongly urged to accept permanent appointment. He declined the position to continue his work as program director.”

“Characteristics of Dr. Long that set him apart are his approachability and leadership style. When he is not directly providing education in the operating room or classroom setting, he is meeting with residents in his office to discuss resident research or career plans. He has the perfect blend of humor, compassion, dedication, and toughness. As the anesthesia residency program director, he balances the needs and interests of the residents, the anesthesiology department, and the MCSGME.”