2011 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients

for Program Director Excellence





<u>Stanley Ashley, MD</u> General Surgery Brigham and Women's Hospital Boston, MA

Nominators had this to say:

"Dr. Ashley's service on the American Board of Surgery [member since 2004, Vice Chair 2010-2011 and Chair elect 2011-2012] has influenced surgical training and policy on a national level."

"Dr Ashley's humanistic philosophy is equally balanced by his outstanding achievements in the academic world. As Chairman of the Surgical Council on

Education [SCORE], he has led the committee in developing the first truly comprehensive national surgical curriculum."

"But Stan's teaching goes beyond the clinical. I will never forget a significant complication I had as a senior resident. The following morning...he asked me a simple question: "How are you doing?"...His leadership and compassion in that situation will always stick with me, both as I think of him as a role model, and as I relate to my residents in the future."

"Institutionally, Dr. Ashley has lent his energy and support to countless initiatives at BWH, including chairing the Department of Surgery's Resident Research Mentorship Committee, and serving as Director of Quality Safety and Performance Improvement and as Surgical Director for the BWH Center for Surgery and Public Health. His roles as Vice Chairman and Program Director have given him the opportunity to encourage and mentor the personal and academic growth of our trainees and to support the choices they make for work/life balance. He has a gift for identifying the changes to curricula, policies and environment that can encourage strong acts of character, good judgment, and exceptional care."