2012 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients

for Program Director Excellence





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Nominators had this to say:

"While Residency Program Director, she has devoted her clinical time in the General Pediatric Clinic and as a continuity clinic preceptor - she is still board certified in Emergency Medicine but felt that her impact, exposure and regular influence would be much greater as the role model of General Pediatrician. Dr. Caputo's famous quote to our residents "we work hard, we play hard and we love hard". She truly cares about every resident, gets to know them and their families, spouses, children and pets."

"The ACGME core competencies are a topic of discussion at several conferences throughout a given month that focuses on improvement thanks to Dr. Caputo."

"Dr. Caputo is an exemplary daily role model to the resident physicians, in teacher and leadership excellence in each of the six competencies. Her participation is widely recognized at Phoenix Children's Hospital as she functions as Director of Medical Education, Program Director, and clinical faculty as a continuity clinic preceptor for the residents and students. Her presence is significant in the Phoenix Pediatric Community and nationally. She is the Medical Director of Reach Out and Read Arizona and a member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Pediatric Program Directors. I have witnessed her courage and participation for innovation and growth in all those areas."