

John C. Gienapp Award Recipient 2012



John C. Gienapp, Ph.D. served as Executive Director of the ACGME for 19 years and made several significant contributions to GME and the accreditation process during his long tenure. Upon his retirement, the John C. Gienapp award was established as ACGME's first award in his honor to recognize those who, like himself, have dedicated themselves to graduate medical education and have made outstanding contributions to the enhancement of residency education and ACGME accreditation activities. The ACGME congratulates Dr. Greco on receiving the 2012 John C. Gienapp Award!



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Nominators had this to say:

"Dr. Greco revolutionized our surgical residency, building a rigorous curriculum and bringing sanity to our work hours problems before the institution of the ACGME requirements. For his multiple accomplishments, Dr. Greco received the Chief Residents' Award in 2005 as Outstanding Educator. In 2006, he received the Parker J. Palmer "Courage to Teach" Award from the ACGME."

"Following recovery from a difficult medical problem, Dr. Greco has focused his efforts on a curriculum to create wellness, well being and mental health in the lives of surgical trainees at Stanford. This program evolved because of his and my profound loss at the self-inflicted death of one of our past chief residents who took his own life during fellowship training elsewhere. It had a profound impact on both of us. Since that time, Dr. Greco has dedicated his remaining years at Stanford to developing a curriculum to "create balance" (well being, mental health) in the lives of surgical trainees at Stanford. Dr. Greco hopes to take this curriculum to the ACGME with the plan that it will become part of the "core competencies" in the future. This work has been outlined and accepted for presentation at the ACGME meeting in the spring of 2012."