

David C. Leach Award Recipient 2012



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Nominators had this to say:

"Dr. DeSalvo's performance during his residency has been nothing less than spectacular. He is a "superstar" resident in all respects: self-directed, humble, intelligent, hard-working, thoughtful, conscientious, compassionate, professional and even-keeled."

"Dr. DeSalvo is currently working on several projects. One is to enhance resident education and community involvement by partnering pediatric residents with Head Start programs. A second project aims at characterizing the significance of bone age advancement in children with premature adrenarche. Dr. DeSalvo's third project is an innovative quality improvement effort aimed at educating pediatric residents with a goal to reduce error rates in inpatient diabetes management. Very rarely do resident educational projects achieve nirvana in terms of Miller's Triangle - demonstrating improvement in patient care. Dr. DeSalvo was able to accomplish that with this project, demonstrating a 50% reduction in resident-related errors as reported through our online incident reporting system. His success with this project was likely secondary to his utilization of core adult learning principles in designing and teaching the diabetes curriculum to our pediatric residents in an interactive and learner-centered format."