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ADEAGies Foundation Announces 2015 William J. Gies Awardees for Vision, Innovation and Achievement in Oral Health

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The American Dental Education Association (ADEA)'s [ADEAGies Foundation](#) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement. The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, Ph.D., debuted in 2008 and honor individuals and organizations that exemplify the highest standards in oral health and dental education, research and leadership.

For more than 10 years as the philanthropic arm of ADEA, the ADEAGies Foundation has enhanced the oral health of the public through programs that support the development of individuals and innovative practices in the dental professions. The Gies Awards will be presented on March 9, 2015, in conjunction with the [2015 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition](#) in Boston, MA. [The Procter & Gamble Company](#) is the premier sponsor of the awards.

The honorees were selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees. The 2015 Gies Award recipients are (in alphabetical order):

Carol A. Aschenbrener, M.D., Chief Medical Education Officer (2011–14), Association of American Medical Colleges

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Public or Private Partner

Walter C. Guralnick, D.M.D., Professor Emeritus of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Gies Award for Outstanding Innovation by a Dental Educator

The Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM®) Program, Drexel University College of Medicine

Gies Award for Outstanding Vision by a Public or Private Partner

Stuart M. Hirsch, D.D.S., Vice Dean for Development, New York University College of Dentistry

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Dental Educator

Peter J. Polverini, D.D.S., D.M.Sc., Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, University of Michigan School of Dentistry

Gies Award for Outstanding Vision by a Dental Educator

Eduardo D. Rodriguez, M.D., D.D.S., Chair of the Department of Plastic Surgery, Director of the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, Helen L. Kimmel Professor of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, New York University Langone Medical Center

Gies Award for Outstanding Innovation by a Dental Educator

Jeanne Craig Sinkford, D.D.S., Ph.D., Senior Scholar in Residence, American Dental Education Association

Gies Award for Outstanding Vision by a Dental Educator

Tufts Dental Facilities Serving Individuals with Disabilities

Gies Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Academic Dental Institution

University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry

Gies Award for Outstanding Innovation by an Academic Dental Institution

“The Gies Awards are our chance to honor the women and men who have dedicated their careers to educating students, and to celebrate our partners working to create a new health care norm where oral health is inextricably linked to overall health,” says Richard W. Valachovic, D.M.D., M.P.H., President of the ADEAGies Foundation and President and CEO of ADEA. “The dental health professions are forever changed by the work and commitment of the 2015 award recipients, and we are so pleased to recognize them in Dr. Gies’ name.”

Tickets for the celebration can be purchased online at adea.org/2015 when registering for the 2015 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition. For information on table sponsorship, contact Trish Smith at tsmith@wearecoulter.com / 703-506-3272.

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About The William J. Gies Foundation: The William J. Gies (pronounced *guys*) Foundation was established in 1950 by colleagues and admirers of Dr. Gies with seed funds raised by the American College of Dentists. It was a private foundation and the first U.S. foundation to support dental education and scholarship. In 2002, The William J. Gies Foundation joined with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) to form ADEAGies Foundation, a public foundation.

About William J. Gies and the Gies Report: William Gies was a Columbia University biochemistry professor and founder of the College of Dental Medicine at Columbia University where he was interested in dental education, science and clinical applications. In 1926, as part of a series of studies on U.S. professional education, funded by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Dr. Gies published a landmark report that established the importance of dentistry as a healing science and an essential component of higher education in the health professions. The Gies Report, *Dental Education in the United States and Canada*, which took five years to research and write, consists of 250 pages of text and more than 400 pages of appendices, including lengthy descriptions and evaluations of the existing dental schools, each of which Dr. Gies visited. Since the Gies Report, there have been many other reports on dental education in the context of health professions education. However, *Dental Education in the United States and Canada* remains to this day the most relevant survey of dental education and critical issues within the field.

About ADEA: The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is The Voice of Dental Education. Its members include all U.S. and Canadian dental schools and many allied and advanced dental education programs, corporations, deans, program directors, administrators, faculty, and students, residents and fellows. The mission of ADEA is to lead individuals and institutions of the dental education community to address contemporary issues influencing education, research and the delivery of oral health care for the improvement of the health of the public. ADEA’s activities encompass a wide range of research, advocacy, faculty development, meetings and communications like the esteemed *Journal of Dental Education*, as well as the dental school admissions services ADEA AADSAS, ADEA PASS, ADEA DHCAS and ADEA CAAPID. For more information about ADEA, visit adea.org.