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ADEA/William J. Gies Foundation Dental Research Scholarship Awarded to North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) presented the ADEA/William J. Gies Foundation Dental Research Scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, of which Jane A. Weintraub, D.D.S., M.P.H. is the Dean. Awarded every two years, the scholarship provides funds to an academic dental institution to help identify students who may have a unique interest or pre-dental experience that could lead to a career in dental research. The scholarship was presented on March 16 at the 2014 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition, held in San Antonio, TX.

“The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry is very supportive of research at all levels, and they are especially cognizant of the value of mentored student research,” says Stephen K. Young, D.D.S., M.S., Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors. “ADEA and the Gies Foundation congratulate the school and Dean Weintraub’s efforts to expand what is already a diverse and robust research enterprise by engaging her outstanding faculty to mentor more students in their research endeavors.”

Deans from U.S. and Canadian dental schools are eligible to apply for this scholarship program on behalf of their institutions. Institutions receive \$35,000 over a four-year period for enrolling students to participate in research supervised by faculty members.

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About the American Dental Education Association

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, faculty, and students. 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 health of the public. ADEA’s activities encompass a wide range of research, advocacy, faculty development, meetings, and communications, such as the esteemed *Journal of Dental Education*, as well as the dental school admissions services AADSAS, PASS, DHCAS and CAAPID. For more information about ADEA, visit www.adea.org.

About the ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition

The ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition is the premier professional development and networking event in academic dentistry, featuring four days of dynamic plenary sessions and workshops, and an exhibit hall showcasing academic dentistry’s leading partners and suppliers. For more information, visit www.adea.org/2014.

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, it joined with the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) to form the ADEAGies Foundation, a public foundation.

Dr. William J. Gies was a Columbia University biochemistry professor interested in dental education, science and clinical applications. In 1926, as part of a series of studies on professional education in the United States 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.