



ADEAGies Foundation Announces Call for Nominations for William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement

Gies Awards Celebration to be held March 9, 2015, in Boston, MA

WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 4, 2014) —The [ADEAGies Foundation](http://www.adeagiesfoundation.org) is pleased to announce that nominations will be accepted through October 27, 2014, for the 2015 William J. Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement (Gies Awards). Presented by the ADEAGies Foundation, the Gies Awards recognize exceptional contributions to and support of oral health and dental education. They will be presented at a highly anticipated celebration on March 9, 2015, in conjunction with the [2015 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition](http://www.adea.org), to be held March 7-10, in Boston, MA.

“Each year, the ADEAGies Foundation is proud to recognize the exemplary work and tireless commitment of our Gies Award recipients,” says Richard W. Valachovic, D.M.D., M.P.H., President of the ADEAGies Foundation, and President and CEO of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). “The Gies Awards showcase truly powerful examples of contributions advancing oral health through dental education, research and leadership.”

The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, Ph.D., have honored individuals and organizations that exemplify dedication to the highest standards of vision, innovation and achievement in oral health and dental education, research and leadership since 2008. The honorees will be selected by a distinguished panel of judges consisting of the ADEAGies Foundation Board of Trustees. The Gies Awards offer significant visibility both within and outside of the dental education community, drawing much-needed attention to the essential role of dental education and educators in enhancing oral health.

The 2014 Gies Awards honorees were (in alphabetical order): American Academy of Periodontology Foundation; A.T. Still University Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health; Columbia University College of Dental Medicine - Community DentCare Program; Dr. John Eisner, University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine; Dr. Raul I. Garcia, Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine; The Hinman Dental Society of Atlanta; Henry Schein Inc.; and Dr. Lisa A. Tedesco, Emory University James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies.

The nominations deadline is October 27, 2014. To obtain a copy of the Gies Awards for Vision, Innovation and Achievement Call for Nominations brochure, or for more information, please visit www.adeagiesfoundation.org.

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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, it 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*, took five years to research and write. It 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 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 www.aдея.org.