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Dr. Lily T. Garcia Installed as Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors

Washington, DC— The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) installed Lily T. Garcia, D.D.S., M.S., FACP, as the new Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors on March 18 during the 2014 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Garcia will provide leadership in achieving the Association's mission, objectives and ongoing business, and she will serve as presiding officer of the ADEA House of Delegates and the Board of Directors. Dr. Garcia succeeded Stephen K. Young, D.D.S., M.S., who became Immediate Past Chair of the Board.

"Dr. Garcia brings immense experience and leadership skills to our Board," says Dr. Young. "Her invaluable perspectives will undoubtedly advance dental education and improve oral health care. ADEA and the academic dental community will benefit greatly from her leadership."

Dr. Garcia will serve as Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors through the 2015 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition March 7-10 in Boston, MA. The theme of that meeting, *Igniting Minds Unlocking Potential*, will explore how dental educators ignite the minds and unlock the potential in each student, guiding them and preparing them for a rewarding career in the caring profession of dentistry.

"As Chair of the ADEA Board of Directors, I will advocate the need to assess and reassess our educational processes and envision a proactive view in the development of the next generation of clinicians, scientists, academicians and community leaders," says Dr. Garcia. "The future of dental education is in the hands of ADEA members since it is their responsibility to help translate the vision of change and innovation into the reality of education. If in the midst of day-to-day activities we can help faculty and students navigate educational processes, they themselves will step into leadership roles that improve ADEA's efforts in addressing the oral health of our diverse population."

Dr. Garcia was a faculty member at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School where she served as Chair of the Department of Prosthodontics from 2001-10 and Director of the Division of Advanced Education and External Affairs in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry from 2010-13. She joined The University of Iowa College of Dentistry & Dental Clinics in 2013 as Associate Dean for Education.

Dr. Garcia is Chair of the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation and Past President of the American College of Prosthodontists. She is a member of the American Dental Association, the Hispanic Dental Association, the Academy of Osseointegration, the International Association for Dental Research, the Baylor Dental Alumni Association, the Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity and Omicron Kappa Upsilon. She is a Fellow of the International Academy for Dental-Facial Esthetics, the Academy of Prosthodontics, the American College of Dentists and the American College of Prosthodontists. Dr. Garcia was inducted into the International College of Dentists in 2013.

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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.